

would have stood in much higher estimation in the country than it now does. It is from free discussions that proper measures are arrived at. We should encourage rather than stifle them. Further, we hold it to have been the duty of that journal to have given truthful accounts of what is said and done, for many of its readers look solely to that paper for truth and facts. Some are so tenacious of it that they will scarcely read any other, believing it the essence of everything that is good. At one time we had quite an exalted opinion of it ourselves, till the mask was drawn aside and we saw it in its naked deformity.

There has been no meeting at which the Board of Directors have been overlooked by any of the practical farmers of the country. The Board did not give up their points without very strong opposition. However, should this bill not be satisfactory after passing through the hands now in charge of it, the Legislature of Ontario will, we believe, make an effective job of it at another time.

We always have something to complain about and something to be pleased with. While at the meeting we thought it well to give a hint on our Emporium plans, and make a few remarks about our paper. To do this we considered it proper to send in a written request to the President to be allowed a few minutes. We took it to the Secretary, who refused to hand it to the President, although it was his duty. However, we were not scared by an owl if we did come from the backwoods, so we delivered the writing ourselves to the President. He read it to the meeting, but many voices were raised immediately, and cried out of order, no no! Some few said yes, and one of the members of the existing Board rose and spoke strongly against our being heard. Others did the same. At length when an opportunity occurred, G. G. McGee moved that we should get a hearing which was seconded by half a dozen. It was then put to the meeting and carried.

We made a few very brief remarks about the Emporium and the paper, thanking them for their attention and took our seat. We were much pleased to see the demonstration of approval by so many of the delegates, and that they were convinced of the utility and desirableness of our undertaking. It is a step in the right direction.

At the meeting it was proposed to have some of the financial reports published in the *Canada Farmer*. We would ask the public if that journal deserves more patronage than any other paper. Just consider what sums are annually paid, directly or indirectly, for its support. Here is the Professor's Chair, salary \$3000 a year, and for what? Is it for anything but a traveling correspondent for that journal? Here is so much, and we have no means of knowing how much more for veterinary instruction, versus correspondence for the *Canada Farmer*, advertising bills, &c., and what has the country for it? Nearly a broken down Provincial Exhibition. What has been the cause of it? Clearly that journal must naturally shield the mis-doings and short-comings of that Board, from which it derives so much profit. It is the *Canada Farmer* we have to blame for the dissatisfaction felt throughout the country about the management. Had it furnished truthful accounts of facts as they really have occurred, in place of trying to shield and keep them from the public, the delegates would not have been under the necessity of turning out en masse, as they felt it their duty to do to endeavor to rectify the existing evils so long felt throughout the country, some few of which have been previously published in this journal. We remarked to one of the present members of the Board the propriety of giving notice in our paper of the business that was spoken of, instead of being published exclusively in the *Canada Farmer*. He said yours is only a local paper. Just see how tenacious they are to the last. They attempt to put our enterprise in a corner. Readers, judge for yourselves. Has a single article ever appeared in this journal to give it the name of a local paper. In our last we only touched gently and mildly on the success of the Provincial Exhibition when held in this locality, because we deemed it necessary, after such an unprincipled, dastardly, villainous slur had appeared in the *Canada Farmer* against our city. Has not our whole enterprise been based on our national prosperity? Have not our seeds been sent hundreds of miles to the east and north of the *Globe* office?

We were hauled over the coals by one member of this rotten, falling Board of Agriculture for having said that we had done more good to the country by disseminating good seed than the whole Board

with their Agricultural Hall. We asked what seed they had disseminated. He said the Canada Company's prize Wheat. Well, well. We will ask you first, where is it gone? Undoubtedly to some pet individuals who are expected to use their influence to support the present Board. Secondly, have you ever given us any results of the crops raised by (this wheat so distributed? Thirdly, has this prize not been given to kinds of wheat that have been long grown in the country, and such as you know the country has been raising with a loss of hundreds of thousands of dollars annually? Would it not be better to award that prize to the best 25 bushels of some new variety, or raised from newly imported seed from any variety. In that way some good results might be arrived at that might be worth publishing. All we ask for is fair play and a clear course, and we feel sure we can do more good for the prosperity of our Dominion in one year, than the whole Board and the *Canada Farmer* have done for the last three years. We have not received the least favor from that Board, nor from any other source.

We have the great tyrannical *Globe* hounding us down by its column after column for the *Canada Farmer*, and in many mean ways. We will now give an instance or two. In its report of this meeting it says:

"A man named Weld obtained leave to address the meeting, and informed them as follows: I am not much of a speaker, but have taken in hand to use the quill, for the benefit of us as agriculturists. Mr. Wells soon subsided and the business was resumed."

One would think by the above that Weld was unknown to the editor of that paper. Why does he try to make it more indistinct by calling him Wells? The *Globe* office has received many hundreds of dollars from Weld. They begged from Weld the best engraving that ever embellished their paper, under the agreement that his plans were to be brought before the public in one of their papers. That debt has never been honorably paid by them. They inserted his communications that suited them, and after cutting and altering as they pleased, allowed them to be responded to over a fictitious signature, and would not allow Weld six lines space in the paper to reply to the article unless he paid for it. They have attempted to get from Weld, on four occasions money that was not due them. He beat the villains in their attempt to rob him of