

the purpose of testing the gratitude of our hearts to the utmost extremity. November is a blue month. Select a bright, pleasant season, say about Oct. 1.

J. H. Glendenning, Sunderland, Ont.: Believes in a change of date; say, about the last of October.

Kenny & Cockrill, Gananoque, Ont.: Favor a date about the middle of October. The last Thursday in October would be an improvement on the date of past years; but they would prefer Thursday, Oct. 20.

A. Westman, London, Ont., assents to a change, and thinks the last Thursday in October a suitable date.

W. J. McMurtry, St. Thomas, Ont., favors a change of date.

One Ontario firm, writing anonymously, do not favor a change. Think there is less work to do in the country in November, and October would interfere with trade more.

EVEN THE TURKEYS WOULD FALL INTO LINE.

John T. James, Bridgeburg, Ont.: It seems to me that an earlier date than we have hitherto had would be an improvement. The latter part of November is generally stormy, muddy and uncomfortable, and, as the almost universal practice is to observe "Thanksgiving" by family reunions, and similar gatherings, a more desirable time would be the latter part of October. Why the time has heretofore been fixed so late I do not comprehend, unless it was simply following our United States neighbors, and this is not always the best thing to do. We are old enough to strike out our own furrows, and in this case it would certainly be better than the old rut. As to the date coming at a busy time for the trade, it is generally a busy time from now to Christmas, but when a merchant closes his store, he likes to be able to take full advantage of the holiday, and get away from the scene of his work, and this he can do much more pleasantly in

October than in November. Of course, the turkeys must be consulted, because they would have to start earlier or grow faster, or both, in order to meet the changed condition of things, but, no doubt, they could be prevailed upon to begin their courting a month earlier to accommodate the public. Yes, all things considered, let us agitate for an earlier Thanksgiving.

HOLIDAYS TOO CLOSE TOGETHER.

James R. Inksater, Paris, Ont., favors the first Thursday in November. The last Thursday in October would be suitable enough, not only on account of the November weather being cold, but the end of November brings Thanksgiving too close to Christmas, crowding the three holidays almost into one month.

J. E. Martineau, Quebec, points out that Thanksgiving is not generally observed in the city of Quebec, and suggests November 1 as a better date than that now chosen.

John Northway & Co., Chatham, Ont., favor a change of date, and think the last Thursday in October would be suitable.

Geo. Ritchie & Co., Belleville, Ont., suggest a day from the middle to the end of October.

John Hayden, Guelph, Ont.: In regard to the date that would be most suitable to hold Thanksgiving Day, I certainly would advocate the latter part of this month (September), or the fore part of October. After those dates the weather is liable to be cold and disagreeable.

OTHER OPINIONS FAVORING A CHANGE.

It will be noticed that several firms would prefer the Thanksgiving to be on a Monday or Saturday, so that a complete holiday, allowing a man to go home from a distance, would be given. It

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