Ontario Provincial Agriculture.

The accompanying cut represents our farmers at their works, and the burst up that is sure to come may indicate how the money goes. Every intelligent farmer should be acquainted with this his own business.

This present mode of electing members of the Board must be changed. Every farmer that is taxed should have a voice in the choice of men that expend his money. We quote a few of the reports in circulation in regard to the Board of Agriculture. This Board neglected its duty in not using its influence in preventing the introductionor spread of dangerous and contagious diseases in this Dominion. That their meetings are of such a character that the doors have been closed and the public kept in darkness in regard to their designs. That the honors given by this Society have tended to fill the coffers of friends to the injury and detriment of good farmers, and that injury has been done a few lectures on the subject of farming have been

and are doing should be examined into by every farmer. The immense sums we are paying from our hard-earned pittances are altogether out of proportion to any good we have received or are likely to receive from it.

Horse Binder.

John Watson, of Ayr, has for some time been experimenting and improving a horse binding machine. This machine follows after the reaper, and binds the sheaves. We hear that it gave the greatest satisfaction in Mitchell. Wire is used to bind with. One horse, driven by a man or boy, does the work as fast as a reaper can cut the grain This machine will be exhibited at the leading Exhibitions.

Agricultural Affairs in Quebec.

We quote the following extracts from the Government agricultural journal of Quebec:

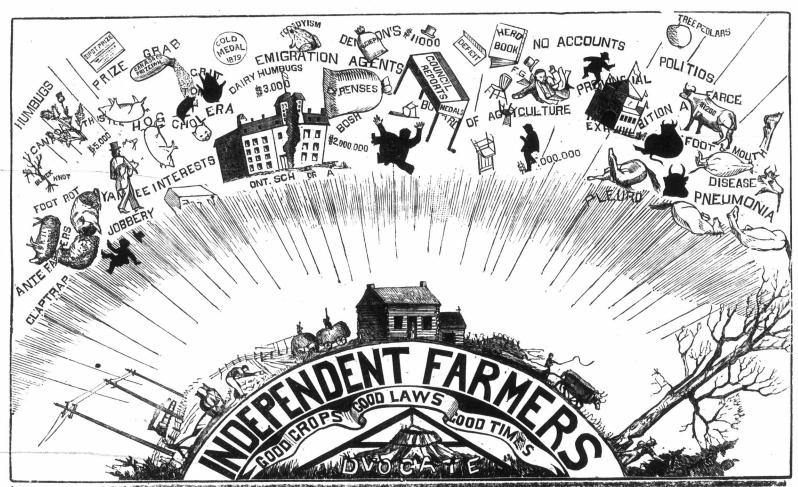
"For the last 40 years the publication of journals of agriculture has been assisted, and latterly one that the legislature should mark well, seeing that it is not likely that the able director of the College of St. Anne would have hazarded it lightly.

"There is no doubt that the societies of agriculture have done and are doing good, but far less In many cases good than was expected of them. the contingent expenses and the cost of management are out of all proportion to their means,

"Those who possess farms in good condition, and men in easy circumstances, generally profit by the exhibitions of stock, etc., to the exclusion those who are really in want of instruction and

encouragement.
"Here is the evil! The entire Legislature has seen and appreciated it, but what steps have been taken to remedy it? We have spent \$2,000,000, with hardly any resulting good, and, from our apathy and carelessness, the evil is more deeply rooted than ever.

"Look at our provincial exhibitions. They cost us nearly \$20,000 each, and a deficit is, almost invariably, left of \$12,000 to \$15,000, which the Legislature and the cities interested have the pleasant task of paying off. In 1877, Quebec, already over head and ears in debt, voted \$6,000 for the show held in that town; the receipts ran short



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to the country in consequence of such indiscreet or wilful actions. That the books of the society have been improperly kept, and in some instances not kept at all. That offices and prizes have been given by this Board to men, not to merit. That the Model Farm and School of Agriculture was not established for farmers, but to serve political friends and political purposes; that the institution has done and will do more injury in checking private enterprise than any good it has done or is likely to do under existing management. We are well aware there are several really good and deserving gentlemen on the Board; and perhaps they may not be cognizant of all facts relating to the institution, therefore we do not condemn all.

The sums we have had to pay and will have to pay for this institution, for keeping up this mammoth inefficient Board of Agriculture, and the injury this Board and this institution have done ernment grant. A sufficiently bold assertion, and by those who testify to the reality of the subscrip-

given in different districts. The annual expenditure for these, and other purposes connected with cultivation, has exceeded \$70,000, and the total sum spent during the last 30 years amounts to more than \$2,000,000.

It appears from the official reports published by the commissioner's authority, that up to the year 1875, the laws governing agriculture had remained inoperative, particularly as regards the state of the agricultural societies. The sums expended would seem to have been expended almost uselessly, and one might almost say that what progress has been made would have been made without the aid afforded, so liberally by Government.

"The Rev. J. Buteau, formerly manager of the school of agriculture at St. Anne's, in an introduction to his report on the operations of that institution, asks if the grants accorded to societies of agriculture during the last 20 years have produced a proportionate result; and he arrives at the conclusion that they have hardly done any good at all to the great mass of farmers, and that whatever improvement has been made would have come about without the aid either of the societies or of the Gov-

\$8,000 of the expenditure, and the province had, as usual, to supply the deficiency. And to whose benefit went these large sums? Not to practical farmers-they were few in number among the exhibitors; not to men of French origin—there were few of them among the contestants. The prizes were chiefly offered for animals of foreign breeds, and the winners were principally the great breeders-men who for the most part have made their fortunes in trade or by commerce. How many animals, what agricultural products were exhibited from the districts of Quebec and of Three Rivers? Next to none! Why? Because the farmers of those places have never been encouraged to improve their cultivation and their products, and no means have been taken to attract them to these

"It is well known that if a bona fide subscription of \$266 be raised, each county society will be entitled to a grant from Government of \$666. It would be mere mockery to talk of the bona fides which exist in certain counties as to these subscriptions! Those behind the scenes know well what sort of good faith prompts the oaths taken