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BETHUEL LOVERIN,
Publisher and Proprietor.

At the meeting of the Farmer's institute, held in Kingston last week, Mr. W. A. Webster, of Leeds, read a paper, in which he objected to the means adopted for disposing of the Ontario experimental farm surplus. At present, Americans and a few wealthy breeders secured the animals. He suggested that none but Canadian agricultural societies or their representatives be allowed to compete in purchasing, and that all buyers be compelled to give a guarantee that the stock bought should remain in the county sold into. This in a short time would spread pure-bred stock pretty generally throughout the country and benefit the eastern sections, now so much behind in the matter of thoroughbred stock. It would also give farmers more interest in the success of the Ontario experimental farm. He also thought the annual report of the agricultural college should be more fully distributed. Respecting the occasion which brought them together, it was moved by Mr. B. McNamee, seconded by Mr. W. A. Webster, "that the Ontario Government in ordering these farmers' institutes show a desire to work for the best interest of that portion of the community, and while we appreciate their efforts in this direction, we hope these meetings will have the effect of doing away in a great measure with prejudice, and that we will in the future look more to having laws enacted putting us on an equality with other portions of the community, especially the professions, than to who or which party is in power."

The wisdom of the remarks made by Mr. Webster will be apparent to all. No Government could do more to advance the interests of the farmers than the present Government have done. They have legislated and acted in the interest of the farmers in a variety of ways, but we shall here speak of only the two referred to by the institute. By the establishment of an agricultural college, the Government have made it possible for farmers' sons to obtain a thorough knowledge of all that which tends to make their business successful. And by the experiments carried on at the model farm, the farmers of the province are able to procure valuable information, without its costing them a sou. But the Province of Ontario is large, and by having only one agricultural college, the benefits flowing therefrom

are necessarily circumscribed within narrow limits. As proving this, note the much larger proportion of students who attend the college from the Western than from the Eastern counties. As all residents of the Province bear alike the expense of maintaining the college, all should share alike in its advantages. Of course, students from the East may attend the Guelph college, but they do so at great disadvantage, travelling expenses alone being no inconsiderable item. When the agricultural college at Guelph was started, it was regarded as an experiment, and opponents of the Government prophesied that it would be a failure. But farmers were not slow to recognize its worth as a training school for their boys, and its success is now beyond question. These facts, we think, would fully justify the Government in establishing a second college at some point in Eastern Ontario which would be easily accessible to students from these counties, thereby effecting a more equitable diffusion of that knowledge which will exercise so great an influence on the future of this Province. In some respects, the farming of Eastern Ontario differs from that of the West, and in an Eastern college this difference could be recognized and treated accordingly. When the Government come to the sensible determination to build a college in the East, we hope they will fully and fairly consider the admirable location and suitability of Farmersville for such an institution. Such a college being specially intended for the benefit of the rural populace, should be in the centre of a rural district, and not in a town or city where the tinsel and glamour of urban life and pursuit would tend to lure our youths from agricultural industry, and thus counteract one of the chief effects which the college training is designed to produce, viz.: a liking for the farm and a pride in the systematic performance of farm work. From a course of study in the admittedly excellent schools which Farmersville possesses, the student could pass to the agricultural college, and after completing his studies there he would return home prepared to follow intelligently and faithfully the calling of a farmer.

Under the existing state of affairs, we think that some change is urgently required, so far as concerns the annual sale of thoroughbred stock at the Model Farm. The sales are, of course, open to buyers from the East as well as from the West. But the expense of buying and transporting stock to the East is so great that few Model Farm cattle are found east of Belleville. At these annual sales thoroughbred sires are sold generally at low prices. The sales are principally attended by wealthy breeders who are interested in keeping up the price of registered stock, and are therefore prepared to pay even a fancy price for a thoroughbred sire rather

than that it should pass into the hands of a farmer who would be content with charges that would net him a fair return for his investment. The stock produced is thus prevented from conferring that benefit on the farmers generally which the Government intended it should. To remedy this, various plans have been suggested, and we add one more to the list. Let the Government order that a fair proportion of the surplus stock be shipped East (say, to Brockville), and there sold. If this plan were followed, we venture to say that better prices would be obtained for the stock than are now realized, and with the restrictions on buyers proposed at the Kingston meeting, better satisfaction and better results generally would be the outcome.

On Monday last the Supreme Court gave judgment as to the validity of the Dominion License Act, declaring that Act and the Act amending it to be *ultra vires* of the Dominion Parliament, excepting insofar as they regulate wholesale and vessel licenses. This will be a great blow to Sir John Macdonald. The faint shadow of his once-boasted reputation as a constitutional lawyer was formed by the hope he entertained that his opinion in this matter would be confirmed. In his famous Yorkville speech he declared that the Crooks Act was "not worth the paper it was written on," and that there was no law in the realm to prevent the unrestrained sale of intoxicating liquors. But the courts have declared against him, and there will be weeping and wailing in the Tory camp this week.

The Railway Bonus.

Voting on the By-law to grant \$15,000 to aid the construction of the B. W. & S. S. M. Railway, took place in this municipality on Tuesday last. As we anticipated, the good sense of the ratepayers prompted them to support the By-law, and it was carried by a majority of 163. But little active opposition was offered to the granting of the bonus, and we believe that those who voted against it will cheerfully accept the decision of the majority, and in the end will have no cause to regret their defeat. The polling in the subdivisions was as follows:—

	FOR.	AGN'T.
P. S. D. No. 1	81	26
" " 2	101	6
" " 3	45	32

In Brockville, the vote was taken on Wednesday last (bonus \$36,000), and the By-law was carried by a majority of 431. We learn this as we go to press, and have not received particulars of the vote. The large majorities given in this municipality and in Brockville ought to, and, no doubt, will have a good effect on the other places, in which voting is yet to take place.

Correspondence.

Notice.—We wish it distinctly understood that we do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.

To Edit or of The Reporter.

Sir.—A few years ago I had the pleasure of seeing and listening, in the village of Phillipsville, to a play acted by the Phillipsville Dramatic Company, entitled "Ten Nights in a Bar Room." I was well pleased with the exhibition, the most of the actors doing their parts exceedingly well. Well, sir, I spent a couple of nights in the same village last week and saw two of the ten nights played again at the Kennedy House. First night, drinking, singing, and having a good time; second night, drinking, cursing, swearing and wanting to fight. Now, sir, I could not stay to see the whole ten nights acted, nor would I wish to, for such scenes are a disgrace to any civilized community. Thanking you for so much space, I remain

A TRAVELLER.

SCOTT ACT VOTING.

The following are the dates fixed for the submission of the Scott Act in the counties named:—

Kent	Jan. 15
Lanark	" 15
Lennox and Addington	" 15
Brome, Que.	" 15
Northumberland & Durham	" 20
Guelph	" 22
Carleton, Ont.	" 29

ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

Mallorytown Stage.

The new stage route between this place and Mallorytown is fast becoming popular. The new manager Mr. Hugaboom, reports business good. He had 4 passengers out and 3 back, one trip, last week.

Death.

We are again called to chronicle the death of another old resident of this village. William McLean, for many years a resident of this section, died on Friday last, 9th inst. Mr. McLean was born in the Township of Augusta on the 10th of October, 1828. In 1853 he married a daughter of the late Joseph Robeson, of Hard Island. He leaves a widow and two children to mourn his loss. Of a quiet, retiring disposition, he had the good will and respect of all his acquaintances.

Carnival.

The Mayor of Carson City announces that, wind and weather permitting, he will hold his often-postponed carnival on Tuesday evening next (20th inst.). The mayor has had the white elephant (formerly with Jim-a-long-Josey's circus) in safe-keeping for this carnival, and as he has been to a heavy expense in feeding the animal, he asks all his friends to bring along a piece of pie or cake for the beast. Maskers are expected on the ice punctually at 8 p. m. The general public admitted at 7.30.