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## FARMERS.

The editor of this paper is a practical farmer having had 23 years experience in Canada, and some in England. He sees the necessity of an Agricultural paper in Canada that will give us a fair and reliable representation of our requirements, our position, and our progress, and will afford a space in its columns for communication from farmers, and to expose the various plans that are practiced to lead us astray. We have not a paper devoted to the interests of agriculture in Canada. We need one and hope to deserve the name by our acts. We also require a paper that will advertise our requirements at a moderate charge. We as farmers have paid large sums for advertising in other papers, but our advertisements are nearly obliterated by quack drugs or merchandise, and the agricultural interests of the country, which is the main and only real support of the country, is nearly or quite overlooked by editors generally. Take any paper and see the space occupied by the agriculturists in it, and judge for yourselves. Even the Canada Farmer has by false statements, and by neglecting to give us proper accounts, has only mocked us, and the charges for advertising in it are far too high for farmers to patronize.

We are also establishing an Agricultural Emporium for the decimating of the best stock, seeds and implements. We have also opened a register of farms and stock that may be for sale, so that parties either advertise themselves, at a low rate, or instruct us to sell for them, if on commission our terms are only one half per cent on real estate, if sales are effected, and 1 per cent on thorough or pure bred stock, if over \$100, if under that sum 2 per cent. Other kinds of stock, seeds and implements as agreed upon. If no sales are effected, we have no pay. Parties having any good stock of any kind to dispose of would do well to let us have the particulars of it, and purchasers would often save themselves a great deal of time and expense, by calling at the office.

We have other Farms and Stock on our books for sale, that do not appear in this number. We have applications for some good ewes, cows and horses. Persons having any to dispose of would do well to call at this Office.

TERMS.—Single copies 50 cents per annum in advance. In clubs of 5 for one year \$2.00. Subscribers that do not pay in advance, will be charged 75 cents at the end of the year. Back nos., double nos., or future nos. sent to fill this year. Next year the size, embellishments &c., may be increased, also the price.

Advertisements of stock, farms, seeds and implements 50 cents if not exceeding 5 lines for each insertion. If over that space 10 cents per line. If on commission no charge for advertising.

Liberal inducements for persons getting up clubs. Farmers and all that are interested in the Agricultural prosperity of Canada are requested to form clubs in their own neighborhoods. We have no appointed agent yet. Parties indebted to us by note or otherwise, can send the amount due in a registered letter if under \$25, if over that sum by a Post Office order.

All communications must be prepaid, and if an answer is required should enclose a stamp for return. All registered letters at our risk. In sending for the paper send your name and P. O. address plainly written.

Our address is WM. WEID, London. Office is on Richmond Street, directly opposite the City Hall.

## THE ELECTIONS.

At the present time the majority of the papers throughout the country are taken up more or less with column articles, scraps, and sometimes even entirely in favor of some person or other that they wish to see in Parliament. Many journals are influenced by a money consideration, or expected favors. Much hired influence will be used to get up Conventions, speakers will be engaged, influential men will be hired; every imaginable device will be trumped up, or used to influence the votes of farmers. Men totally regardless of the Agricultural interests of the country will be elected even by the farmers themselves.

The creation of fat offices and the appointment of men to fill them will influence many to exert themselves for particular friends. Have we any necessity of paying such high salaries as Sheriff's and Registrars are receiving, and the whole host of other public officers? Who pays for all law court retainers? Who erects all these expensive public, and most of the private buildings in and around the cities? It is you farmers.

Election after election succeed each other, and there are thousands that are led by a glass of whisky, a good dinner, a \$5 bill, or something else, to sell their vote in a direct or indirect manner, and the narrow-sighted ones think they are doing well, and argue it matters not to me who gets in. Be not deceived. It is of much more importance than any paltry sum you may receive. Read, think, and converse with the most reliable parties you know of, and let this be your main consideration. Is the man that you vote for an agricultural man? Is his interest what a farmers interest should be? Is he a supporter of agricultural exhibitions or agricultural papers? Is he an honorable, reliable person?

Never be led away by a great, pompous or fluent speaker. They can often coin

words to suit their purposes. Those who say the most are often those that do the least. We as farmers have to pay for all the improvements done in the country, and pay all officers. We have the power if united, to have the agricultural interest of the country properly represented. We have always been hoodwinked. Arouse, and every man to his post, and select agricultural men as our members. There is no fear but the cities will be well represented. Do not be led away by Conventions got up to suit particular individuals. See that proper men are nominated at the nomination, and when you are satisfied that your choice has fallen on one that has and will support agricultural interests, let none turn you, but go to the polls like men, not driven, dragged, or bought, and record your votes. It is your duty and your privilege, and you only show a negligent, ignorant, or doubtful spirit not to attend to it. Let no reform or conservative cry turn you. More agricultural men are wanted in the House. There will always be sufficient professional men and jobbers to attend to their interests, and to pick up any loose cash that might be more beneficially employed in advancing the value of the agricultural exports of the country.

In a previous number we cautioned agriculturists against pledging themselves to support particular parties and that agricultural men should meet our support. I fear that caution has not been heeded by all, and that some of those parties who have pledged themselves will regret the steps taken. The Conventions have not resulted at all satisfactory in this County to many of those that are still in favor of binding themselves and the nominees. Some of the delegates left in disgust, at another they separated without being able to agree on a man for the local legislature, at a third one Township refused to send a single delegate, having been so disgusted by previous Conventions.

Several parties in the East and West