

meantime, we shall be happy to receive any suggestions for the more effectually carrying out the objects before mentioned.

#### FARMERS' CLUBS.

It is with much pleasure that we find these useful institutions increasing in the country, although the present rate of progress be somewhat slow. The township of *Hamilton Farmers' Club* has been in operation but a very few years, but our readers are fully aware of the excellent essays on several important subjects of Canadian agriculture, which have been read before that Society, and published in the pages of this journal. The *County of Oxford Farmers' Club* has been very recently established, yet, from what we have read and published of its proceedings, we think it bids fair to have a wide-spread, vigorous, and enduring influence. Among these hopeful signs of the times—signs the significancy of which cannot be mistaken—we notice with much satisfaction the formation of a Farmers' Club among the intelligent and enterprising agriculturists of the County of Wellington; the introductory Address delivered at its first meeting, by a gentleman of extensive agricultural experience, the reader will find on another page. Mr. HARLAND'S paper is richly deserving an attentive perusal by all who are desirous of advancing the agricultural interests of this young country, inasmuch as it is plain, practical, and eminently suggestive; the evident production of a man who understands the condition and wants of farmers, and the available means of elevating their social status, and of advancing their indispensable art. We trust that the perusal of this Essay will rouse the attention of the more enterprising portion of the farmers, in all sections of the Province, to the important objects which it so ably and lucidly sets forth.

We very much like the idea of making Farmers' Clubs necessary *adjuncts* to Agricultural Societies, and strongly recommend the following sentence to the reader's attention: "It has ultimately been resolved to establish a Farmers' Club, a sort of supplement to the *Agricultural Society*, the objects of which shall be to take

into consideration, and to afford opportunities for *giving* and *receiving* information on all matters connected with agriculture." Truly does the writer previously observe that, in agricultural exhibitions, the principles and advantages of improved husbandry and cattle breeding are seen in their *results*, but *how* these results have been obtained—*how they may be worked out by others*—a knowledge which contains the germ of general improvement—there is seldom time or means enough at such exhibitions to explain. The idea, therefore, of creating a Farmers' Club as a supplementary appendage to an Agricultural Society, seems absolutely necessary to the completeness of the work. And in pressing this view of the subject on the attention of the managers of Agricultural Societies generally, we would not only suggest, but earnestly urge, the desirableness of giving the greatest degree of publicity to the proceedings of such organizations, both by the local press and the agricultural journal or journals, published in the country. It is hardly necessary to say that our own pages shall always be open, as far as practicable, to such proceedings.

#### PATENTS OF INVENTION.

BUREAU OF AGRICULTURE,  
Quebec, 18th February, 1853.

His Excellency the Governor General has been pleased to grant Letters Patent of Invention, for a period of Fourteen Years, from the date thereof to the following persons, namely:

George Stacy, of Montreal, for an "Improved Spike Machine"—(dated 20th January, 1853);

William Allechin, of the Village of Paris, for an "Improved Scythe Holder"—(dated 26th January, 1853);

George Ansley, of the Village of Vienna, for "The Centrifugal and Centripetal Churn"—dated 8th February, 1852;

Ezekiel Burley, of the Township of Clarke, for an "Improvement on the Wooden Plough"—(dated 14th February, 1853.)

We are glad to perceive from the above that mechanical genius is not wholly asleep in the Province; and now that the office for patents is incorporated with the Bureau of Agriculture, a measure both wise and expedient, it is much to be hoped that the Minister presiding over that important Department, will give his best attention (as we have no doubt he will) to such an improvement of the regulations, as will foster and