

The Globe Newspaper.

This paper is considered one of the leading reform papers in Canada. It is large and furnishes a great amount of valuable reading matter. Many persons of ability are employed to conduct it, but many of them may be afraid to write all the truth, in dread of losing their salaries. Numerous agents are employed to disseminate it. Leading men in power are subsidized in various ways to aid, introduce and laud it; to our disgrace be it said, even some members of parliament may be included in the above remarks. In some parts of the country the inhabitants are so misled as to place their entire belief in the Globe; they read it, and believe all they read in it to be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. They believe it to be the all-important paper for truth, rectitude and honor; that it will relieve all their grievances; and that it is read by every one in Canada because it is read by them. We think it well for the interests of Canada to inform such people, that by far the largest part of the population of the Dominion look upon it as a most dangerous, one-sided, political party paper; a paper that will make any turn to prevent the truth from being known, if it would be in any way injurious to the interests of its own party supporters. We will speak from our own experience with it, and you may judge. We have in our paper exposed the injurious practice now followed of admitting the slop-fed American pork to be slaughtered, packed and shipped as Canadian pork from our country. This must cause a loss of hundreds of thousands of dollars to our farmers, merely for the profit of an individual or two. We have spoken on this subject at public meetings:—at the Dairy-men's Convention at Ingersoll, at the Agricultural meeting at Clinton, at the Board of Agriculture at Toronto, and to the Hon. John Carling.

Farmers! this was done with a view to your benefit!

There was a letter published in the Globe a few weeks ago, animadverting strongly upon our conduct, and blaming us for using our influence in attempting to expose and put down the practice above alluded to.—To which we wrote a brief and respectful reply, and sent it to the Globe office, with a request to have it inserted, but it has not yet appeared. This fact convinces us that it is not the wish of the Globe to give its readers all the truth, except when it subserves its own purposes and interests by so doing. Also that it cares nothing for the Agricultural interests of the country.—This has become so apparent that many farmers, scattered over the largest portion of the Dominion cannot be induced to take the Globe, observing its one-sided and tyrannical conduct over the parts where it has sway. Sensible men will not allow themselves to be led by the nose by any political party, and dragged through all the mire and dirt which that party may create in its onward march to influence, position and power.

Has the Globe at any time exposed the mismanagement of the old Board of Agriculture? Has it not, by itself or its minions, endeavored to destroy our cheese business by proposing, at a meeting held

at Ingersoll lately, to allow milk to be skimmed before it is brought to the factory, and all for the purpose of shielding one of its strong supporters from merited disgrace.

Has not its aid-de-camp, the Canada Farmer attempted to throw into the shade such men as were not politically attached to the Globe? Have they not actually had engravings made of stock before the Exhibitions have taken place, and awarded prizes before the judges had ever seen the stock? Is that honorable, honest or just? Is it of advantage to farmers to allow politics to trample on Agricultural advancement, and to have the truth mangled and torn before their eyes?

The Agricultural Mutual.

The Annual Meeting of the Agricultural Mutual Assurance Association of Canada was held in this city, on the 16th of Feb. We were present at the meeting, and have no doubt that some shallow-minded individuals will condemn the course we pursued on that occasion.

The company is in a most prosperous condition, business is rapidly increasing, losses have been punctually paid, the rates of insurance are extremely low, no city property is insured, it is the best company for farmers to insure in (and every farmer ought to be insured), it only costs 25 cents per \$100, and no one knows when a fire may take place. Nine fires were caused in one night by lightning, on property insured in this company the past year.

The Board of Directors deserve every confidence. It would not be easy to select a better board than the present. They have managed economically and well, and there was no dissent or objection expressed by a single individual at the meeting. All was harmony and unanimity, except on one point, and this was of great importance.

Mr. James Johnston, a person of considerable address, and having some influence amongst a certain party in this city,—and who is an officer of another insurance company,—proposed that an annual salary of \$400 per annum should be given to the President. This was seconded by a notorious note shaver in this city. The vote was taken; there was a majority of ONE against it; and that one was the Editor of the Farmer's Advocate!

Were we right or wrong?

If this motion had carried, there would soon be an increase to the salary, and another increase would soon follow. It was urged by the supporters of the motion that the Company was wealthy and could afford it, and that the President was worthy of some consideration. We willingly admit that the board is an efficient one; and that no man in the county is deserving of more esteem and consideration than Mr. Crowell Wilson, the President of the Board—and we would willingly vote a sum of \$500 to procure him a handsome present. He deserves twice as much; but a permanent salary of \$400 for one half day in each week, would be found too small a sum for whoever might succeed him, and it would soon become similar to the salaries enjoyed by our registrar and some other public officers, who receive from \$1000 to \$10,000 per annum of the people's money for doing very little. We

leave you to judge if we acted right or wrong in opposing this motion.

If the President had expended largely from his own means, or had neglected his own business without remuneration to serve us farmers, we would say, pay him every cent, and for every moment of time he has devoted to our interests—because we are gainers of thousands of dollars annually by having this institution in our county. But because he has done good service; there is no reason that we should create offices that may become sinecures, and fall, with their fat salaries, into the hands of persons who never did, nor never will do, any good to the country.

The President is a very retiring gentleman, who does not desire to have his name mentioned in connection with an increase of salary, and has always opposed such a proposition. We say by all means make him a handsome present.

A few words to our fellow farmers! We regret that you were almost un-represented at the annual meeting. Some of you should attend, and do not let the business be ruled by citizens. Take the advice of your friend and reject city spouters, office holders and office seekers who may desire to be on the board. Be guided by real practical farmers, and keep your association purely agricultural. You have a good institution now; it will be your own fault if it should be changed to a political, office-ruled concern. Insurance is beneficial to farmers—and they should know it.

[This article should have appeared last month, but was omitted by a mistake of the printer.]

Clinton Agricultural Society.

The annual dinner of the Clinton Agricultural Society took place on the 23rd of February. It was attended by a number of intelligent farmers and other gentlemen—and it is a source of regret that ardent spirits had been too freely indulged in by some parties previous to the dinner. A certain strong party editor, over-charged with old rye, in connection with some others that were more bent on political scheming, than on Agricultural prosperity, disturbed the meeting, and did not desire facts should be made known. We deem it the best plan not to indulge in spirituous liquors at such meetings—or, indeed, at all.

The president and officers of the Society deserve the thanks of the inhabitants of Clinton for their arduous exertions; and we trust the farmers of the surrounding country will unite to make their annual exhibition and their meetings second to those of no other Agricultural Society in Ontario.

Caution.

A short time since we noticed in one of our exchanges a Spring Wheat advertised, highly spoken of as a new variety, and held at a fancy price. We sent for and obtained a sample. We find it to be the Chilian, or Platt's Midge Proof, under a new name.—Our readers know what we have said about that wheat in previous numbers. We now say, keep your money.

We also noticed a great puff about a new kind of Oats. We sent for a sample, and now pronounce them the most completely jockeyed oats we ever saw, the ends evidently bruted off. They can be seen at our office.

**To the Hon. John Carling,
MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE.**

MARCH 28.—We extract the following from the London FREE PRESS, credited to the Toronto Leader:

POSTAGE ON PAPERS SENT TO FOREIGN PARTS.—We deem it but justice to the public to state that the postage on newspapers sent from Canada to foreign parts, which has heretofore been five cents (prepaid), has been raised to six cents. In consequence of sufficient public notice not having been given to that effect by the post office authorities, large numbers of papers posted in Toronto and elsewhere, are confiscated and sent to the dead letter office at Ottawa.

We wish to know if this really is the case. No intimation of such a change has been sent to us, nor have we seen any notice of it put up in the post office here. We have not even heard that such a law was contemplated. As we have many subscribers in the States, we are anxious to know when the law was put in force, so that, if need be, we may be able to send again to them. Having had no opportunity of knowing that such a law was in force, we respectfully ask you to have all our confiscated papers returned to us, as no intent to defraud has been practiced on our part. We are anxious to keep up our American correspondence, as we obtain much valuable information thereby. We would also draw your attention to the fact that we receive numerous complaints from our subscribers in Canada of the non-receipt of their papers. They are always carefully mailed by responsible persons, and the fault rests somewhere. We have in more than one instance found the numbers for a whole year lying in the post office to which they were addressed. As this state of affairs may be injurious to agriculture, as well as to us, having lost many subscribers for want of regular delivery, we respectfully call your attention to the evil, as we doubt not your voice will be attended to in all matters affecting the welfare of agriculture. We believe you could have the postage on agricultural papers reduced to half a cent per copy if you would draw attention to it. At the present time the postage on those papers is much higher than on political ones. Should such be the case? We believe the voice of all disinterested parties, and the voice of the Dominion at large, would be an emphatic No.

Mr. R. Cowan of Galt.

This gentleman is a large farmer and manufacturer, who has devoted much of his time and attention to the requirements of agriculture, and is thoroughly posted in all things pertaining to the necessities of the country. In a conversation we had with him some time since he stated that it was his intention to introduce a proposition to offer a premium of \$500 for the first Beet Root Sugar manufactory that might be established in Canada.

We believe that Sugar factories, when once in operation, will return even a larger and surer profit than the dairy business is now doing, and also, that it will be far more profitable than raising grain. We hope the Board of Agriculture will grant the same, and that some of our readers will be prepared to secure it.