forty, as required by the Act, and thus weed out those that merely exist by force of circumstances, and for the sake of the "spoils"? Third, is it not advisable for two ridings, or even two counties, to unite for the purpose of concentrating their efforts, and producing more important results? Lastly, would it not be best to withdraw the "spoils" altogether, and let each society exist on its own merits and resources?

This last plan, Mr. Editor, would meet your wishes in respect to lessening the number; but would they prosper? That is the question! Some would sicken prosper: Int is the question: Some would sicken at once, and die suddenly; others would struggle for a while after their life blood was withdrawn, but ultimately give up the ghost, while in such localities as the one referred to, the shock might be felt at first, but would be of short duration. They have felt the necessity of such an institution, and they would scora the idea of supporting their residue to the school. the dea of supporting their society for the sake of the "spoils." Two dollars each, instead of one, would make them independent of Government "pap"; and where is the honest, progressive farmer that would not rather pay one extra dollar, than be subject to the taunts and insinuations of his unprogressive neighbours, who tell him that they are taxed to help pay the premiums awarded to him by Agricultural Societies? I am a voluntary in principle, and would ignore all Government grants; unless where indisputably proved that all persons are benefitted thereby; and where such advantages would not be obtained in any other way.

any other way.

It it ovident that Agricultural Associations, as now constituted, are not popular generally. Scarcely one-fifth of the farming community support them; hence, we assert that some changes are necessary. The Canada Farmer is the place to suggest changes, as every corner, no matter how remote, will have an opportunity of learning the arguments, whatever they may be. I trust this subject will not be allowed to drop. If we cannot agree to some constitutional change, let us endeavour to amend in detail.

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Noses.-The French and English have each nine proverbs relating to the nose. Here follows the nasal proverbs relating to the mose. Here follows the masal wisdom of the vernacular; 1. Follow your nose. 2. He cannot see beyond his nose. 3. An inch is a good deal on a man's nose. 4. He would bite his own nose off to spite his face. 5. He has a nose of wax. 6. As plain as the nose on his face. 7. To hold one's nose to the grindstone. 8. To lead one by the nose. 9. To put one's nose out of joint,

Agricultural Essays .- On Saturday, the 15th in-AGRIC' LICELY ESSAYS.—On Saturday, the 18th instant, v e listened to a lecture, or, to speak more correctly, a series of essays, by Mr. W. Weld, of Delaware, at the Mechanics' Institute, London, C. W. The essays were on agriculture, the monetary system, &c., topics of great interest to the country. In the audience we recognized some of our most enterprising agriculturists as Mr. Johnson late President of audience we recognized some of our most enterpris-ing agriculturists, as Mr. Johnson, late President of the Agricultural Association of Western Canada; G-Walker, first Vice-President of the Middlesex A. A.; Captain Shore, N. Carruthers, T. D. Ledyard. &c. Mr. Walker was called to the chair. After the delivery of the lecture the following resolution was passed unanimously:

"That the thanks of this meeting be given to Mr. Weld, for the very interesting and useful lecture with which he has favoured us; and that we hereby express our opinion that such lectures are eminently calculated to arouse the people of Canada to a more thorough development of the resources of the country."—London Advertiser.

Turf for Fuel.—Mr. Hodges, the contractor of the Victoria Bridge, possesses a large tract of land in the Township of Bulstrode, on which there is a large turf bog or Savane. There he has begun very large works for digging and pressing the peat into bricks to be used for fuel. He has on a floating raft machines for digging and pressing the turf, which are capable of making daily 50,000 bricks of the size of those used for building purposes. Mr. Hodges has also made a good road through the township, and is about to put up a large mill on the water power situated on the property. The success of the experiment now making by Mr. Hodges is a matter of large importance to Canada. Extensive bogs exist throughout the Province, immediately adjoining navigable TURP FOR FUEL.-Mr. Hodges, the contractor of the out the Province, immediately adjoining navigable waters, such as the Teafield on the south shore, at the head of the Beauharnois Canal, and the Caledonia district south of the Ottawa. Compressed peat is now produced in some parts of Great Britian to compete with coal, at less than half the price the latter fuel commands here on the average. Professor Hunt, of the Geological Survey, has frequently in his reports pointed out the economic value of the vast deposits of peat in Canada and the application of skill and capital is only required to turn wasto districts into scenes of activity and sources of wealth.—Montreal Gazette.

Markets.

Toronto Markets.

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The season, during the past two weeks, has been on the whote favourable, but cold, and the air somewhat frosty. There was however, almost uninterrupied sunshine, and fine weather, interspersed with a few wet days and storm. One hurricane swept over this city, doing considerable damage to property here as elsewhere. Undoubtedly the great event of the past formight or of the present day, was the horribio deed of assassinating the great and good American President, Abraham Lincoln. It is an era it deprivity, which has shocked the feelings of the whole world, and will descend to posterity as n dark spot on the brightness of our age. The state of our markets for the past two weeks, was that of a steady advance in almost every-department. Flour has gone up some 25c to 35c per burrel for No. I superline, and even higher, since our list report. Although this branch is the only one to any extent in the market, yet others advanced in proportion and transactions were small. The stock on fand is very light and prices are expected to rule higher still. In wheat, there has been about an average entity, with increased prices. Spring wheat is in good demand, and preferred to fail, which is contarry to the old notions entertained by our farmers and merchants. The reason is however, that the grades of fail raised by as now are not good, and do not make the same strong flour that is made from spring wheat. There is only one-lifth the stock of spring in the country this season that was here last, and about half the fail. In provisions, we have nothing much to report. The pork season is over to a great extent, and prices and transactions are steady and unchanged. A good trade spring up in live stock, about a week of Didays ago, owing to the scarcity in the New York markets, but when the obstructions to traille were taken oil, that market supplied to exes, and a consequent decline and duliness took place here. Beef is kept up, however, by our butchering, and means of all kinds are de

Flour steady: No 1 superfine at \$4 60 to \$4 75 per bbl, extra, \$4 75 to \$5 00, superior extra, no receipts, fancy, nominal Full Wheat steady, firm, wanted, no receipts, selling at 95c of the party of

Full Wheat steady, firm, wanted, no receipts, selling at 95c of \$100 Spring Wheat—In active demand and advanced, at 95c to \$100 Spring Wheat—In active demand and advanced, at 95c to \$100 Spring Wheat—In active demand and advanced, at 95c to \$100 Spring Wheat—In active demand and in store Hye 60c per bushel.

**Touts at 45c to 46c per bushel, from teams and in store Hye 60c per bushel.

**Peate firm and steady, at 80c to 85c and 90c per bushel.

**Hay—Market fairly supplied at \$14 to \$18 per ton.

**Straio in poor supply at \$14 per ton.

**Provisions—Futter—Fresh, wholesale, per lb., 15c to 17c; retail, ser lb., 16c to 18c, in tubs, wholesale, per lb., 15c to 15c.

**Eggs—Wholesale, per dozen, 10c to 12c, retail, per dozen, 12c o 13c.

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Figgr—Wholesale, per dozen, 10c to 12c, retail, per dozen, 12c to 13c.

Hars—Wholesale, per lb, 9c to 10c, retail, per lb, 10⁴ jc to 11⁴ jc to 11

Geese, 35c to 60c each.

Oil Cake, \$32 per ton, or \$1.75 per cwt.—Very fair demand.

**Ramilton Markets, April 26 — Flour, firm, on account of the scarcity of wheat, at double extra, \$5.50, extra \$5.00; No. 1 superfine, \$4.50 to \$4.75. Grains—Fall Wheat scarce and in active demand, at from \$1 to \$1.05. Spring Wheat, also asked for at 95c to \$1. Harley, dull and drooping, at 65c to 70c. Oats, ingher, at 46c to 45c. Pear, nothing doing, quoted at 80c to 86c. Corn dull, at from 65c to 70c. Buckwheat, 65c to 65c. Pravissons—Butter, scarce and wanted, at 20c to 25c for fresh roll, dairy tub at 1.25. Eggs, plenty and quiet at 10c to 123.c. Cheese, nothing doing, at 10 to 12c. Apples, not supplied in any quantity and sold at from 20c to 30c per peck. Polatoes, plenty and good at from 25c to 50c per bushel. Turning, 25c to 30c per peck. Onions, 50c per pushel. Turning, 25c to 30c per peck. Onions, 50c per peck. Heef, none in market, quated at \$7 for land quarters, and \$6 for for do. Mutton, sold at 73c to 85 per lb. Veal, sold at 5c per lb. Pork.—Mess, \$13 50 to \$100. Prime Mess, \$15 00 to \$10 00. Hams, uncovered, 10c, do covered, 123c. Shoulders, uncovered, 9c, da covered, 10c. Apples, nool, well supplied, at from \$25 to \$3.75 for good dry. Hay, from \$15 to \$17. Sheepskas, \$1 to \$2; calfskins 7c to 8c per lb. Tatlone & per lb. Hidrs, \$10 to \$25 to \$3.50. Wool, 35c to 40c. Sheeps-Cibert Seal, \$13 00 to \$14 00. Thmothy Seed, \$2.50 to \$4.00.—Spectator.

**London Markets, April 25, 1665.—Fall Wheat per bushel, 90c to 95c. Spring Wheat, do. 98c to 97c. Barley, do. 68c to 72c. Outs. do. 42c to 55c. Peat, \$10 00. Trested Hop, per cwt. \$5.00 to \$10 to \$10 to \$15 00. Oat Straw, per load, \$3.00 to \$5.00. Beef, per cwt. \$5.00 to \$4.00 to \$7.00. Oat Straw, per load, \$3.00 to \$5.00. Beef, per cwt. \$5.00 to \$4.00 to \$7.00. Oat Straw, per load, \$3.00 to \$5.00. Beef, per cwt. \$3.00 to \$4.50 to \$2c. Dutter, fresh, per lb. 14c to 17c. Indice, keg, do. 123c to 13c.

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Paris Markets, April 26—Spring Flour, per 100 lbs., 225. Fall Flour, per 100 lbs., \$250 Spring Wheat, per bushel, 15c to \$1. Corn Meal, per 100 lbs., \$175 to \$2. Butter, per lb., 168 Eggs, per dozen, 9c to 10c. heese, per lb., 12c Hams, per lb., 12c Foldoes, per bushel, 5c to 35c Wood, per cord, \$2 25 to \$2 50. Hay, per th., \$10 5 \$12.—\$Xar. to \$12.—Star.

Guelph Markets, Aran. 25.—Fall Wheat, per bushel, 90c to 93c Spring Wheat, do, 80c to 90c Oats, do, 40c to \$43c.
Peas, do, 75c to 80c. Barley, do, 65c to 75c. Pirk, \$5 to \$650.
Beef, \$8 to \$10. Hay, per ton, \$14 to \$18, Straw, \$4 to \$6, Butter, 150 to 1°c. Eggs, per dozen, 10c to 125c. Potatocs, per bag, 60c to 76c. Apples, do, 50c to 75c.—Herald.

Brantford Markets, April 21—Spring Wheat, 85c. Fall Wheat, 90c to 05c. Flour, per cvet., \$2 25 to \$2 50. Butter, per lb., 8c to 10c. Eggs, per doz. 125c to 16c. Beef, per 100 lbs, \$4. Pork, per 100 lbs., \$5.60 to \$6. Detaces, per bushel, 37c. Hay, per ton, \$13.—Courter.

Polatoes, per bushel, 37c. Hay, per ton, \$13.—Courter.

Gill Minklet Prices, April 20.—Flour, per 100 lbs. \$2 00
to \$2 50 Fall WW. d. per bushel, 88c to 98c. Spring, do per
bushel, 78c to 82c. Hurley, do, 60c to 70c. Oats, per bushel, 40c
to 42c. Rye, 60c to 60c. Flax Seed, per bushel, \$1.00 to \$125.
Butter, per 10. 14c to 10c. Eggs, per doz, 9c to 10c. Wood, per
cont, \$2 50 to \$3 00. Hay, per ton, \$10 03 to \$14 00. Straw,
per ton, \$5 60 to \$6 00 Polatoes, per bushel, 25 to 30c. Peas,
do. 70c to 80c. Heef, per 100 lbs. \$3 00 to \$4 00. Pork, per 100
lbs. \$5 60 to \$6 10. Mutton, per lb. 5c to 10c. Cheese, per 10 d
to 8c. Hades, per 100 lbs. \$3 00 to \$4 50. Calf Skins, over 8 lbs.
8c. Sh ep Skins, \$1 00 to \$1 75.—Heform.

Barric Minklets, April 25.—Full Wheat, 85c to 90c. Spring
Wheat, 80c to 81. Oats, 55c to 60c. Peas, 80c to 90c. Hay, \$13
to \$20 per ton. Polatoes, 40c to 55c. Pork, \$6 50 to \$7. Beef,
\$60.—Adteance.

Owen Sound Markets, April 20.—Fall Wheat, 75c to 80c.

Spring Wheat, 70c to 77c. Oats, 34c to 35c. Barley, 85c to 66c.

Pras 55c to 75c. Hay, per ton, \$14. Pork, \$150 to \$5.60; Beef, \$7 to \$7.60. Potatoes, 57-5c to 40c. Butter, 1234c. Eggs, 8c to 10c. Timothy Seed, \$1.50 to \$2.—Times.

Windon Market, April 15 — Flour, No. 1, \$5 to \$560; Wheat, Fall, 90c to 95c, do., Spring, 60c to 85c. Barley, per bush., \$150 Oats, 40c Ryc 63. Peas, 60c to 65c. Corn, 50c to 65c. Potatocs, per bushel. 40c to 50c Hay, per ton. \$10. Wood, per cor., \$2 to \$3. Hides, (5reen) per 1b., 3c. Calfikins, green, 7c.—Journal.

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Cobourg Markets, April 25.—Flour per Barrel, \$5. Full Wheat, per bushel, 95c to \$1 Spring Wheat, per bushel, 95c to \$1 Spring Wheat, per bushel, 95c to 95c. Platocs, 30c. Barley, per bushel, 60c to 65c. Plas, per bushel, 75c to 80c. Oats, per bushel, 48c to 50c. Hay, per ton, \$9 to \$10, Hules, per wit, \$2 50 Sheepikins, 50c. Beef, per cwt, \$5 to \$0 60. Pork, \$6 60—Sun.

Hrockville, Markets, 4, per 125.—Flour, superfine, per 100 lbs, \$2 25 to \$3. Oalweal, do. \$3 Full Wheat, per bushel, \$1 Spring Wheat, per bushel, \$1 Ryc, 65c to 70c. Pear, 70c to 70c. Barley, 65c. Oats, 37 s.c to 40c. Buckwheat, 35c to 40c. Corn, 65c to 70c. Butter, in rolls, 15c to 16c. Beef, 6c to 12c. Mutton, 6c to 12c. Pork, prime mess, per bbl., \$13 50 to \$14. Hardwood, per conl, \$2 25 to \$2 50. Wool, per ib, 40c to 514. Green Hilles, 4c to 5c. Sheep Felts, 60c to 80c. Hay, per ton, \$14 to \$15.—Central Canadian.

Ottawa Markets, April 26.—Flour—Extra \$5 60 to \$5.75.

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Markets. April 26.—Flour—Extra \$5.50 to \$5.75;

10. 1, \$5.25 to \$5.53. Full Wheat, per bushel, \$1.05. Spring

Wheat, \$1. Corn, per bushel, 60c. Pear, per bushel, 75c. Oats,

or bushel, 40c. Hest Pork, per barrel, \$22.50. Hog., per 100 lbs.,

7 to \$8. Beef, \$5 to \$6. Multon, per lb., by the qr., 5c. No. 1, \$5 2 Wheat, \$1.

Montreal Markets, April 26 — Flour—Receipts, 1,400 barrels, market very quiet and little business doing, quotations unaltered, but are liardly sustained; begs steady at \$2.70. Wheat—no sales _likes_list pols, \$5.20, inferiors, \$4.70, first pearls, \$5.50, inferiors, \$4.70, first pearls, \$5.50, inferiors, \$5.50.

no sales Athes-first pois, \$5.20, inferiors, \$4.70, first pearls, \$5.50, inferiors, \$5.5. Butter and Pork dull and unchanged.

**Detroit Markets, April 20 — Flour, quiet and dull Nominal quotations are Superior \$7.75 to \$8.00, ligh extra. \$7.50 to \$7.50, extra \$6.75 to \$7.22 it Wheat, very little doing, offored at \$1.50 without buyers. Corn, quiet and unchanged, at \$20 to \$0.00 tr, steady at 50c in store. Rye, at 95c. Barley, Market well supplied and quiet at former quotations. Prime Canada \$2.50 well supplied and quiet at former quotations. Prime Canada \$2.50 well supplied and quiet at former quotations. Prime Canada \$2.50 well supplied and quiet at former quotations. Prime Canada \$2.50 well in market. \$15.00 to \$16.00 is freely offered. Provincions, Mess pork is held at \$21.00, smoked hams, best quality, 20c; shoulders 18c, tard 19c; mess beef \$16.00. Dotatos, inactive; best 55c to 60c. Lipida, \$5.00 to \$6.00 per bbl.—Free Prass.

**Buttendo Markets, April 26.—Flour—The market yester day ruled quiet, but what transactions occurred were made at a good firm figure. Double extra Indiana at \$9 to \$9.75; 25 barrels XXX do. at \$10, and extra tate at \$7.25, Canada baker's at \$7.31, to \$7.50, XX and XXX Indiana white at \$9 to \$10. Grain—Wheat firm, with light milling demand. Sale yesterday morning of white Michigana \$1.90, and at \$7.0. Corn firm, with fair inquiry, at 90c to 93c and 93c. Oats steady at 55c and at 60c. Barley in light demand at \$1.90 to \$2.5 xros adult at \$1.50 to \$1.75. Mall in fair demand at \$1.90 to \$2.5 xros adult at \$1.50 to \$1.75. Mall in fair demand at \$1.90 to \$2.5 xros adult at \$1.50 to \$1.75. Mall in fair demand at \$1.90 to \$2.5 xros adult at \$1.50 to \$1.75. Mall in fair demand at \$1.90 to \$2.5 xros adult at \$1.50 to \$1.75. Mall in fair demand at \$1.90 to \$2.5 xros adult at \$1.50 to \$1.75. Mall in fair demand and firm at \$5.50 to \$3.57. Hungaram Grass Seed quoted at \$18.6 Green Applied dull at \$4.00.50 to \$1.57. Timolhy in fair demand and firm at \$5.50 to \$3.57. Hungaram Grass Seed quoted to

and quotatious are entirely nominal at 20c to 23c per lb.—Courier

New York Markets, April 26.—Flour—Receipts, 22.071
bbls, market dull and drooping, sales, 5 600 bbls, at \$7 to \$7 35 for
superimo State, \$7 45 to \$7 70 for extra State, \$7 75 to \$7 85 for
clouce do, \$7 65 to \$7 35 for superfine Western; \$7 75 to \$7 25 for
common to medium extra Western, and \$8 10 to \$8 25 for common to good suipping brands extra round hoop Ohio. Canadian
Floar duit, sales 300 bbls at \$7 55 to \$8 10 to \$25 for common, and \$8 15
to \$10 25 for good to choice extra. Rige Flour duit. What—Receipts, 600 bushels, market duit, sales, 7,500 bushels winter red
Western, at \$1.75, and 2,500 do choice auber Michigan at \$1.85.
Rige duit. Barley quiet. Corn—Receipts, 8,319 bushels, market
steady, sales, 10,000 bushels old Mixed Western at \$1.40 in store.
On s duit and theavy at \$55 for Western. Por: tirmer; sales, 2,000
bbls at \$29 50 to \$29 for new mess, \$23 75 to \$26 25 for 1863 and
1864 do., and \$25 for prime. Beef duit.

Bail's Hend, April 24—With less than 3,000 head of boef

bbls at \$28.50 to \$20 for new mess, \$20.75 to \$26.25 for 1863 and 1864 do., and \$25 for prime. Berf dull.

Hill's Head, April 24 — With less than 3,000 head of boof cattle in market, we have another decline of full a cent a pound, and a remarkable dull market—dull and slow at the opening, moderately active at midday, and very dull toward night; good smooth steers for retail butchers selling at 20 cents a pound net, and the highest rates and that for only a few of the very best buillocks, are 21c to 22c. The lowest grade range 14c to 18c, and upon all the salesmen appear to be willing to concede liberal estimates of weight. There are 265 Canada distillery-fed stock, some of them quito fat, selling at 19c to 23c a pound, and owners say \$15 a head less than last week, though we think that a strong estimate. We think the decline is \$10, and it is in the same proportion upor@good lillinois steers, of which the stock on sale is principally composed. These all sell, so say the drovers, at a loss, and pretty heavy upon that portion that cost present owners 10c a pound on the farm. The general average quality of stock is not quite so good as last week, though there is a good supply of such as are suitable for first class butchers at this season. Sheep are 1c to 11/2c per 1b lower than last Monday, with a full supply on sale. Unsheared sheep are worth 10c to 11/4c, and sheared ones 9c to 10 c. A lot of extra fat sheared, sold since last propriat 12c to 12/4c per 1b, average 110 its. There are 16 car loads of hose on the market, and prices down, porkers not buying, and business stagent. Prices 10/4c to 11/4c per 1b, live weight.—Tribune.