

necessarily diffusive location; they are consequently less ready than the clergy, the lawyers, or the commercial classes, at argument, or the power of communicating ideas; hence it happens that all offices of *power, honour, or emolument*, in this Province, are given to *lawyers, doctors, merchants*; and such offices will very properly continue to be given to and held by the members of these professions, until farmers endeavour to shake off the lethargy by which they have so long been afflicted, and use means to qualify themselves for that position in society to which their large preponderance in number, and rapidly increasing wealth, undoubtedly entitle them. My decided opinion is, that the establishment of and due attendance at the meetings of, a Farmers' Club, is taking the first proper step to attain that respectability of position which I have attempted to indicate. From the discussions of the Club, the inexperienced will have an opportunity of rapidly learning the results of the practice of the more experienced, and so conducting their labours on the most approved and successful systems. Having given subjects for discussion at stated periods, will not only induce the members to think and prepare themselves, but will also tend to elevate their views and feelings as regards farming as a pursuit, and will consequently make them respect themselves and every member of their own class. It will make them better farmers, better sons, better husbands, better fathers, better neighbours, and, above all, better Christians. Such are, in my estimation, some of the principal benefits which will be derived from the establishment of a Farmers' Club. I refrain from entering upon the subject of what are the proper questions to be discussed at the monthly meetings, as I believe there are other gentlemen present who are prepared to address you on the subject, who have a much greater claim upon your attention than I can pretend to. I have merely to apologize for this hastily composed address, and to thank you for the patient indulgence with which you have listened to it.

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BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

We have received several enquiries and suggestions from individuals residing in different parts of the Province, who feel an interest in promoting the cause of Agriculture, relative to the means which are, or should be used, for that purpose. The Board will meet in this city as soon as the navigation opens, when business of much importance will come up for consideration. Any communications with which we may be favored touching matters coming within the province of that body, will receive proper attention, and we hereby invite enquiry, and re-

quest suggestions, with a view to prepare and adopt such measures as may best secure as many of the important objects in view, as possible.

We would particularly call the attention of the reader to the communications which recently appeared in this journal, from the pen of the President of the Agricultural Association, on certain alterations and improvements in the management of the annual exhibitions. As the amount of visitors and articles offered in competition may be expected annually to increase, every effort should be made to appoint a sufficient number of the most competent and disinterested judges that it is possible to obtain, and so to modify and extend the arrangements and regulations as to give the greatest degree of confidence and satisfaction to all parties, that may be practicable. Some irregularity and inconvenience, and we may add, dissatisfaction, have arisen more or less, at every exhibition, from the rules not having been strictly enforced, as to the time of closing entries, and the judges making up their books. Unfortunately the weather,—such as a storm on the lakes, or heavy rains,—has in most previous years disturbed the arrangements; a cause which will not be so severely felt when the railways that are now commenced get into full operation. Several individuals have written us on the urgent necessity of insisting on full and unbroken pedigrees in the classes of pure bred stock, and this regulation is of so much importance, that it will have to be strictly enforced.

With respect to the Experimental Farm and the importation of Stock, and other matters-connected therewith, or arising therefrom, the Board will have to consider and probably decide on, at its next meeting. The grounds in the University Park are already partially prepared, and about 16 acres were sown to wheat last fall; and it is expected that active operations will commence in the spring. An order has already been sent to England for new and improved varieties of seeds, roots, &c., for illustrative and experimental purposes.

We hope shortly to be able to lay before our readers some interesting and satisfactory information on these topics, both as connected with the Bureau and Board of Agriculture. In the