

it implies that disease exists among our cattle, an implication that has not the slightest foundation, in fact, at the present time. If the British government would frankly state the true reason, which is that the embargo against Canadian cattle exists as a measure of protection for the English farmer and not to prevent the introduction of disease, little or no argument could be advanced by Canada in behalf of its removal.

#### Is Our Agriculture Over-Organized?

The proposal to organize county societies in affiliation with the parent organization, as announced in the draft constitution of the Dairymen's Association of Eastern Ontario, to be submitted for ratification at its next annual convention, brings up a question deserving of a little consideration at this juncture. Are not those engaged in agricultural pursuits, especially in Ontario, now sufficiently organized to meet all their present and future needs? May there not be a danger of over-doing the organization question if we go on multiplying associations and societies as we have been doing in recent years? Do not our farmers' institutes, agricultural societies, dairy, live stock, fruit and kindred associations form sufficient organization material to carry on all that needs to be done to help the farmer and his calling? Those interested in promoting additional associations should consider these questions carefully before attempting a further tax upon the farmer's time and energy by increased organization.

We presume the object of these county dairy associations, if they are formed, will be to carry on an educational campaign in the interests of better dairying. But why not use the farmers' institute system for this work? It is a live organization and has already done effective work in the interests of better dairying. If dairying is not being given the attention it deserves on the institute program, why not arrange with the superintendent for a series of dairy institute meetings similar to the seed institutes held a few weeks ago. Co-operation in this way between the existing provincial dairy associations and the institute system would supply everything needed to educate the farmer in advanced methods of dairying that local dairy associations would and relieve somebody of a great amount of work which might better be expended in other directions.

Organization has done and is doing a great deal to promote better agriculture in Canada, and we would not like to see its effectiveness in any way lessened. At the same time there is a danger of the farmer becoming surfeited if his time and energy are too greatly taxed in maintaining unnecessary associations and societies. May it not, therefore, be the part of wisdom to utilize the organizations we now have to their fullest extent rather than to increase the burden upon the farmer by multiplying associations and societies.

#### Mistook Pollen for Midge

Those "who know" are having no little fun over some lecturers at the recent seed institutes held in Ontario, mistaking pollen in the clover blossom for midge. One speaker was so sure of his ground that several clover seed growers could hardly get home fast enough, so eager were they to stem the ravages of the midge by cutting the clover. The lecturer had mistaken the pollen in the clover for the destructive clover seed midge, and as no one was there to point out his mistake, there was no little excitement among the farmers present. Another speaker at an institute was misled in the same way, but fortunately was put right by a person "who knew." While anyone is liable to make a mistake of this kind, persons who presume to give information to farmers at institute meetings should be very sure of their ground before giving advice. It is better to admit ignorance of a subject than to lead people astray by giving unreliable information.

However, it is all too true that there is a great deal of clover seed midge this season. The only way to overcome its ravages is to cut the crop early.

#### EXHIBITION NUMBER

The eighth annual exhibition number of THE FARMING WORLD will appear on Sept. 1st. This number is THE FARMING WORLD'S big issue of the year and it is always of interest to every farmer. The coming one will be equal if not superior to those that have gone before, and we can promise something real good in agricultural journalism.

An extra large edition will be run off for distribution at the fall fairs. If our subscribers would kindly send the names and addresses of friends who would be interested in this number we shall be glad to send sample copies free of charge.

Advertisers requiring space in the exhibition number will do well to apply to the business office early in order that good positions may be secured.

#### Pedigreed Seed Grain

The report of the annual convention of the Canadian Seed Growers Association, published elsewhere in this issue, will bear careful reading. The association is engaging in a field of work destined to be of untold value to the farmers of Canada if it can be carried out according to the scheme laid down. Nearly two hundred and fifty farmers scattered throughout the Dominion are now engaged in the production of selected and improved seed. Already surprising results have been obtained. Increased yields and better quality have been the outcome of this effort in nearly every case and there is no longer any doubt that the crops in every locality can be greatly increased and improved by selecting and growing from year to year seed from these same crops. In other words, the farmer does not have to look abroad for change of seed. By careful selection, year after year, of the best grain from his own crop, he will soon be in possession of a strain of seed, healthy and vigorous and peculiarly suited to his own environment and conditions.

The Seed Growers' Association and its officers are therefore engaged in a work that cannot but be of lasting

benefit to the agriculture of Canada, and we bespeak for it the hearty co-operation and support of every farmer interested in good seed. Pedigreed and registered seed is just as feasible and reasonable as pedigreed and registered live stock, and the advantages to be derived from it will be just as far-reaching.

#### Want an Agricultural High School

A deputation from Lennox and Addington waited upon Premier Whitney and the Hon. Mr. Montetier on July 4th, and asked that an agricultural farm and school be established at or near the town of Napanee. The matter was promised consideration. Those in close touch with the Government seem to think that the request will be complied with at an early date.

#### Editorial Notes

If there were any doubt about the bigness of the Dominion, it is removed by the announcement that the total appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1906, will equal nearly \$82,000,000 or about \$14 per head of the population of Canada. This country is certainly growing.

After an investigation extending over several months, eighteen representatives of the Dominion industries of the United States have been indicted for breaking the laws regulating freedom of trade, etc. The consuming public will await with eagerness the result of the trial.

After a prolonged debate of several months during which a lot of time has been wasted and unnecessary religious strife engendered, the famous autonomy bills have become law and Sept. 1st will see two new full-fledged provinces added to the Dominion. No province has started on its career with a brighter outlook than Alberta and Saskatchewan.

There is some agitation for more strenuous efforts on the part of the provincial authorities to secure a better milk supply in the towns and cities of Ontario. The authorities, whether provincial or civic, cannot be too exacting regarding the quality of the milk supplied for human food. Pure, clean, flavored milk is of more importance than rich milk.

"No rust yet," is the remark that brings a smile to the Westerner these days when reference is made to the wheat crop. Estimated as to the yield are mounting higher and higher as harvest approaches. A month ago 90,000,000 bushels was the estimate, now it is 100,000,000. What will it be when harvest arrives?

Colorado is to have a seed grain competition similar to the Macdonald-Robertson competition so successfully carried out in Canada a few years ago. The competition is open to every boy and girl in the state under 18 years of age.

#### Will Meet at Ingersoll

The board of directors of the Dairymen's Association of Western Ontario have decided to hold the next annual convention of the association at Ingersoll in January, 1906.

We want capable persons in every district to represent the Farming World at the fall fairs. You can win your fall show and make a little pin money at the same time. Write for particulars to The Farming World, Toronto.