

to see all that transpires in the Province in this way, I take the liberty to send it to you; and as you have formerly been in the habit of publishing such reports in the *Agriculturist*, I thought probably you might do so with this.

I was very much pleased with the discussion myself, and from the amount of information displayed by several of the members of the Club, I think they will make it a very interesting affair.

I remain, gentlemen,

Yours truly,

JOHN WADE.

[We are obliged to Mr. Wade for his friendly attention, and shall always feel happy in being informed of the proceedings of the Township of Hope Farmers' Club, which promises to be highly successful; and it is much to be desired that others should follow the example. As the principal object which the *Agriculturist* seeks to obtain, is the recording and diffusing agricultural information for the benefit of the Province at large, the reports of the proceedings of Farmers' Clubs, ploughing matches, &c., will be always acceptable. We must mainly rely on the officers of societies and leading individuals, in all sections of the Province, to keep us posted up in these matters. We shall be happy to hear *direct* from Mr. J. E. Champion, whose paper is highly interesting and suggestive.—EDITOR.]

From the Port Hope Guide.

We stated on a former occasion that the farmers of the Township of Hope had organized a club for the discussion of questions pertaining to farming. The place of meeting is in the Alma Division Sons of Temperance Room, Guide Board. We were present at a meeting of the Club on Monday, and were much pleased with the spirited manner in which the discussions were sustained.

The President, Nathan Choate, Esq., was in the chair, and among others in the room we noticed Messrs. J. E. and Francis Champion, W. F. and J. K. Allen, J. Foott, J. and T. Parker, Oke, Vanstone, Martin, Grey, J. Cann, C. Harris, and J. Wade, Esq., and son, of Hamilton.

The question for discussion was the Preparation of Seed Wheat for Sowing. After a few introductory remarks, the chairman called upon Mr. James E. Champion to read an essay which he had prepared on the subject. The essay will be found below, and we would warmly recommend it to the farmers of this county. Mr. Champion is a young man of considerable ability; and by making proper use of his spare time has acquired a large fund of general as well as agricultural knowledge. He is industrious and energetic; and these qualities, united with his knowledge of agricultural chemistry, will ensure him success as a farmer.

The great sin of young men brought up on farms in these days is an admiration of, or a longing after, town or city life. As soon as boys reach the age of 15 or 18 years, they frequently become discontented with a farmer's occupation; they wish to enter into some lighter, and, as they think, more gentlemanly employment. They must be lawyers, or doctors, or surveyors, or engineers, or "preachers," or something of that sort. It is becoming much too fashionable to decry the farm and farm life; and we are glad to meet occasionally a young man like Mr. Champion, who evidently thinks the cultivation of the soil is an honorable as it is an independent occupation, and who strives by study to fit himself for the proper discharge of the duties of his station.

After the reading of the essay was concluded, Mr. John Foott, President East Durham Agricultural Society, spoke briefly. He advocated the preparation of seed wheat with vitriol, and explained the manner of its application.

Mr. W. F. Allen had prepared his seed with lime and with other preparations, and although he had sown the prepared and the unprepared wheat in the same field he never saw any difference in the crops. One was as free from smut as the other.

Mr. John Cann had tried various ways of preparing seed, but was of the opinion that washing in salt water or brine was the most effectual method he had ever tested. The wheat to be placed in a large barrel or hogshead covered with the brine, and stirred vigorously with a paddle. By this method the germ of the smut that lodged in the "furze end" of the berry was killed.