

**THE AGRICULTURAL EMPORIUM.**

Is rapidly increasing in public favor, and the benefits of it are just beginning to be appreciated, and the effects to be telling on the country. The last six months our business has more than doubled, the circulation of the paper has doubled, and the extent of country over which we have disseminated the best kinds of seed grain is already astonishing to ourselves. The profit to those that have procured it must be great, and the increase of our export receipt must be enhanced by it. Five years ago, when this undertaking was first commenced, the light and comparatively useless class of light blooded stallions were in vogue in many sections—St. Catherines, Whitby, and Prince Edward—and the excitement for the greyhound class was so rapidly increasing, caused by the excitement of the turf, that the proper cultivation of the soil was materially injured in consequence of the numerous rejected weeds of that class that were to be found being unsaleable for other purposes, were used as agricultural animals with a most sorry result in our crops. By the steps that we have taken and pursued for the past few years, these injurious and demoralizing places, the race course, have to a considerable extent been checked, and the raising of a superior and more profitable class of stock is now in vogue, even by some of those persons that may have abetted in tearing down our placards, and otherwise attempted by word or deed to thwart this undertaking. However, by continued hard and persevering labor, we feel the great satisfaction and gratification of knowing that we have conquered. Our plans and views are now appreciated by hundreds of our readers. The impress is now given to such an extent over this Dominion that branch emporiums will be established in each county in course of time. There will be an increasing demand for the best, cleanest, and most profitable kinds of seeds. The necessity of the changing of seed will be more generally felt among our farmers, and the profit of having fresh and better blood diffused among our flocks and herds must be seen. They must look to some place to procure fresh seeds and fresh blood, and what better way than having an emporium where regular importations would be made and new seeds tested, and correct and reliable reports made of the state of

the crops of the country. Gentlemen, this undertaking has been commenced and carried out with a patriotic spirit. It has been a provincial undertaking by private enterprise. The members of parliament and many intelligent farmers are beginning to appreciate it. The legislature, always slow to loosen or tie the red tape in matters connected with agriculture, are, we believe, willing to aid this undertaking, and we believe that the board of agriculture will bring forward these very plans that we have suggested if they are not efficiently carried out by private enterprise. Our agriculturists as a body are the least enterprising of any class of the community, and extremely slow to take up any new plan or implement, however beneficial it may be to them. One great question now arises. Would such an establishment be more beneficial, profitable, or of greater utility to the country if carried on by the government or private enterprise? There is one thing appears plain to us, that is whenever any government undertakings are put in operation, persons are found to fill offices that care nothing at all about their occupation more than the receipt of their salaries. This is visible in every place where large salaries are paid, and count the few that expend a moment of their time, or a dollar of their large salaries for any public good. If conducted by private enterprise, persons interested see that proper and efficient men are at their posts, and they are not apt to be over paid. The next mode suggested for carrying it out is by obtaining a charter from parliament. When we were conversing with several of the members about it during the last session in Toronto, one member spoke in favour of assisting the undertaking, but objected to chartering companies, and said that he would be inclined to assist such by a grant. Some of our friends say to us, you have brought forward the plan, and can manage it just as well as the government could, or a chartered company. Stick to it yourself. Bring forward a plan whereby persons can assist you, and you will meet the assistance if you desire it. You are worthy of it, and confidence can be placed in you. Your plans are good. The undertaking must be profitable when in proper operation. Why should you have labored so hard for years past and expended so much money,

and then allow the profits of your labors to be taken by others who will not thank you for it. Stick to it, and let your family enjoy the profits of your exertions. True, there is reason and logic in the above argument, and we will bring forward a plan or two whereby the inhabitants of Canada can assist us and assist themselves.

We again propose issuing 1000 emporium notes of \$5 each. Each note to be numbered, and the holders name to be written on the face of it to avoid fraud, the notes to be payable in two years, and to bear interest at 8 per cent. Privileges to be granted to the holders of the notes. They may at one time have the amount of their notes paid up in seed or stock that may be for sale at the emporium, or they may have the first opportunities of procuring any new or valuable kind of seed, plant, stock or implement that may be for sale at the emporium at a deduction of half the profit on the same until they have received profit to the amount of double the value of the note or notes. The notes are to be duly paid in addition to this advantage: The notes are also transferable by giving due notice of the same to this office.

It will be asked what security, or prospect of repayment will be given.

1st. You have the honor of a native Briton.

2nd. You have 25 years residence of said Briton in Canada, who never had a note protested, or never was sued for an honest debt, and whose word of honor stands as high as that of any other farmer in the country.

3d. You have the name and reputation at stake of the *Farmer's Advocate* and the Agricultural Emporium, which has cost more, and is worth far more than the amount of the loan asked for.

4th. You have the Westwell Farm property, consisting of 290 acres of land, valued by the two best appraisers in the County at \$9,000.

5th. Two of the most valuable stallions in Canada, a few pure bred Durhams, Ayrshires, Cotswolds, Cheviots, Leicesters, improved Berkshire hogs, pure bred poultry, valuable crops growing on the farm, that will command high prices for seed, and 100 acres of land near Bothwell. Also mares, cattle, young horses, teams and implements, book accounts, &c., which may all be assigned as security,