

**THE DAIRY.**

We see by the minutes of the Dairy-man's Association at their last meeting, that a report is to be published of the different Dairies, and number of cows kept, to be in pamphlet form. If it is drawn up so as not to require more than two pages of our paper, showing the amount of cheese made and price realized, and such as will be of general benefit to the farmers to know, we will publish it free of cost.

**PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION.**

At the annual meeting of the County Agricultural Societies to be held the 3d week in January, it will be necessary to nominate four suitable persons as members of the Board of Agriculture. To facilitate business and cause unity of action we will nominate Mr. Henry Anderson of Westminster, in the County of Middlesex as a suitable person. He is an old settler in this Dominion, is highly respected by all who know him. He is a plain honest farmer, on whom any one can rely; is a member of the County Council and Secretary to the County Agricultural Society. He is energetic, and takes great interest in agricultural affairs.

We hope Kingston, Toronto and Hamilton may nominate some suitable person. We believe it would be beneficial to have a change, although some of the present Board are honorable persons. It would be well to have the names of parties proposed for election made known to the County Societies, otherwise we know not what we are doing:

**HONESTY THE BEST POLICY.**

It appears that a Mr. Yarwood shipped 18,000 lbs of wool to the United States. The duty is 6 cents per lb. if the wool is not worth over 23c per lb. In the invoice the price was given at 23c, but by adding other charges it exceeded that sum. The law provides that if that sum is exceeded the duty is 12 per cent instead of six, also 10 per cent on the value which makes a very great difference.

It appears that the shippers of the wool altered the invoices that were first signed, to evade paying such a duty, and the American authorities have confiscated the wool, which is a heavy loss to the parties engaged, being worth \$10,000. The wool was shipped from this city, and seized at the Suspension Bridge.

**To the Members of the Legislature of Ontario.**

GENTLEMEN:—We believe we have devised one of the most useful and practicable plans that has been brought before the public for the advancement of our Agricultural prosperity. We have attempted to put the plans into operation, and to some extent have succeeded, although we were well aware that we had not command of sufficient capital to carry out these plans as they should be. We expected to have met with more assistance from the members of the press, that are interested in the Agricultural prosperity of the Dominion and from other sources, but up to the present time we have acted unaided. All must know to bring forward such plans is involved with large expense. We are unable, under the existing laws, to carry out our plans by a joint stock company.

We respectfully request your honorable body to read the resolution passed by the County Council of Middlesex, on the last page of this paper. At the same time to bear in mind that our undertaking is of a Provincial, and not of a local character, as may have been seen by our paper and acts.

The advantages of this undertaking to many of our Counties, is greater than to this County in some respects.

Our request is that you may pass such an act as will allow us to form a joint stock company, also that you may in some way remunerate us for land and timber taken from us, and for heavy expenses incurred by the existing law of limitation, and the issuing of wrong deed from the Crown Land Office, and from the incorrect survey by your surveyors. Such errors have caused us very heavy losses. Perhaps you might grant us a small loan. Assistance from you at the present time would enable us to form a company to establish the Agricultural Emporium in some County that might be advantageously situated. The inhabitants of such County might also assist its establishment.

**Scripture Proverbs.**

A good name is rather to be chosen than riches and loving favor rather than silver or gold.

Cast thy bread upon the waters and thou shalt find it after many days.

Iron sharpeneth iron, so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.

Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thy hand to do it.

Righteousness exalted a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.

**ENGLISH PROVERBS.**

A friend in need is a friend indeed.

Doing nothing is doing ill.

Seek till you find and your labor is not lost.

Judge not of men or things at the first sight.

It is better to do well than say well.

**SCOTS PROVERBS.**

A handfu o trade is worth a gouden o Goud.

He that would eat the kernel maun crack the nut.

The Deil gangs awa when he finds the door stoked against him.

Nothing is got without pains, but dirt and long nails.

Ken when to spen and when to spare, ye need not be busy, ye need not be bare.

**THE MONTH.**

The month past has continued extremely dry. We never experienced such a drouth at this time of the year. In some sections of the country cattle have to be driven miles for water, or do without. The question that suggests itself to us is, how long cattle will do without water?

We generally spend Sunday on the Westwell Farm. Being fourteen miles from the city, it is too long a journey to go and return often, and enable us to attend to our business here. As the farm is on the banks of the river we have often noticed persons driving their cattle to it from several miles both in winter and summer when the season was dry, but many only come on Sundays. It appears they have to do without drink for six days.

We have no sleighing in this part of the country to the present time. It would be more agreeable, and better for the wheat crop if we had snow, still the continued frost is much better than thawing spells.

The markets continue much the same as in our last quotations.

**OLD 1867.**

The past year has been a prosperous year for farmers, although some crops may not have been good, still we have been blessed with peace, plenty, and prosperity. Peace, the greatest blessing, has been granted to us by Celestial Power. Plenty and prosperity we have also to thank our Creator for. Still, man is made for toil, and the two last blessings depend much on industry and well directed labor, either of the muscles or the brain. We are apt to be ungrateful for the blessings we have enjoyed. Let us hope the New Year may be as prosperous as the last.

We shall endeavor to do our part, and we return thanks to all our subscribers and friends for their support during the past year. We hope to merit a continuation from them, and that many more may join with them. Progress is our motto, unite in the shout.

We return thanks to each member of the County Council of Middlesex for the very commendatory resolution resolution passed unanimously by them about our undertaking. Read it on the last page of this number. We hope Agricultural Societies may appreciate it.