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Is published in the City of London C.W., at the City Printing Office, by Dawson & Bro., is Edited by W. Weld, a practical farmer; is intended to afford to Agriculturists useful and reliable accounts on agricultural subjects; to afford a means for Agricultural communications; to report on Agricultural meetings; to give free notices of fairs, agricultural meetings and Exhibitions, also it will be a cheaper and better means than agriculturists now have for advertising.

We also propose opening a Register at this Office of farms or stock, or implements that may be for sale. We will give notice of such in our paper free of charge. If sold a small commission will be charged of 1 per cent on farms or stock. No sale no pay. Orders are taken at this Office for fruit trees and ornamental shrubs from George Leslie's Nurseries, which are the best in Canada. Farmers of Middlesex you require such a paper established in this County. Let each enterprising person to whom this is sent obtain a few subscribers for the paper, or place it in the hands of some one that will or put it up in some conspicuous place. Agents wanted. Registered letters are at our risk. All communications must be post paid. Office hours from 1 to 3 o'clock p. m., Fridays and Saturdays.

We are advocating the establishment of an Agricultural Emporium. We are exposing the mismanagement of the Provincial Agricultural Association, and shall bring forward the plans for a Farmer's Bank. We shall advocate the interest of the farmers in every proper manner—useful and practical hints will appear in our columns. All the members of Parliament, Mayors of Cities, Wardens of Counties, Reeves of Townships, and intelligent farmers that we have met speak favorably of our undertaking. Act as your own judge. Will you be amongst the foremost in a useful, beneficial and profitable undertaking.

You all know that ours is a necessary, useful and beneficial undertaking. It is also expensive, and your small subscription may be the means of putting hundreds of dollars in your pockets when our plans are carried out, which we have not the slightest doubt will be. You may then say that you were among the first in your section to advance the interests of the Farmer's Advocate and the Agricultural Emporium.

We have very few back numbers left, the type being distributed. Persons ordering back Nos. will receive the plat we presented to subscribers last year, and as many back Nos. as we have to spare, some Nos. are extinct. The charge for back Nos. is 50 cents. Parties that do not receive the full Nos. from Jan. will be supplied with extra ones or double numbers to complete the year.

We have no appointed Agent. Parties interested, are requested to act in the neighborhoods, where they are known. We offer the following inducements for clubs.
5 Copies for one year \$2. 10 for \$5, and one bush. of the best black oats procurable in Canada, the same kind are sent to the Paris Exhibition. These are the oats that have and will take the prizes.

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Farmer's advertisements of stock or farms for sale, 50 cents. In small space only.

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CONFEDERATION.

We hail with pleasure the coming unity of the British American Provinces, as being a great step towards strengthening us as a nation. We ask for no more power, or right, or justice than Britain has always accorded us. In fact we consider we have been in many ways a tax and a dependance on her. I hope the time is not far distant in which Canada will be able to boast of her Iron Clad fleet and her regiments of soldiers—doing their duty in any part of the world that Britain may require assistance. In what state would our homes have been in, had she not stood as our protector. This Confederation will be a large and expensive machine to run. All great improvements must naturally cost something. We shall have more than double the number of members of Parliament than at present. There will be an Upper and Lower House, or general Parliament, whose location will be in Ottawa. Then local Legislatures, or Houses of Commons will be held in four places viz: Toronto, Quebec, Halifax and Fredricton. It is now generally believed that we shall have a general election in a few months.

As we are an agricultural country, we should endeavor as much as possible to have those positions filled by persons that will represent the Agricultural interests of the country. Farmer's do not pledge yourselves to support, such; and such, because of some particular friendship, or because they belong to a particular party, or worse for some bribe. Wherever there is bribery consider the giver as a rogue, who has some great scheme that he wishes to carry through Parliament whereby he may take from the public chest, in a direct or indirect manner a thousand times the amount expended. Look on the receiver of a bribe as a low, mean, contemptible creature, who would sell himself or the country for pelf. Act not hastily, read reliable papers, if you

can find such. Enquire of the most intelligent, compare other peoples views, promise not hastily, form your own judgment, and return such men as have shown themselves most interested in the agricultural prosperity of the country.

PUBLIC OPINION.

"O wou'd he that gift to ge us,
To see oursel' as ithers see us."

We have taken our pen and employed our time and means for the purpose of advancing any and everything that may come under our observation, that in any way tends to the advancement of the interest, prosperity and happiness of the farmers. Whatever is for their interest is of importance to all. We have also condemned such things as we believe to be detrimental to their interests. In doing so, we have neither sought public opinion or favor, but endeavored to speak plainly and forcibly. Many public journals appear to be afraid of offending some one, from whom they receive or expect to receive favors. The real and true friends of the farmers are subscribers for our paper. Their names may be seen on our list, and their voices may be heard in our support.

There are, there has been, and ever will be opposers to any plan that has been devised for the public good. All that we ask of you is to read, see, and act on your own judgment. We have deemed it necessary to speak plainly, and bring out facts clearly without fear or favor. We have touched on no subject but of importance to farmers. In fact our paper has been so fully occupied with matters of interest, that we have not treated so much on stock and land as we would wish to have done.

It is our intention to avoid personalities, except where we find it necessary, to advance or expose any measure.