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BETHUEL LOVERIN,
Publisher and Proprietor.

A Proposition.

Last week we issued the REPORTER as an eight page sheet. We did so as an experiment. First, to see if we could run a sheet that size through our press; and second, to see if a paper in that form would meet the approbation of our patrons and readers. That in the first we were successful is evidenced by the neat and tidy appearance of the issue, and in regard to the second, all who have expressed an opinion personally to us have appeared well satisfied with the form and general make-up of the paper. A few weeks ago we expressed our intention of purchasing a larger press, in order to increase the size of the REPORTER. We find that to carry out our plan would entail an expenditure of nearly \$500. Now, we believe that a paper the size and form of last issue is large enough to meet the requirements of this locality, and we propose making the following offer:—If, within the next three weeks, our friends and patrons will interest themselves in our behalf, so as to increase our circulation up to 500 copies, we will (as soon as we can make the necessary arrangements) issue the REPORTER as an eight-page sheet. It will only require a little effort on the part of our friends to give us the required number of subscribers. As an inducement to those who are willing to help us, we make the following offer:—We will send the Toronto Weekly News for one year to any person sending us the names of five new yearly subscribers to the REPORTER, accompanied by the cash, \$3.75. If we get the required number of subscribers, the paper will be continued at the usual price—75c. per year. If, however, our patrons and readers do not respond as solicited, so as to bring the subscription list up to a paying basis, we will not promise to issue the paper after the 52 numbers are completed. This is our final appeal, and it now rests with those interested in seeing our little sheet sustained, to each secure as many names as possible, and send them in. It is not necessary that the money should be sent in. We merely ask a guarantee that so many subscribers will be forthcoming.

Unionville Fair.

A meeting of the directors of this agricultural society was held on Monday, 2nd inst. The President, W. H. Neilson, presided. The following officers and directors being present:—N. H. Beecher, 1st vice-pres.; John B. Barry, 2nd vice-pres.; B. Loverin, secretary; E. Davis, treas.; and Keeler, Chapman, Shipman, Forth, Saunders, Lee, and Loucks, directors. The revision of the prize list for 1885 was the principal business, and after revision it was ordered to be printed with the following amendments:—

RULES AND REGULATIONS.—Date for holding the annual exhibition fixed for the 16th, 17th, and 18th of September next. Saunders moved and it was resolved that rule 4 be amended so as to read "No person will be allowed to take more than one prize in any section of a class, unless of a named variety or pattern distinct from the first." Rule 7 amended so as to read "No persons shall act as judges in classes in which they are competitors. Any persons so acting shall forfeit all prizes awarded them in such class." Rule 12 amended to read "All protests shall be made as far as possible on the days of the fair, and none will be allowed unless made in writing to the secretary within ten days after the fair." Ordered that 500 copies of the program be printed and distributed during the days of the fair.

PRIZE LIST.—Ordered that a note be inserted at the head of the growing field crop class, stating that no entries will be received unless made in writing. Class B, Horses, sec. 15—prize reduced to \$6-\$4; sec. added, Carriage Stallion, prize \$6-\$4. Sec. 22, add to rule, "except sweepstakes prize for stallion." Sec. 18 to read "15 hands and over." Sec. 23; prize reduced to \$6-\$4-\$2. Class G, Cotswold Sheep, struck out and Oxford Downs inserted. Class H amended by making it read "All other breeds of Downs." Classes J and K amended by striking out of sections 4, "and 2 pigs or proof that she raised them." Class L amended by adding Colored Dorkings. Sec. 19 (coll.) struck out; added, Embden Geese, and Rouen, Aylesbury, and Pekin Ducks. Class T, section 20, Braided struck out; added Arrasene work. Class W, rule added to sections 1 to 9—"must be the production of exhibitor or member of family." Class Z, amended by striking out prizes on sections 8 to 14, and inserting space will be provided for manufacturers and agents to make exhibits from sections 8 to 14, but no awards will be made or prizes given.

On motion, Forth, Davis, Saunders and Lee were appointed a committee to arrange the horse ring. The above is a brief resume of the business done at the Director's meeting. In noting changes, refer to the prize list of 1884.

Obituary.

Our town has seldom witnessed a more impressive sight than on Friday last, when the remains of the late Sterling Alguire were borne from the residence of his son, on Perth street, to the Methodist church, followed by a large concourse of mourning relatives and sympathising and sorrowing friends. The interior of the church was heavily draped with the trappings of woe, and presented a mournful appearance as the relatives and friends crowded the sacred edifice. The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. W. Blair, assisted by Rev. Mr. Sherman (Baptist). Rev. Mr. Blair preached an able and eloquent sermon from John xiv. 3d. As most of our readers are aware, Mr. Alguire has resided for some years past in the state of Dakota. Some six years ago he, in company with R. R. Gardner, of Lyn, engaged in purchasing horses for the Manitoba market. On one of his return trips from that province he passed through the state of Dakota and was so well pleased with the looks of the country that he purchased a tract of land, and in the spring of 1881, he removed to Ojata in that state, taking with him his eldest daughter (Mrs. Halladay) and his three youngest children. He resided at Ojata up to the time of his death. During the most of this time he enjoyed comparatively good health, but at the last the call was sudden, and the circumstances pathetic. It seems somewhat mournful but heroic to see an old man bereft of his companion leaving the scenes and associations of his whole life behind him, and braving the hardships of pioneer life to build up a home for coming years—a home that he was destined never to enjoy. Last fall, with a desire to give his two youngest children the benefit of the excellent educational advantages provided by his native village of Farmersville, he sent them here where they were attending school, while he and the other son remained alone in that far off land. Suddenly, the news was flashed over the wires that our old friend was no more, and on Thursday about 8 p. m., the remains reached here in charge of his children. Mr. Alguire was born in the township of Yonge, and was one of a family of eight children. He leaves a family of five children to mourn his loss. Mr. Alguire was a liberal of the advanced school, and a member of the old M. E. Church for many years. Of a kind and generous disposition, he was universally respected, and many a poor family bear willing testimony to his liberality and kindness of heart. In sickness and death, he was the friend of the needy, and was always one of the first to volunteer to nurse the sick or bury the dead. To the family, we offer our sincere sympathy for the loss of a kind parent, and in closing this feeble tribute to one

with whom it was our privilege to be on very intimate terms, we feelingly say, "peace to his ashes."

ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

The L. M. A.

The Literary and Musical Association held its regular meeting on Friday evening last. An excellent program was presented, which included a discussion on the subject of "What can be done to improve the appearance of the village?" The subject was discussed in a thoroughly practical way by Messrs. D. Fisher, W. G. Parish, M. Halladay, H. L. Hagerman and J. Smith. The adoption of strict sanitary precautions; the improvement of our streets, sidewalks, and fences; the removal of unsightly and useless buildings; the decoration and better care of our grave yards; the painting of houses and fences; and the cultivation of flowers and planting of trees, were all considered as subjects, attention to which would vastly improve the appearance of the village. Messrs. W. G. Parish and J. Smith were appointed a nominating committee in connection with this matter, to report at next meeting of Association. Regarding the planting of trees, we would call the attention of the Association to sec's 5, 6, and 7 of the Ontario Tree Planting Act, which read as follows:—

"The council of any municipality may pass a by-law for paying out of municipal funds a bonus or premium not exceeding twenty-five cents for every ash, basswood, beech, birch, butternut, cedar, cherry, chestnut, elm, hickory, maple, oak, pine, sassafras, spruce, walnut, or whitewood tree, which shall, under the provisions of this Act, be planted within such municipality on any highway, or on any boundary line of farms, or within six feet of such boundary. Such by-law shall further provide for the appointment of an inspector of trees so planted. The inspector shall make to the council one report for each year, if required to do so, giving the names of all persons entitled to any bonus or premium under the by-law, the number of trees of each species planted, and the amount of bonus or premium to which each person is entitled, certifying that the trees are thirty feet apart, that the trees have been planted three years, and that they are alive, healthy, and of good form; and upon the adoption of such report the bonuses or premiums shall be paid. The Treasurer of the Province, upon receiving a copy of the inspector's report, certified by the reeve and clerk, shall recon to the treasurer of the municipality one half of the sum paid by the municipality under authority of this Act."

We sincerely hope that a good, active committee may be formed, and that the admirable suggestions made at the meeting of the L. M. A. may be carried out in every particular.