

Gristmills and Sawmills, and there are many sites not yet brought into use. The Buffalo, Brantford & Goderich Railroad runs through the township, and there are to be depots at Drumbo and Cheserfield. Numerous villages are springing up and progressing very rapidly, among which may be mentioned Canning, Drumbo, Chesterfield, Washington, Richwood, and Platts-ville.

"This township stands A 1, in the intelligence of its inhabitants. They are all great readers; and, as a proof of this, we may mention that it is not uncommon for the farmers to take three or four newspapers; and, in consequence of this, their children are generally well informed.

"The religious character of the people deserves a special notice at our hands. They are a church-going people in every sense of the term, and their attendance at church is not merely a form, but it has proved a benefit, as can be seen by their every-day deportment, and the discipline of their families. We have not, as yet, lived long in the village of Ayr, but have been astonished at the number of country people, from this and other adjacent townships, that attend our churches on the Sabbath Day. They come to our village in families; and it is, to us, a pleasing sight to see so many hale and hearty old farmers, with their sons and daughters, clustering around them, attending to the 'one thing needful,' while the Almighty is blessing them with all that is necessary for their temporal comfort and well-being."

Editorial, &c.

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The present number completes the sixth volume, of the *Agriculturist*. It is probably more thoroughly *Canadian* than any of its predecessors. The numerous Farmers Clubs that have been organized in various parts of the country, and the interesting, practical, and most useful discussions which have taken place at their meetings, have enabled us to lay before our readers a kind of matter we had long sought to obtain, but with only partial success until the present year. Those who object to "book-farming" and want *practical* information will find it in the present volume, and we trust in future volumes also, upon nearly every important branch of Canadian Agriculture. The reports of these discussions bring out the fact,—which we had never doubted,—that among our practical farmers there are many who not only

understand their business, but can explain it to others by speech, or writing quite as intelligibly as those of any other country. These "discussions" have attracted attention in England, and the United States, as well as Canada, and have contributed in no small degree to create a favorable impression of our country, and its Agriculture. But it is most gratifying to us to know, that the facts, opinions, and suggestions made public by means of these Clubs have been highly appreciated at home, and have excited emulation in many neighbourhoods which has resulted in the establishment of similar clubs. We have every confidence that these meetings and discussions will increase in number and improve in character, and we intend that the "reports" of their proceedings shall continue to form the *practical* department of our journal.

Our "correspondence," though not as extensive as we had hoped it might be, has been of a solid and useful character. The topics discussed at the meetings of Farmer's Clubs, the personal experiences there detailed, have in some measure supplied the deficiency of local information, which we had expected from our correspondents. We trust nevertheless that any subscriber who wishes to obtain information on any point or who thinks he can contribute anything useful to his brother-farmers will not hesitate to communicate with us. We cannot promise to publish everything that may be sent, but shall deal liberally with all.

While we have not attempted mere flashy display in the illustration of our paper, we have endeavoured to furnish cuts when really needed. The important subject of CATTLE, has been very thoroughly treated in the present volume. Besides miscellaneous notices, essays, &c., we have given our readers the substance of Youatt and Martin's work on "The Ox," with wood-cut engravings of the several breeds. The book itself, the most valuable part of which we have thus extracted and reprinted, is sold at 6s. 3d. while the subscriber to the *Agriculturist* has been supplied with the information it contains, with a large amount of additional matter for the small sum of 2s. 6d. if a Club or Society subscriber, and for 5s. if taking it individually. The