

Mc.Gee, Esq., President of Middlesex Agricultural Society, affirms that we are indefatigable in our exertions and we deserve patronage, and success. Mr. H. Johnstone, the Reeve of Delaware, and Mr. Abdale Deadman, the largest fruit grower and wine maker in the county, have been first to express willingness to assist.

We have now proposed a plan whereby you that are willing and inclined, can assist us, yourselves, and the community at large, with no risk, whatever. We expect to receive a ready and willing response.

### THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE.

This paper is commenced for the purpose of forwarding the interests of us farmers. We have found George Brown's paper to be a greater detriment than advantage; it has not shown our requirements, nor advanced our interests; and has given us false representation, and has favoured some parties to the injury of others more deserving. Our paper is well spoken of and appreciated by its readers, and many have promised to take it as soon as their time is out with others. Secretaries of Agricultural Societies have promised to introduce it, next season, into their associations. The County Council of Middlesex, is contemplating its assistance. The commencement of any undertaking is expensive; our subscribers have not, as yet, paid half of the expenses of keeping it up. We have expended hundreds of dollars from our own pockets, to keep the paper alive. We have not yet canvassed for it. This paper has done more good to every farmer in Canada, than the cost of the paper. Farmers are slow to appreciate any public good, still, we believe that all those who have read three numbers of the *Advocate*, highly appreciate it. They are, also, slower to subscribe, yet we have many subscribers. We have been issuing from two to six thousand at each issue, and sent them to leading men throughout the province; to some regularly, to others occasionally. Some have sent in their subscriptions, others, we expect, will do so shortly. Those gentlemen who have once paid for our paper, are not expected to pay again until next December; but we send them an envelope that, if they have the inclination, they may have an opportunity to obtain a few sub-

scribers for us, by recommending and showing it to some of their intelligent neighbours. You know that we have a strong and powerful opponent to cope with, still, we fear not, as right generally conquers at last. There is room enough for two Agricultural papers. Give us time, and support us as we deserve, and we will soon give you as large, and a better paper than the *Canada Farmer* has been for some time. We find that there is an increasing dissatisfaction set in against G. Brown and his publications: from London to Montreal in Lower Canada, intelligent gentlemen, with whom we conversed, said that they would not read his publications, and that he had insulted them in that which was most dear to them. He has attempted to trample us out of existence, to enable himself to rule over us with his despotic, tyrannical, grasping, avaricious sway. We feel so grossly insulted by him that we can scarcely stop our pen. Some of you, to whom this article is sent, have as much confidence in George Brown, as we had three years ago. You will, probably, feel dissatisfied with our remarks; do not tear up the paper, but show it to some of your neighbours, or lay it by for a year: you may then see things through a different medium than that through which you now see them. It must be remembered that we are not in receipt of government pay, nor exhibition favours, nor railway grants, as some other publications are. We are free to express our opinion, let the discerning yeomen of Canada come forward, and show as much spirit in supporting an independent agricultural paper, as we have shown by commencing such an undertaking. You may judge from its columns if we have acted up to our principles, and if our writing has tendency to do good, or otherwise. We are, just at this season of the year, much driven for the want of time, from several causes, but we hope to receive such a response to our request, as will enable us to devote more attention to our paper as well as to our Emporium plans. Let each one who has seen, from our previous numbers, the utility and benefit of our undertaking, use a little exertion in our behalf, and add another subscriber, or club, to our list. What is 50 cents a year to you? We have now given about 50,000 papers away to farmers and others and now expect a suitable return. Do we deserve it? Many were sent in

May to non-subscribers, that consisted of only half-a-sheet, the other half being an advertisement: we deemed it proper thus to dispose of them.

We will now give you an account of the greatest acts of public spirit we have yet met with, connected with our project. We asked Mr. W. F. Stone, Guelph, to become a subscriber at 50 cents per annum; he immediately handed us \$1; we said we only wanted 50 cents, and passed him back 50 cents, he said take it, take it, you will not get too much, it will help you a little. Mr. E. Leonard, M.L.C., London, met us, and putting his hand in his pocket, handed us 50 cents; "what is this for?" we asked, "to pay for the paper," was the reply; "we do not want it, you have already paid," he said, "keep it and send another copy, it will do you no harm," was the answer. We do not ask for any gifts or presents, from any one, but wish to give a good equivalent for what we receive. We will give one instance on the other side, a well-to-do farmer in Westminster, met us the other day in the street, and asked us if we had any of this month's papers, we said, "no, they are in the office;" he accompanied us to the office, and said that we had given him a paper in the market, he had seen another, and they were the best papers he had ever read; he wanted to obtain another; we handed him the full number from January; he offered us five cents and said, "he did not like to take them for nothing." We told him to keep the money, and subscribe, and get up a club for the paper in his neighbourhood, which he promised to try to do.

### THE MONTH.

In our last number we spoke of the unprecedented cold and wet weather of May, and the backward state of the crops, and farm operations; we now have to speak in a totally different manner. We believe, since the commencement of June, up to the present time, we never had more favourable weather. The growth has been such as to remind us of nursery tales, and every living plant appears to have been touched by a magic wand. The growth has been so rapid, that we could almost see the crops grow. The crops of all kinds are appearing very luxuriant, and nearly everything promises fair for one of the most bountiful harvests ever reaped in Canada. We hope to be able to report as favourably in our next issue, as now. The only two things that