

we have to report unfavourably on, are that we hear the midge is in the wheat, but as there is a greater breadth of the midge proof sown, this year, the damage from that cause will not be so great. We hear that in some parts of the Lower Province, the wet weather has retarded farm operations so much, that it is likely to shorten the crop in some vicinities. Upon the whole we consider Canada was never in a more prosperous state; farmers never had so much money in their possession; the prices are good for everything they have to sell; we hear of no sickness, to any extent, in the country, affecting man or beast. We have no fear of the blustering Fenians. Peace, plenty, and prosperity reigns. *Are we thankful to the Giver of these blessings; do we ever consider the state we might be in.* We hope George Brown will not succeed in wrecking our confederation ship, nor cause an internal political, or civil strife, that may mar our prospects of independence. We believe that he has attained the zenith of his power, and must, if Canada prospers, sink into "oblivion's silent gloom," without leaving a single act or trophy to remind his followers of the good he has done. On the other hand, we hope the powers in authority will not be too extravagant, in paying too large salaries to too many public officers. We think that salaries from \$8,000 to \$50,000 are rather high, and that those offices might be filled with just as good men, for half of that money. We would like to ask you what good our late minister of agriculture, did for the large salary he received. If people accept of a public office of any kind, they should devote some of their attention to the public welfare.

The Provincial Exhibition.

To persons holding stock from the Emporium and having any idea of taking it to Kingston, we would inform you that the G. T. R. R. is so dangerously out of order, that you cannot ship by it unless you sign a printed form exonerating the Company from all loss. The cars are out of order, the managers and employers as a body are too independent and regardless of us or our interests, and are extremely negligent and uncivil. We engaged a car last year from that Company, but at the time we went as agreed on, no car was there for us. The Company endeavors to silence every accident they can. We do not hear of one quarter of the rascality that is taking place in connection with that Road. It must be looked into, and totally re-arranged, or continue to be a great loss to the stockholders and others. Even were the Road in good order, we would not take valuable stock there this year—the management is not yet right. We can already tell where some of the principal prizes will go, or are intended to go. Our desire is only to ask for fair play, but we have heretofore, in that respect been sadly disappointed.

CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATIONS.

Associations of working men for the purposes of business, are becoming every day more widely spread and increasing in favor with the public generally. The Rochdale Co-operative Association, from a very small beginning, has increased, until last year the sales were £300,000 Stg. Another Association which carries on a large manufactory, owns a farm, grow vegetables, keep a dairy, make butter, cheese, &c., for their own consumption. Co-operative stores are in successful operation in many of the cities and towns of England and Scotland, and they have lately established a large wholesale house for the purpose of supplying these stores with the necessary goods for carrying on business.

Stores on the co-operative system have been established, and are in successful operation in Hamilton, Toronto, Galt, and one for the sale of Groceries and Provisions, has been lately established under the most favorable auspices in our own city of London.

The Capital Stock consists of shares of \$5 each, every member subscribing for at least two Shares, but no one to hold more than twenty Shares. Each Shareholder is to receive six per cent on the amount of his or her Shares—women being allowed to hold shares as well as men. All goods are bought and sold for cash only. No adulteration allowed and no second price. The Manager is elected by ballot of the Shareholders, and has charge of the business. Buying and selling under the direction of a Board of Trustees, consisting of a President, Vice President and 12 Trustees, making a Board of 14; all elected by ballot. The Manager, Secretary and Treasurer are placed under bonds to perform their duty properly. The cash taken for sales must be paid by the Manager to the Treasurer at least twice a week, and by the Treasurer deposited in Bank. The Manager must report to the Board of Trustees every week the business done every day of the week preceding. The Secretary keeps a record of all the proceedings, correspondence, &c., of the Association, and the Treasurer pays all accounts, invoices, &c. By order of the Board Regular Quarterly meetings of the Shareholders are held at which a Report of the 3 months business is laid before them, and other necessary business proceeded with. The Store is on the South side of Dundas Street, near the centre of the Block, between Market Lane and Talbot Street. It has a full Stock of first class Groceries. Cash paid for Farmer's produce, and we would recommend farmers to take Stock and deal at the Store. The profits after paying expenses are divided among the Shareholders, in the ratio of their purchases. The Association is incorporated under an Act of Parliament passed Sept. 1865, which provides for the prompt punishment of delinquent officers, and gives abundant facilities for the transaction of business. The number is nearly 200, and we are of the opinion that it will be a very successful and prosperous undertaking. But the co-operative principle is not destined to stop with the establishment of Stores. Manufactories of various descriptions, and many of the mechanical pursuits will ultimately be carried on upon the same principle.

The Illinois State Fair commences on the 30th of September.

Correspondence.

For the Farmers' Advocate.

Immigration.

Metcalfe, June, 1867.

SIR,—The municipal councils are often

asked, through circulars from the Chief Immigration Agent, Quebec, "How many labourers each municipality could find employment for;" and answers are often sent for a certain number, which never arrive. Now, I, myself, among others, have supposed that, when the information was asked for, at least a few would be sent to each township. Now does the fault rest with the municipalities, or with the Immigration Agent: and what plan can be taken in this western section of the country to obtain a supply of labourers? It seems strange to me that our French Canadians have to seek employment in the United States, while in Western Canada, there is a great scarcity of labourers. Allow me to ask, what inducement can be held out to them to make Western Canada their future scene of labour? Yours truly,

T. MOYLE.

Having recently been in Lower Canada, we were much surprised to find labour paid for at a much lower rate than with us. Farm labour was from \$8 to \$12 per month, and here it is from \$12 to \$18. It is surprising how little we know of them and their position, or they of us, or surely this inducement would bring some of them amongst us; but when they emigrate, they go to the States; were a proper arrangement made, and reliable information given to them, we doubt not but an emigration might be induced that would be beneficial to both of us. The greatest hinderance is the difference of the languages spoken, and when they leave home, they prefer going where others that speak their language are to be found. We believe that young lads, from 16 to 18 years of age, might easily be induced to come among us, they would easily, at that age, acquire our language, and receive a much greater reward for their labour. Ed.

QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNG FOLKS TO ANSWER.

When is an apple dumpling not an apple dumpling?

What shoemaker is that who makes shoes without leather?

What lock cannot be picked?

ANSWERS FOR LAST NUMBER.—1st. Kawphy. 2d. 60 Nuts. 3d. One—the rest fly away. 4th In the Dictionary. 5th. He departs from his scene of action.