a door opening into this room, and be closed on the outside all the year except when it was necessary to be open in order to put the ice The first cost of this addition would be but a trifle, and the expense of getting the ice nothing at all, for the farmer could do all that himself.

A nice house, with the road side in front of it, the favorite place of deposite for all the broken dilapidated crockery, tin ware, and debris of the farm, is a common sight, and presents a contrast which demonstrates that the lady who presides within has no proper appreciation of the fitness of things. Every body likes the sweets of neatness, and the home is pleasanter if neat. Banish the swill barrel from the kitchen door and in its stead have two large pails, and a rule, which every man and boy must obey, to empty them when full into the swill barrel, which shall constitute part of the furniture of the pig house. A clean cellar, airy and free from odors is health.

A house on a hill, with no trees around it, looks cheerless and unhomelike. Have grounds around the dwelling. Tear away the fences, they cost money and are useless. I mean the fences shutting the house up as if there were danger of its running away. Let there be not less than an acre of door yard, ten will be better. Make a rich lawn of this and cut the grass. It can be no waste, but it will be a thing of beauty, and "a thing of beauty is a joy forever." There need not be any loss to be tasteful; nature and beauty are synonyms; good taste and economy can therefore be made hand maids to each other. Set out fruit trees in this enclosure and dig around them with a spade each year, and top dress the whole, and the trees will grow finely, and the grass will grow luxuriantly, and the house will grow beautiful, the childern will grow contented, the fathers and mothers as they grow old will grow happy, the neighbors will grow to emulate and to excel, the township will grow attractive, and the young men and the young women will grow to think and to feel, that there is no place after all like home, "Sweet Home."

We extract the above from the Journal of the New York State Agricultural Society .-They issue monthly a pamphlet containing their transactions and discussions. Had we space in our paper we should often make extracts from that journal.

Why, we would ask, has no one among our leading men, and managers of our agricultural affairs come forward to aid in organizing Agri cultural Clubs, or even to send their plans, suggestions or experience in print before the country in some of Agricultural papers of the Dominion. We have labored, and still intend to labor, to bring what arguments and weight we can to bear on our agricultural legislators, to countenance such plans as we farmers know would be of advantage us. The mere taxing us for what we do not require will never satisfy the Canadian farmer. We do not require any taxation for agriculture if it is to be used for party politics, we only ask to have no oppression or obstacles placed in the way of independent progress, and leave it entirely untramelled by political influences. Then, and not till then, shall we have really good agricultural clubs and discussions. It is impossible to have them established, if the Government are determined to trample them down.

THE POOR FARMER.-A writer who has no respect for shiftless farmers says: - "The poor farmer whose hens roost in trees during the storms of winter complain that they lay no eggs. His cows shiver by the side of the fences, and he complains that the childern eat too much butter. He goes to the grocery with a jug in one end of the sack and a stone in the other; he wipes his nose with his sleeves. thinks those farmers who take agricultural papers, and who read works on farming, are stuck up farmers. He is down on all books of He never has a paper in his house learning. He never has a paper in his house that is of value. Those that are found belong to the trash of the school. In the spring his sheep flock is seen in pelts hanging on the fence. Reader, have you any farmers of this character in your vicinity? If so, try and buy them out and send them away, as they are a drawback and disgrace to any neighborhood. -Home Journal.

To the Editor of the Farmer's Advocate.

A FEW OBSERVATIONS.

Dear Sir, -you are to be commended for in serting communications unfavorable as well as favorable to your enterprize and undertaking; but when a person brings a charge against another, he should first see what grounds he has to base that charge upon. I refer to a letter, which I read with contempt, in the Far-MER'S ADVOCATE of January or February last, which was one of the lamest attempts at fault finding that could well be imagined. No doubt those of your readers who are gifted with a little foresight and common sense, took the same view of it as myself. It was one of those often met with communications that have been written to slander, and are not susceptible of what you could call a single joint. Among other allusions—or, more proper, delusions—which did not amount to much, the writer went on to say that your paper was becoming Yankeefied, and was not worthy of being called a Canadian publication, or words to the same effect. And how was it becoming same effect. And how was it becoming Yankeefied? By extracting valuable articles pertaining to agriculture from American agricultural journals! Certainly, this is laughable, and I am glad to see from your remarks that you say you have not only always done so, but will still continue to make selections that you think will be of interest to those you represent. I am not a Yankee myself, but be ieve me the strongest anti-American in the Dominion would not pen such a nonsensical effusion as that. If Canada was possessed of as many valuable agricultural papers as the as many valuable agreement papers as the States, there would be an excuse. Perhaps Mr. "Faultfind" has got that idea into his head. How would daily papers get their foreign news if it was not from "exchanging?" It could not all come by telegraph. People are often at a loss for a subject to write upon. No doubt this perspecacious youth was similarly afflicted.

I am glad to see you have struck up a correct pondence with Red River, and I am inclined to think it will be found very valuable and interesting to your readers. As we are to have a railroad of our own running out there before long, which will save the trouble and expense of going by the present route, (although the fare now is, by a recent reduction, as low as possible under the circumstances), if your correspondent keeps the ADVOCATE well informed as to crops, climate, prospects, &c., no doubt many of its readers will be inclined to try their fortune in this new country, if the reports are

I can sympathize with you in this affair of Technical College. The idea is most certainly yours, and if I am not mistaken, has been advocated by you ever since your paper has made its debut. I think all will acquiesce with me in saying that had the subject of establishing an institution for the trying of seeds not been ventilated so thoroughly and with so much force in the FARMER'S ADVOCATE, the idea of forming such a college would not have been thought of. As the Hon. John Carling lately said, the government could not aid a private enterprize, yet they would have aided to the light and beautiful for the said of th lately said, the government could not and a private enterprize, yet they would have aided you indirectly, and have done just as much good to the country, that they wished to be a little more saving of the public money,) by not establishing this College, and by speaking favorably of your undertaking, now that it has begun to be of considerable benefit, after, I believe an up, bill and thorny express. Still believe, an up-hill and thorny career. Still, the Emporium may not be so considerably damaged as might naturally be expected as I am confident when the circumstance becomes am connent when the chromistance becomes well known throughout the farming community of the Dominion, that they will not only still continue to patronize and look to you for advice about seeds, but will give no countenance whatever to this government monopoly, which is almost as mean as taking the hard earned bread out of a man's mouth. Your paper, you say, is non-political, but how you fiel at heart, politically, I well know, and you can not be blamed.

Your plan of having seeds tested in different Your plan of having seeds tested in different parts of Canada is a good one, which is another drawback for this Technical College, as the growing of seeds carried on there will be on the same ground, you might say, and those doing well in that I culty (wherever it may be estaghished) may not do at all one hundred miles distant. What is that to be compared with the distant is that it to be compared that the strength of the of having seed tested north the admirable idea of having seed tested north, south, east and west, and having the results published in the Advocate? But it is useless saying more about what cannot be helped, as, to quote your own words, a private undertaking cannot compete with a government undertaking. Yet, you may depend you will not be damaged to such an extent as many prognosticate, as sympathy goes a great way in an affair of this kind—the weak and the strong.

An unspeakable blessing will have been achieved for the farming community if your petition to the Legislature to have the carriage of seeds reduced be carried into effect. As the crops rule trade, all restructions and incumbrance on the farmer as to his seeds, his newspaper, &c., should be removed. Every farmer should have an agricultural paper in his house,

and government should aid these papers by allowing them through the post offices free, and by giving an annual prize to the one which, in their opinion, gives the most valuable and fullest information about seeds, stock, implements, and all that is interesting to the poor, hard-working agriculturist. Something in this shape might very easily be done at present, as with such a large surplus on hand, the trifling outlay would not be missed, while the benefit it would bring about would be enormous.

Ingersoll, my little town, was never in a more promising condition than she is now. ings are going up rapidly, and finding tenants before they are finished. And why is this? I can answer you in one word—cheese, yes, cheese; its curious, isn't it, but its a fact. Nothing else but cheese is building up Inger-Nothing else but cheese is building up Ingersoll. Don't mistake my meaning and imagine the town is made of cheese. Oh, no; it is not, the houses are of wood and brick, and are going up as fast as possible, which is not half fast enough. We Ingersollites account for this increase by saying that Oxford cheese has such a fine flavor that its aromatic quality can be seented for many miles around, and people once getting a sniff are not content until they come, "bag and baggage," and settle down in the Cheese Mart of Canada, the name that is generally given to our little town. We are going ahead of the county town—Woodstock.

It is high time I brought this to a close, as I

It is high time I brought this to a close, as I myself am an advocate of brief epistles, but I cannot seal without saying a few more words, which seem to be clinging to the point of my pen. I have always had a great liking for the pen. I have always had a great ling for the H—— and P——, and respect for its editor, but lately, or I should say from the time it changed its "heading," I have imagined that the tone of the paper was somewhat changed—not for the better; and I was fully justified in my belief when I saw attacks made upon you have the Emperium and making a ridicule. and upon the Emporium, and making a ridicule of you and what you said at John Carling's meeting. Could the editor of that journal answer one question? and that is, Does it do him any good, or give him any satisfaction, to bring his tirades of abuse to bear upon you, your paper, or anything belonging to you? I am afraid a satisfactory answer could not be recived to that query. But I am glad to see that you, Mr. Editor, know how to defend yourself, in pen warfare, as well as is necessary, and not submit to be brow-beaten by any "Scavenger." But I am glad to se

Yours truly, OBSERVER.

Ingersoll, April 9, 1871.

To the Editor of the Farmer's Advocate.

Sir, - Please find enclosed one dollar to pay for the current year of the FARMER'S ADVOC It is a little more than a year since I subscribed for your paper. I was told by a friend of mine that I was foolish in so doing, as he believed you was a little deranged in the attic story. Well, I have carefully read all your lucubrations expecting to find a practical demonstration of my friends warning. I have, however, been happily disappointed in finding that your "Madness" has a thoroughly practical and progressive ' Method" in urging forward the best and most important agricultural intersts of this new coun-You have dealt some heavy and well merit ed blows against the managers of our agricultural affairs. Every farmer who reads and is capable of understanding the way in which our so called "Bureau of Agriculture" is conducted, can easily see at once that the practical in terests of our noble calling, holds but a second ary place in the hearts of our Legislators and Agricultural Commissioners-else why this oppressive postage on every item connected with agriculture; more especially in a country where agriculture is acknowledged by all to be the very foundation and corner stone of Society. They seem to ignore the very wisdom of Solomon who declared "That the produce of the earth is for all, the King himself is served by the field." From the way in which the interests of the farming community are managed by our "Wise Men," in throwing every obstacle in the way of disseminating information and seeds among the noble band who till the soil and raise the food and taxes for those drones in the agricultural hive who feed and fatten on the labors of those whose who feed and attended to the transfer of the transfer interests they seem to despise? Continue on in your present non-political independent course. You may rely on it that the seeds you are now sowing in the minds of the farmers and their sons, is already germinating and will soon bear a plentiful harvest and bear down all opposition which ever political party may happen to hold the reins of government. After all the earnest appeals you have made to the Minister of Agriculture, it would not be amiss to go up to the Brewery some fine evening and bite him; perhaps you might infuse some of your intense earnestness into his lethargic frame. In your April number, you hinted that Mr. Carling is under the influence of an ex-president. I for one hope that he will prove an apt scholar, for if it be true that "knowledge is power," there is no comparison whatever between the two gentlemen, neither literary or otherwise—farming included. About the management of the Western Fair or its mismanagement, I know nothing; I have no doubt, "to make money and do

but I do know that that ex-President referred to spent a great deal of his time and labor in putting its machinery in working order, for which services he has the good wishes of all us backwoodmen. I hope the Western Fair will continue to flourish. There is certainly plenty of honest men in the Western Peninsula from which to form a Board of Directors, to see that are withing is due hopestly and above heard. which to form a Board of Directors, to see that every thing is done honestly and above board. I am none of the "subservient place hunters" referred to. What I have stated is my honest convictions, but not being behind the scenes I may be wrong, but you are well able to set me right.

There must be something good in the plans of the Western Fair; else why are the other large cities of Ontario preparing to follow the exam-

We cannot all go to Kingston or perchance to Ottawa, hence the necessity.

Yours, etc.,

JOHN LEGGE. Nissouri, May 2nd, 1871.

We thank Mr. Legge for his encouraging letter. We think Mr. L. must have misunderstood us if he supposes that we have been opposed to the Western Fair, or any other Agricultural Exhibition. What we have attempted has been to prevent the Western Fair from being a mere horse race, which ino doubt it would have been had we not exposed its plans and actions in the bud; but we have not exposed half of the infamous acts which have been attempted. The ex-president above alluded to may have done some good, but we believe the damage done to agricultural pro gress, both by neglect of his duty when President of the Provincial Board. and the most dogged, tyrannical and persistent attempts to thwart and trample down measures and undertakings that are admitted to be of advantage to the country; and when his colleagues are composed of such men as a certain magistrate who was a strong upholder of the hung man Jones-the very blackest and most dishonorable acts have been committed by the party. We might mention names and circumstances, and will if pressed to do so. At any rate, we think the \$2000 per annum which he now receives is ample payment for all the agricultural and political good he has ever done the Minister of Agriculture in any way; and by the said President's misadvise, the Hon. John Carling will lose his power as Minister of Agriculture, if he continues to be advised by him and some of his present counsellors.

To the Editor of the Farmer's Advocate PROPOSED GOVERNMENT FARM TAX.

Sir,-I am assured that your enterprize is the

only one of practical utility to practical farming. What success do mere theorists meet with, unless their ideas are made practical by themselves or others.

The trouble and danger of government institutions similar to yours is that they are too much trammelled by political influence. If any be started you should certainly be rewarded for setting the ball on motion.

If a Government farm be studied, through what medium will the result of its experimentings, &c., be made known; or will it be hidden ings, &c., be made known; or will it be hidden from us plebeians and peasants. I hope you will not be discouraged nor shrink from your present position, but bear the brunt, supported as you should be by all intelligent farmers. It seems to me there is too much Agricultural quackery now. From the roller and agricultural implement swindle, to the Norway oat, some one, (and who, better than yourself?) should expost them.

Agricultural papers are, as a general thing, too much toned, tinctured by politics. In this our town of Belleville, I am confident that an institution similar to yours would pay well.

I do not approve of farmers experimenting too much. Of what use the growing of 5 or 6 varieties of oats, wheat &c. They are sure to get mixed. When a grain or implement has ceased to become an experiment, then only should the farmer get it. It is your duty to filter (as it were) the genuine and adulterated, so that only the good should eventually come forth.

It does not pay for all to experiment. Though I pay a high price for a new kind of grain, will the merchant or my neighbor farmer pay me

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