

duced, it is found very expensive to give information about it, and but few editors in the country devote much attention to agricultural requirements. Four years ago as a remedy we suggested the idea of establishing an Agricultural Emporium, for the purpose of introducing, testing, and disseminating stock, seeds and implements. We procured the best kinds at considerable expense, and introduced them to the farmers in and around the city of London, and have tested different kinds on our own farm. Since that time we have continued introducing and testing different kinds to the best of our means and ability, and several valuable varieties have been disseminated over this Dominion, to Counties and Townships that would otherwise have been unsupplied.

We have also saved the honor of the Agricultural portion of the country, by retaining in it the King of Canadian stock, the horse on which seven sets of provincial Judges had placed the highest stamps of honor, that was possible to do, yet the said animal would undoubtedly have been taken from us had I not purchased him and retained him in our country.

This whole undertaking has been conducted in a manner to do general good to the country. This animal was sent throughout the Dominion to give all an equal opportunity to improve their stock. We believe that much profit has been the result already, and that the benefits in years to come will increase a thousand fold, by those plans that have been originated and put into operation.

From the beginning we have worked for the public good, believing that they would appreciate and aid the undertaking but from the source that aid should have first been received, namely, the agricultural press of the country, nothing could be obtained but disparaging remarks, and enormous charges for every line to bring it forward, and after expending some hundreds of dollars, and finally, being asked the sum of \$36 for one insertion of a single article, we deemed it necessary to establish an agricultural paper, to make known the requirements of the Dominion, and to give general agricultural information, particularly about the seed of the country. For the lack of proper information about seed the country has been losing immense sums annually.

We have at great expense for years past delivered agricultural addresses in

several counties, and have at each place received highly approving testimonials. The inhabitants generally consider it such as the government of the country should assist. We have brought our plans before the Board of Agriculture, and the only objection that deserves our notice is, that the enterprise is only of a private or a local character. Had such been our plan or design to make it either of a private or local character, we should not have managed it as we have done. We feel as confident now as on the organization of the plan that there is no greater public requirement in the country.

We have always been willing to have it carried on in a public manner, but we consider that it may be quite as economically and beneficially carried on by private enterprise, and that by a little assistance we can carry it out to very great advantage to the country. Such assistance is granted to persons that devote their time and attention to the introduction of new machinery, in the States. By one of the American agricultural papers we see that Congress has granted the sum of \$2000 to the relief of Mr. Goodrich, for introducing the potato of that name.

We believe our plans of an Agricultural Emporium for a general test and dissemination of stock, seeds and implements will be of the greatest benefit to our Dominion. We have previously published and forwarded to you the recommendations of the County Councils of Middlesex, Oxford and Peel, and now forward to you the recommendation of the County Council of Peterboro:

COPY OF REPORT PASSED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF PETERBORO, JUNE 19, 1868.

The special committee, appointed to examine the documents and papers sent by Mr. W. Weld of London, Ont., in reference to his Agricultural Emporium and paper, beg to report:

That they earnestly recommend the usefulness of the Agricultural Emporium established by Mr. William Weld, of London, Ont., for the dissemination of Superior Stock, Seeds and Implements, among the farmers of the Dominion. That his exertions are praiseworthy, for procuring new kinds of seed, some of which, we are happy to learn, have been introduced into this county. We also recommend his paper, the "Farmer's Advocate," to the support of all persons interested in the success of Agriculture, and your committee would also recommend and

pray, that the Honorable the Legislature of Ontario do not overlook the claims of Mr. Weld to encouragement, in the efforts he is making for the advancement of our Agricultural interests. All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. PEARCE,

County Clerk,

F. PECK,

Chairman.

Three out of the four County Councils are entire strangers to us, and we believe were we to go to any County Council in this Dominion, we would obtain as favorable a commendation, and they are the voice of the agricultural community. The trial and dissemination of seeds and stock (and we have already sent some to nearly every County in this Province, and some into Quebec, and even into the States) together with the establishment of the *Farmer's Advocate* have cost us a large sum of money, and the business is but just commenced in an imperfect manner. We hope that you may take steps to assist the carrying out of the plans in such a manner as you may deem of most advantage to this Dominion, and at such a place as may be most suitable.

We would further state that we purchased our farm—on which we have been testing seed—from the Hon. John Wilson, and the land had been duly surveyed by the Government surveyors, and settled on, and by a discrepancy of deeds issued from Government, and other causes, another survey was made, and the lines were moved. By this survey we were deprived of a large quantity of the most valuable kinds of timber, also that we were under the necessity of having the expenses of three Assize suits to pay for. Also that we had a portion of our land taken from us by your law of limitation. None of these losses were in the least under our power of control, unless we had abandoned our land altogether, which no Briton likes to do. We acted on the advice of the best lawyers in this Dominion, the present Hon. Judge Wilson being then our attorney, to whom reference may be made.

We consider that we should be remunerated in some way for this great loss. There should be some means of indemnifying a settler for land and improvements, if they are taken from him by the laws of the country, without ever having offended against the laws.

The grass crop of Pennsylvania will be the heaviest cut in ten years.