

mowing land. This great yield may appear incredible, but a ton to four square rods is not an unusual occurrence in Nova Scotia.

The necessity of providing a more generous food for the stock of the province is quite apparent, and it has been shown by this experiment that green fodder of various kinds can be preserved for a long period by a process both easy and profitable. Of late years a very great change has been effected from good to better in the stock of the province. The strict regulations of the Board of Agriculture, precluding the use of animals other than thorough-bred, by Societies receiving the Provincial *putance*, have been instrumental in bringing about this very desirable change. This good to better innovation makes it imperative on a certain class of stock growers to change their peculiar method of feeding, likewise to control the nomadic instinct of their animals.

The greater part of the fodder fed during the winter months, is expended in merely keeping the animals on their feet, and the gain of summer is only so much fuel stored up to be consumed in the winter. Feeding poor, indigestible fodder is one great cause of lost condition. There is no necessity for this state of things. Stock may be kept increasing in weight throughout the winter if properly cared for and fed with plenty of palatable and digestible food.

In all our agricultural practice there is great room for improvement, especially in the saving of labor and the disposition of the acres. The great advantage in the silo system is that it embraces both, and is applicable to all parts of the province where the artificial grasses can be cultivated. It is not limited to acres, the occupier with only half an acre of ground at disposal can keep a cow the year round with the addition of a little provender. Neither is it requisite that a silo should be such a formidable undertaking. A pit 9 feet long, 6 feet wide and 7 feet in depth, 6 feet below the surface, and 3 feet above, to allow for shrinkage, will hold twelve tons. It is immaterial the size of the can, so long as it is made air-tight.

To ventilate this silo business would occupy too much of your valuable space. If any doubts are entertained with regard to these statements, a visit to Mr. Johnston's farm, or to Mr. Starr's, in Cornwallis, will convince the most sceptical.

Wolfeville.

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To the Editor Journal of Agriculture :

SIR,—Will you kindly publish in the current issue of the JOURNAL, the Prospectus of the Nova Scotia Immigration Society, and allow me at the same time to point out to my brother farmers in Nova Scotia, the advantage of this scheme,

which, if taken hold of by them and adopted, cannot fail to be productive of good results to our agricultural and industrial interests :

Whereas, at the present time a large immigration, which is likely from various causes to continue, is coming forward to America from the different countries of Europe ; and as it is evident that the prosperity of this Province would be materially and substantially advanced if a portion of that stream could be directed and attracted to this part of Canada ; and it being further evident that the varied and valuable resources of this Province offer to immigrants opportunities for the profitable investment of capital and labor equal to any found elsewhere in America : and, for the purpose of making known to intending emigrants the said opportunities and advantages,—it is hereby proposed to establish and organize an institution which shall be known as the NOVA SCOTIA IMMIGRATION SOCIETY, having a head or Principal Office in the City of Halifax, with a Branch Society in each County of the Province, the whole being subject to such Rules, Regulations and By-Laws as shall hereafter be devised and adopted for the proper management of the same.

Therefore be it known, that we whose names are hereunto annexed, recognizing the important advantages that may be secured to this Province by at once commencing the work as set forth in the premises above stated ; do hereby pledge ourselves to the advancement of the same by paying the sum of One Dollar each, upon the understanding and condition that the payment of said sum shall constitute each and all who now, or may hereafter sign the same—Life Members of the said Society, with full power to vote at any general or special meeting that may be held by the Branch Society of the County in which we or they may severally at the time reside. And further, we do hereby recommend that the following detailed plan of operations be at once entered upon :

*First.* That a competent person be employed to visit the several Counties of the Province to canvass for members, and to aid and assist in organizing in each County a Branch Society.

*Second.* To collect and compile such items of information respecting the resources and products of said Counties as shall form the subject matter of the intended Pamphlets.

*Third.* To obtain a list and accurate description of the farms and farming lands that are for sale in each County, and obtain a paid advertisement of the same to be inserted in the Pamphlets and Circulars before mentioned.

THE object of this Society shall be to aid and encourage, by all fair and legitimate means, such as the publication and free distribution in Europe of Pamphlets and Circulars, setting forth and truthfully describing the natural and acquired advantages of Nova Scotia as a promising field for immigrants ; and also of employing one or more practical Farmers from Nova Scotia in the capacity of Foreign Agents to distribute the Pamphlets and to give to intending emigrants such information and advice as may be necessary to assist them in coming to this Province.

It is not, however, the intention of this Society to aid or encourage a needy or pauper immigration, but its exertions shall be used to influence the better class of Tenant Farmers to emigrate to this Province, who as a rule have sufficient means to buy farms and settle themselves comfortably. Also, young, industrious and able-bodied domestics, of both sexes, and to assist them in obtaining suitable situations and employment after arrival here.

In reference to the above, the urgent necessity of an organization of this kind has for a long time been forcing itself upon the attention of our people. The absence of any effort by our Local Government in that direction, joined to the want of success unfortunately attending their past endeavours, all tended to suggest that any scheme of this nature to succeed must originate from and receive its first impetus from the people. From these convictions and this want the Nova Scotia Immigration Society is the legitimate outcome, and thus far it has been taken hold of in a manner that, to say the least, is very encouraging to its future prospect and its ultimate success.

At the present moment the central or head Society is being organized in Halifax. In the three counties of Hants, Kings and Annapolis, branch societies have been formed ; the remaining counties will be visited in due order, with the view to establish in each branch societies similar to those referred to above. When this is accomplished we shall possess a thoroughly equipped system or organization, backed up and supported by practical business men. This much being done by the people, a strong appeal will be made to both our Local and Dominion Governments for sufficient aid to enable the society to carry out the work as outlined in the Prospectus. The first duty of the society is to make our varied resources better and more accurately known abroad. It is well known that immigrants follow immigration literature, in this particular we are unknown and unrepresented, except in the fact of being misrepresented by unjust and unfavorable comparisons with so called (only in name) more favoured countries. To refute these libels on the fame of our fair Province, we need accurate and comprehensive pamphlets setting forth the advantages we have to offer to immigrants of the right class. Owing to our conditions and peculiar surroundings we cannot absorb into our population a promiscuous and indiscriminate horde : such an influx would be unwise and disastrous, but with this society to aid and direct immigration, we can secure and attract to our shores such a class as will be a valuable addition to our population, and who would be largely benefitted themselves by coming hither. But I must come to the point for which I started, viz., to point out how our