

CONSIDERATION.

However beneficial any invention or improvement has been, and there have been many, every one is first condemned by those that have not perception to understand the peculiar advantages of them. The public mind is always more ready to condemn than applaud. We feel thankful for the support we are receiving. Many have exerted themselves in our behalf, and we sincerely thank them, and hope that no man will ever be a looser by what he has done towards advancing the Agricultural Emporium plans. We may have written sharply and given offence to some, but there is no use sending a boy on a man's errand. Some condemn our remarks about the Provincial Exhibition, but we spoke from hard earned and dearly bought experience, and not from vain fancy. We have at great expense brought before the Managers and Directors of that institution plans such as the country most requires. That is a place for introducing, testing, furnishing and giving information about seed grain. The country has lost more from the lack of proper seeds, than all the cash receipts and expenditures of the Provincial Agricultural Association would come to in fifty years. It has been a matter, to say the least, most negligently overlooked, and it has been the duty of that Board to attend to such an important question. We say that any person striving for and obtaining any office as a public servant, and neglecting to attend faithfully to the requirements of the country, and devoting proper time and attention to the wants of the public, that man or body of men are naught but imposters on us. We make no distinction in these remarks, whether you are a member of the Cabinet, a Judge, a Councilman, or a petty magistrate, or any other public officer. You are placed in an honorary position, you accept the public pay, you sought, fought, and strived, probably used money to obtain such. You now are a public servant, and your views and actions must tend in a great measure to implant honor in your descendants or successors to office. We say to you one and all, do not act with the power you now possess in the same manner that the old Board of Agriculture has acted, or you will find dissatisfaction and disgust raised which will not be so easily pacified. We say nothing against offering prizes

for the milch cow that can consume the most grain, the lamb that is dropped in December, the pig that can consume most molasses, but we say that seed grain is of more importance to us, and has been too much neglected.

Grumblers.

Grumblers there always were, and always will be. We hear of some farmers in this County that have been trying to make a great fuss about the prices we have charged for some of our seed. One person came to our office, and asked us the price of Rio Grande wheat. We said \$2 50. He said he had bought some this winter for \$1 80, still we could not sell this for less. He left dissatisfied. We paid \$2 25 for the very sample we offered to him for \$2 50. We purchased it at Chatham and bought bags to bring it in, besides paying freight and storage, and the loss sustained by reweighing in small lots. Some farmers care less about the quality of the seed they sow, than about a few cents per bushel. Some made a fuss because we asked a higher price for peas that were unmixed than they could procure others for. We paid higher figures for our peas than any other person, and could not sell at lower rates without a loss. We paid as high as \$3 25 for Chilian wheat ourselves, and yet some parties expect us to supply them at less than cost price. It is true we wished to have an advance on cost to cover our expenses, but counting up all our expenses, we never yet have seen a cent of profit, but we hope yet to do so. The worst thing we have to complain about our seed business is that we could not find as clean seed to supply as we ought to have. We have never spared price when a good sample could be procured. Next year we hope to be able to supply more raised by ourselves. Give us time and give us your support and we will try to satisfy as many as we can. We know that we are conferring a benefit on those few persons that may not at present see it. Remember one pound of help is worth one ton of pity.

A Dutchman who lost a sheep advertised thus: Lost or strayed from the subscriber a sheep all over white—one leg was black and half his body—all persons shall receive five dollars to bring him. He was a she goat.

You are the handsomest lady I ever saw, said a gentleman to one of the fair ones. I wish I could say the same for you, replied the lady. You could, madame, if you paid as little regard to truth as I do.

Correspondence Queries.

A subscriber at Port Burwell enquires of us the best way to make a cow give down her milk, that habitually and persistently withholds it

ANSWER—If she has a calf take it from her, do not let it suck nor let her see it. Feed her well, and use her kindly. Miss one or two milkings, and she will be in pain with her distressed bag, and gladly give her milk down ever after, if you feed liberally, and have a comfortable stable for the winter. Cows in their frolicking season often withho'd their milk. We think it quite as well not to milk them when they do so.

A subscriber at Stratford enquires of us the best way to destroy wild oats. He says they are the most obnoxious weeds they have. We have had no experience with that weed, as it is a stranger to our farm. Some person having experience will please answer the question.

One gentleman whose letter is not at hand has kindly forwarded us two very nice samples of wheat—the Russian and the Scotch. Please let us know more about them.

KIND WORDS.

The following we clip from the *Sarnia Observer*:

The April No. of this Farmer's paper has come to hand, and we note a decided improvement in the publication, as compared with some of the earlier Nos. The editor and proprietor, Mr. Wm. Weld, is a practical farmer, and imparts a good deal of information, the direct result of his own practice and experience, through the columns of the *Advocate*; and it is evident from even the cursory perusal we have been able to give this and former Nos., that he is a man of observation, fond of imparting his knowledge, and aims more at advancing the interests of the class with which he loves to identify himself, than in promoting his own individual benefit. The *Advocate* is published monthly in London; and has been over two years in existence. Like all new enterprises, it required some effort to get it under way, but we are pleased to learn that its success is not now a matter of doubt, and that Mr. Weld's efforts to aid his brother farmers in successfully following their noble calling, are being appreciated.

An editor in Alabama having read an article in *Hall's Journal of Health*, advising that husband and wife should sleep in separate rooms, says: Dr. Hall can sleep when and where he chooses, but for himself, he intends to sleep where he can defend his wife against the rats and all other nocturnal foes as long as he has got one to defend.