

## TRIP TO TORONTO.

We had business, or imagined we had, and some of our readers suggested the necessity of our watching the progress of the new Agricultural bill in its course through the Legislature. We applied for a pass from Mr. T. Swinyard, Manager of the G. W. R. R., which he kindly granted to us. The Road is in excellent condition, and well managed. The carriages are as good and as comfortable as it is possible to make them; in fact we believe there is no railroad on this continent at all to be compared to it, in regard to time, order, conveniences, and general good management. We went to the Parliament buildings as soon as we arrived in Toronto, and found the building in excellent order. To us it appeared complete in all its departments, and all well and suitably fitted up, in style and manner as is required for our country. There appeared to be neither lavish or unnecessary expenditure to be complained of, or niggardly stinginess. The Legislative Hall is rather small for so many members, and we found it so for your clumsy editor, while in the hall. The passages between the members desks are narrow. While we were stepping to one side to allow an honorable member to pass we stumbled against a raised step and lost our equilibrium, to the amusement of some of the members, that perhaps thought there was some drunken fool down there, however, we managed to pick up the pieces and attend to our business. Any one may enter the Hall when the House is not in session, provided he has business with any of the members. Many of them are to be found there during hours of recess. The time of sitting is at 3 o'clock each day. They rise again at six, and resume business at half-past seven, and continue sometimes till twelve or one o'clock at night. There is in the Hall a ladies, a Speaker's and a stranger's gallery. The Speaker's gallery is the one in which visitors knowing any members are admitted to, by procuring a ticket from a member. There are also two galleries for reporters.

We took our seat in one of the reporter's galleries, and saw the new Agricultural Bill introduced into Parliament. Of course we had never been consulted about it. In fact the old Board cared but little for the opinion of any one. They know we as farmers are clammering for improvements, and they feel compelled to come at something nearer to our requirements. We waited on the Hon. John Carling, the present Minister of Agriculture. He paid much more attention to our remarks than the old rotten Board would have done, treating us with every respect becoming his position. He expressed himself desirous of doing anything in his power towards the advancement of agriculture, and he is one of those gentlemen that means what he says, although he is not a practical farmer. We are

satisfied that he will consult those that he believes will furnish him with the best plans to adopt. He kindly favored us with a copy of the new Bill, in which we suggested a few alterations, that will be attended to before it is passed through. We also strongly advocated equal privileges for the Township Exhibitions, and spoke to several members about the propriety of encouraging them. We will refer to it at greater length in our next number.

We applied to J. G. Brydges, Esq. to grant us a Pass, which he kindly sent us, but neglected to make it for the return passage. We hope the next time we apply to him he will consider that the editor of an agricultural paper is doing as much good for the Railroads as the editors of political papers.

## REMARKS ON COMMUNICATIONS.

MR. T. ARKELL, of Puslinch, informs us he has a new kind of wheat, called the April Wheat, which he imported from England.—He says it has, as yet, proved proof against the attack of the midge, and has answered well. He intends giving it another year's trial before saying much about it. Mr. Arkell is one of the best farmers we know of in Canada, and strictly to be relied on. The Chilian Wheat has a very heavy head, the heaviest we have seen. The chaff has a bluish tinge, the berry long and hard, the bran apparently transparent. If you know of any good seed of that kind, or any other, please let us know about it.

MR. T. J. PAYNE, of Southwold. We intend to complete the year to all that subscribed at last year's prices. We have offered \$2.50 per bushel for Chilian Wheat, and know not, as yet, where to get sufficient. You may inform your neighbors that we have not made a profit of fifty cents per bushel on Chilian Wheat. We try to accommodate the small farmers as much as we can, and do sell as small a quantity as a quarter of a bushel.—We thank you for your kind wishes. We entirely concur with you in regard to the benefit of farmer's clubs. We have already written strongly in favor of Township Shows, and have advocated them to the Minister of Agriculture; and if they are deprived of equal rights it is not because we have omitted what we considered our duty.

MR. R. HARRIS, Mersey.—Try both kinds of clover. Send for the grain soon; we may not be able to supply all the orders received; we could not supply as much Treadwell last fall as was ordered. Your communication has been forwarded to Mr. George Leslie; he will have pleasure in furnishing you with better information about the fruit than we can.

RICE LEWIS, Toronto.—We do not send receipts for the payment of the paper, unless requested. We enter them, as received, on

our paid list, with date opposite the name.—A club List has been sent to every one, whether paid or not, for those that wish us prosperity to assist by getting up clubs for us.—Your name is marked paid for 1868.

R. J., of Kent.—Your remittance received and orders attended to. The editorials have all been written by the editor; he has attended to the books, correspondence, proof reading, and selecting extracts; has superintended the seed department, the farm and stock. In fine, he has done far more than he ought to, for the good of his health, but necessity is a great stimulator to labor; and it's doubtful whether he ever gets rewarded for his exertions.

D. O., Nairn.—The subjects on which you speak are without much change with us. See advertisement and attend to it. Send copy.

G. S., Ottawa.—The cash may be sent in a registered letter, or by P. O. order. The price of bags to be sent with the order. We charge cost price for them; the cheapest are 27 cents each, the best 45 cents.

J. A., Westminster.—We do not intend to part with any more Cotswold sheep, except as prizes for getting up clubs, unless we sold the whole flock. We never have allowed them to be picked, nor do we intend to.—We shall import a fresh stock, as soon as circumstances will permit.

W. EAGLESON, Cold Springs.—The cash is received. The grain will be sent to you as soon as you inform us in what way to send it. Parties sending orders should be particular to name in what way they wish the grain sent; the name of the station should be stated.

We fill orders as soon as the money is received.

## OUR PROSPECTS.

We now have a petition before the Legislature of Ontario, asking for a charter to allow a Company to be formed, to establish the Agricultural Emporium. Our petition is supported by a petition of the East Middlesex Agricultural Society; also by commendation from the County Council of Middlesex. We believe that what we have already done for our agricultural advancement will also have some weight; and we expect assistance will be accorded to us to enable us to do much more than we have as yet been able to do. We hope to give our readers favorable accounts in the next number; and to have such a full assortment of seed grain as can be procured at no other place in Canada.

If you wish to know about or to procure the best kinds of seed and stock, it is necessary you should be a subscriber, as our subscribers requirements are first attended to.