

to have letters read or written to their relations that may be far away. The affection and kindness which they often express to their absent friends, is almost beyond the power of their writers to find language strong enough to be appropriate.

The Combined Reaper & Mower.

In our columns will be found Mr. Elliott's advertisement of Ball's Ohio Combined Reaper and Mower, to which we would direct special attention. We have long dealt with Mr. Elliott, and have always found him one of the most reliable mechanics in this city. He is among the foremost in advancing the interests of Agriculture. See the numerous generous prizes he has given to Agricultural Societies for ploughing matches. Why should you allow yourselves to be talked into purchasing an inferior machine that may get out of repair, and no chance of repairing for the season? Support home manufactures, and we feel satisfied you will be the gainers. Mr. Elliott has a long list of names of reliable farmers in this and adjoining Counties, who have purchased machines from him, showing the greatest satisfaction of the working of his Reaper and Mower. We say to you go to his Foundry and judge for yourselves, before purchasing elsewhere.

Canadian Repudiation.

In our number for February we touched on the cent business, which has been favorably responded to by the government. We will now touch on the silver, and hope our Bank Managers may attend to that as promptly.

Mr. Colvin Ladd, the Post Master of Delaware, brought to the Montreal Bank in this City, the sum of \$16 in Canadian silver, which sum he had taken for postage. They refused to take the money, not even one dollar of it. This is a pretty state of affairs, and this the Government Banking establishment. They have refused to take Canadian cents and Canadian silver as payment of the revenue. The other Banks must necessarily follow the same course of this Monotorial Tyrant. They care not what inconvenience and loss they cause to the farmers. Farmers are under the necessity of paying a discount to brokers or others to whom they may have to pay the cash that is received by them for produce. Many of the farmers are not aware of the loss they are sustaining, by this unsettled state of silver currency as it now is.

We saw a notice in the Montreal Bank the other day, stating that American currency would not be taken in less sums than \$500. We inquired if they would not take silver in less sums with the discount. The reply was that they would not.

The American half dollars and quarters are of themselves not at all objectionable, were they

current at any fixed rate, but when the farmer sells his grain, he receives so much silver at the full value of gold or bills. Many merchants will take it at par from him as payment for goods, but some will demand a discount on it in payment of accounts of 3 per cent, others 3½ and 4. It causes great loss and inconvenience to merchants and farmers, while the monied institutions of the Province are making their gains. If we have too much of the American Silver would it not be well for all to take it, and pay it out at a fixed rate of discount. It would then find its way to the States, and our own silver would not be discarded by the Bank.

We saw at one of the Broker's Offices in this city the American Express wagon standing, from which they were unloading silver in kegs full. This is to shave the farmers with. American silver has been bought in the States at \$110 for \$100 of our gold. Our bills are equal to gold. Take our bills and reject silver for your produce.

Many farmers are no doubt hoarding silver away, thinking it is better than bills. They will find themselves deceived.

FENIANISM.

This blood-thirsty, thieving, ungrateful body of vagabonds, do not yet appear to appreciate the lenity that has been shown them by the British, Canadian, and United States Governments. We in the Western section of Canada feel that we have been mocked by the leniency of our Government in sparing the lives of those that shed the blood of our countrymen. We would respectfully ask of our Government officials for a little more power to be placed in the hands of every known loyal subject during a time of any threatened invasion of our soil. We as farmers could and would do much, had we but power granted to us to kill these varmin. Were any stragglers found prowling about the country, and refused to give themselves up as prisoners, the blood of our fallen brethren cries to us death or victory, no quarter and no surrender.

The Fenians may talk of sending their 700,000 scoundrels, if our Government is alive to their duty, and supply sufficient arms and ammunition to the farmers and others, even if not trained, we would not fear double the number. Should they show themselves in Canada again, and were we to know of any one here taking active part with them, we should prefer standing trial for murder than allow them the chance of killing us or ours. Let no more lenity be shown them, but blow them from the cannon's mouth if caught, if not shoot them down as rats.

REQUEST.

We would feel much obliged if the editor of some Toronto paper would let us know the cost of sending a lot of stuffed Hawks to the Paris Exhibition. Also the cost of the birds, the number of them, the cost of collecting, assorting, carriage, and attendance while there, and the benefit or use likely to accrue to the Province from it. If Canada gained a first prize on them, would it redound to our honor or credit? Why was not the best wood engraving ever made in Canada sent, when presented for that purpose?

As the editors in Toronto have every facility of obtaining all the information in regard to Agriculture and the arts and improvements of Canada, and we have not such facilities at our command, we think it would be of use to the country to let the public know about such things. It would be read with interest by many. Perhaps some one might find room for it in their columns and oblige the public.

We consider the people have a right to know how the public monies are expended, and we as editor of a public journal have already asked, and still ask again for an account of the receipts and expenditure of all monies in regard to the Provincial Agricultural Association, and the Agricultural Hall in Toronto.

Steps in the Right Direction.

The Directors of the West Middlesex Agricultural Society have now purchased twenty acres of land adjoining their show ground. It is to be laid out neatly and thoroughly cultivated and used as a middle or experimental farm. We do not doubt but much good will result from this beginning. Mr. James Keefer is to have the present management, and has already procured some good seeds. The farmers in that section of the country will have the advantage of seeing the management and progress, and we hope to hear of the extension of the size of the farm, and that their pockets may be replenished from good crops and good prices. It is a pattern for other and older societies in more wealthy sections to pattern. We wish him every success, and highly commend his enterprise, and shall be happy to report his proceedings.

We are also pleased to record the fact that the inhabitants of Delaware have formed a Company for the establishment of a Cheese Factory. The brick house of Mr. F. Rogers is selected as the building for the Factory, and a frame house near by is selected as the drying house. The extensive river flats on both sides of the river in that vicinity will make the site a good one, and nothing that we know of would be of more advantage to the farmers among the flats than stocking them with cows. We trust that there may be unity in action among them, and hope they may make the township as celebrated for its Cheese as for its stock.

At Mr. Anderson's Foundry we saw several of those useful farmer's boilers. Cannot some enterprising firm turn us out a good, cheap steel plough. We purchased a steel plough for \$16, but it was not made within 100 miles of this city. Any foundry that can turn out a really good cheap Iron or Steel Plough might communicate with us, as we wish for an article that we can commend for utility and price.