

Agricultural Legislation.

The Ontario Legislature are bringing in the following Bills:

1st. An Act to incorporate the Poultry Association of Ontario.

"Any number of persons, not less than twenty-five, may organize and form themselves into an Association, to be known as 'The Poultry Association of Ontario,' by signing a declaration in the form of Schedule A to this Act annexed, and paying each not less than one dollar to the funds of the Association for that year; and all persons thereafter paying each the sum of one dollar (or such other sum, not being more than two dollars, as the Association may fix by by-law) annually to the funds of the Association, shall be members thereof."

2nd. An Act to prevent the spreading of the black-knot on plum and the yellows on peach trees:

"It shall be the duty of every occupant of land in the Province of Ontario, to cut out, and immediately burn up, all the black-knot found on plum-trees growing thereon, so often in each and every year as it shall appear on such trees; and shall dig up and burn all peach-trees affected with the yellows; and if any owner, possessor or occupier of land in said Province shall knowingly suffer any black-knot to grow thereon, he shall, upon conviction, be liable to a fine of not less than two dollars, nor more than ten dollars for every such offence."

3rd. An Act to authorize investments in Municipal debentures issued in aid of stone or timber drainage.

"The provisions of the 'Ontario Tile Drainage Act,' passed in the forty-first year of Her Majesty's reign, chaptered nine, are hereby extended to authorize every Township Council to pass by-laws for borrowing money by the sale of debentures of the Municipality, for the purpose of lending the same for stone or timber drainage, in the same manner and subject to the like conditions as such Councils are, by the said Act, authorized to pass by-laws for borrowing money as aforesaid for the purpose of lending the same for tile drainage."

Also a meagre and trivial alteration of a line in the Agricultural Act, instead of a radical change, as is required. The so-called new Act that was passed consisted of but a few alterations, some of which we think of small account. There must be a great change in the management or the working of the Act; we believe that it would be better to leave the farmers to themselves than to do so little good and so much harm as has been done by the Board of Agriculture and Arts for years past. Should not Prof. Buckland have been rewarded for long services with moneys they have expended, or caused to be expended, that have done or will do no good? Be honest; pay your debts. There are also other debts that should be paid, and offices that should be filled with better men. There are some good men on the Board who wish to do good to the country. More anon.

New Grain.

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