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Brief Summary of Eight Years' Labor.

Perceiving the necessity of having some place in Canada where seeds might be tested and procured, information given of where stock could be obtained when required, implements tested and procured; being possessed of considerable means, and believing, from the tenor of the newspapers, that the Government would countenance and aid such a necessary establishment, we devoted our energies and abilities to its establishment. But, we regret to state, despite numerous recommendations to the Government and frequent promises of aid from the Minister of Agriculture, nothing but the reverse of aid has been thrown in our way.

It would fill a volume to describe half of the means and plans that have been taken to overthrow our plans.

Many of these attempts have been more than cruel and dishonorable, and solely because we have been striving to elevate and maintain the interests, rights and privileges of agriculturists, untrammelled by party politics.

We procured the best stock, including what we believe to be the most valuable horse for our country, just as he was about to be sold to go to the States; also, the best breeds of cattle, sheep and swine. We spared no expense in importing and sending throughout the country the most valuable kinds of seeds, grain and roots.

We believe we have furnished the country with more useful and valuable information regarding seeds, stock, implements and our general agricultural affairs than any other individual or company.

We may have made remarks when it might have been more prudent to have kept silent, and we may have done acts that would have been better undone, but who can be always right?

We exposed the management of the old Board of Agriculture when errors crept in, and we endeavored to support that useful institution when danger threatened its total annihilation.

We believe the information furnished by us in regard to seed wheat alone has been worth a countless amount to the country; one man alone admits a clear gain of \$200 in one field.

How many fields have been increased in value? Who could estimate? See also the flattering reports of our oats, peas and potatoes. Our writings have tended to check the introduction and spread of dangerous diseases and pests!

QUARTZ FLOUR.

We obtained a pound or two of this from a pottery, and find for polishing knives it has no superior. It is a principal ingredient in the manufacture of stone china.

Agricultural Grounds of London and Hamilton.

The question of what to do with the Crystal Palace is attracting a good deal of attention just now in Hamilton. A spirit of jealousy of divided interests exists there between city and country. We regret to see evidences of this spirit; but unfortunately they do, and we fear will exist, not only in Hamilton, but also here, and wherever the two classes are brought into contact.

We regret to see that some of our citizens act with the sole motive of filling the city coffers, and adding to the means of office-holders, regardless of other interests. We must, in advocating the rights of farmers, enter into the vexed question of the agricultural grounds, and the grounds attached to the Crystal Palace, though the task is by no means an agreeable one. That block of land, containing ten acres, was set apart for agricultural exhibitions and a hall erected thereon for that purpose. The Agricultural Association has sold it, and, in order to make the sale valid, are now endeavoring to get an Act of Parliament to confirm and make legal their acts.

Have the farmers no interest in this matter? Surely they should take counsel and determine what course they should pursue. It cannot be their wish to dispose of that valuable property, relying on the uncertain tenure of the Crystal Palace block.

The claim they have on the Crystal Palace grounds must be very uncertain. There has been an application to make a road through the grounds, and one of the city papers has been advocating the disposing of all interested in it, and selling it out into building lots to increase the resources of the city, wholly disregarding the objects for which it was obtained—to wit: having an open park for the sake of the citizens' health, and, when needed, convenient and suitable grounds for exhibition purposes.

If farmers wish not to be wholly dependant on the officials of the city for a place to exhibit their stock and farm produce, let them bestir themselves at once. They have justice on their side. They have even in the city many friends; but the city officials have great influence. They have the city press; the interest of many of the representatives in Parliament is mainly with the city.

We do not desire to see aroused a sectional strife between city and country, but where the interests of the farmers are concerned we will not swerve from our duty.

The farmers of East Middlesex and Wentworth will lose their claims to the agricultural buildings and grounds unless

they attend to them without delay.— Surely some farmers will be found to sift this matter to the bottom. Remember that an Act of Parliament is applied for, and perhaps you may be called on to request your right to be taken from you by plausible speakers.

A Pretty State of Affairs.

The farmers around the cities of Hamilton and London are about to be deprived of their agricultural grounds in the cities, together with the Exhibition Buildings that cost us so much.

Are they to be wrested from us? We should enquire into this at once and not allow them to be frittered away. If the land is worth as much per foot as it cost per acre, the farmers should have the benefit of it. There is an object at the bottom of this. Find out the purpose now, or you will learn when too late.

To the Hon. A. McKellar, Minister of Agriculture, and to the Executive Committee and Members of the Ontario Parliament:—

GENTLEMEN,—

Having been deprived of land and timber, and having had to defray heavy law expenses occasioned by erroneous surveys by Government surveyors, and erroneous descriptions issued from the Government office, and from your Limitation Act, for which no compensation has in any way been rendered, I respectfully request that you will cause enquiries to be made and proper restitution given in some manner to myself or family for damages sustained. This, your humble servant will ever pray.
W. WELD.

Also, I would most respectfully call your attention to the fact that for eight years I have devoted my time and means to the establishment of what is admitted by all to be of public interest.

I have brought before the public the Canadian Agricultural Emporium, and besides showing the farmers of the country by writings and addresses, the utility of such an institution, I have put the same in operation in a small way, and have already done much good. I regret that these plans should be taken up by the Government without in any way remunerating the originator for his years of labor and money expended to establish a similar institution.

I would also pray that you will give this subject a little attention and examine into this case before expending more money in the Mimico Farm.

From one who desires the prosperity of this Dominion, and one who should be allowed to prosper with it, your obedient and humble servant,
W. WELD.