

Opening of the Ontario School of Agriculture.

The Globe of Saturday last contained an article on the above subject, and, as it gives two or three items of information, apparently obtained at head quarters, we condense and quote from it as follows, for the benefit of our readers:—

After advertising to the liberal inducements offered by the Government to pupils for the first year, and expressing the opinion that they are such as ought to bring in a far larger number of applications than can possibly be entertained, the article adverts to some points which might perhaps require a few words of explanation. The first relates to the pre-requisites in order to admission, concerning which our contemporary says:—

"From the fact that the report of the Commissioners appointed to suggest a programme of study, and terms of admission, proposed that each pupil should be nominated by a Township Council, it may be inferred that such nomination will be required for the present year, in addition to the qualifications which are specified in the advertisement. We have ascertained on enquiry that this is not the case. Whatever may be ultimately resolved on with regard to this particular, nomination by a Township Council will be dispensed with in the meantime. Applications are to be made to Principal McCandless direct, accompanied by certificates of moral character, good health, and educational standing. Candidates who cannot present certificates from a High School, College, Normal School, or County Board, will be examined as to their knowledge of the several branches mentioned in the advertisement. And we have good grounds for believing that if the applicants are eligible and promising in other respects, this examination will be a lenient one."

We can certify of our own knowledge that explanation was needed on the above point. The time allowed for sending in applications was too short to admit of obtaining nomination from a Township Council in favour of an intending pupil, and yet to judge from the Commissioners' report, it was necessary to secure such nomination. If this has operated as a hindrance to the making of applications, as we think altogether likely, the difficulty is now removed.

A second topic discussed in the Globe's article, is that of the daily amount of labour to be performed by pupils. The advertisement specifies "seven hours." Let it be thought that an excessive amount of work will be required, it is explained that the time thus occupied will necessarily vary with the season, the weather, and other circumstances, and that part of it will be occupied with out-door teaching. It will be the aim to avoid mere drudgery on the one hand, and a too exclusive occupancy with in-door study on the other.

A third point adverted to, is the kind of discipline which will be enforced. The Globe thinks the idea has become current in some quarters, that a species of "army or prison discipline" will be adopted, and that the sum total of duty in doors and out, will be oppressive. It says:—"No fees need be entertained in these directions. We believe that parents need not fear either the extreme of dangerous laxity, or that of undue severity."

We understand that the building is in a good state of readiness, the class-room and other furniture provided, and the preparations in general for opening on the first of May are being pushed forward vigorously. It is to be hoped that a full class of sharp-witted, muscular, and promising pupils, will be on hand to avail themselves of the advantages about to be offered to the young and rising generation of farmers.

Taxing American Grain.

Dr. Orton on Thursday brought up a motion for the appointment of a select committee to consider the advisability of placing a duty on United States grain brought into Canada. The motion was introduced ostensibly in the interest of the farmers, whom Dr. Orton seems to have taken under his special protection. It will be remembered that during the election contest in the Centre Riding in 1872, this sort of protection to farmers was the great card played by the Doctor. His reasoning was unsound and his arguments fallacious, nevertheless he wished to show how deeply concerned he was for the good of the agricultural community, and he thought that a little buncombe would do no harm and might gain him a few votes. He played the same role again during the contest in January last, and was in a manner pledged to bring the question up before the House.

We doubt very much the Doctor's sincerity in this matter, but even assuming that he is, we have no faith in the policy he advocates, and a large majority of the members seem to be of the same opinion. Some of the members of the Committee proposed expressed themselves to the same effect, and Mr. Stirling being fully impressed with the utter futility of the enquiry, declined to act on it. Not that these gentlemen are less solicitous for the welfare of

the farmers than Dr. Orton, but that they are convinced the imposition of a duty on American grain would not benefit them in the slightest degree. We have taken some trouble to ascertain the views of farmers and millers in reference to this matter, and we find that they coincide pretty much with those held by several of the speakers during the discussion in the House. It is a fact that the great bulk of American wheat brought into Canada is purchased by millers along the Welland and other canals, where it is manufactured for export and not for home consumption. A large amount of capital and a great many men are employed in its manufacture, and thus one of our leading industries is in a great measure upheld. At times when our crops in Canada are short, or American grain is low in price, local millers may import to a small extent, but all that they buy makes scarcely any difference on the price of Canadian grain, which in almost every case commands a higher figure than that grown across the lines.

Again, we hold that the importation of coarse grains, duty free, into Canada, is a positive benefit to farmers. We have only to go back to last year in proof of this, when owing to the scarcity of coarse grains in Ontario thousands upon thousands of our car loads of corn were brought from the Western States. Had it not been for this timely supply of corn at a reasonable price, the stock on many a farm would have starved, and our farmers would have suffered to an extent which would have had a most injurious influence on every industry in the Province. The loss to them in this respect would have been far more than any problematical gain which they might reap by the imposition and collection for years of a small duty on wheat.

We quite agree with the remark made by Mr. Jas. Young on the subject when he said that the proposition of Dr. Orton "would not benefit the farmer, but would injure greatly the carrying trade of the country. It would not add a single cent to the price of agricultural produce, which was altogether dependent upon the state of the foreign markets; it would not put a cent extra into the pockets of the farmers; and the moment the agriculturist of this country accepted the position taken by the mover of the resolution they would be committed to a policy of absolute protection, by which they would lose ten dollars for every one they would gain."

REL.—Mr. Bowell's motion for the expulsion of Riel will not come up till Thursday. It is known that an affidavit by Riel is now ready to be laid before the House, and which will be presented when Bowell's motion for expulsion is brought up. It sets forth that the reason why he has not taken his seat is because he has reason to believe the Orangemen have determined to take his life.

THE HAMILTON TIMES.—This journal is now published by a company, called the "Times Printing Company," with Mr. C. Tyner as managing editor. Under the newly constituted firm the Times promises to keep up its character and standing as one of the best and most spirited Reform journals in Ontario.

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