

## COMMERCIAL FARMERS CLUB

### MEETING AT ABERFOYLE

(Continued from yesterday.)

Arguments in favour of the position I take might also be drawn from the slowness with which we adopt changes in our social and domestic habits and customs, and with which we admit of changes in our forms of religious worship, but I believe I have said enough to sustain me in the assertion that the farming community are, throughout the world, characterized by a tendency to resist changes and that this tendency is, in a very great measure, to be accounted for by the peculiar nature of their calling, which is unfavourable to their congregating together for the interchange of ideas and for mutual improvement.

It behooves us, as men interested in the advancement of one common calling, to aid by every means in our power the introduction of any institution or organization that will tend to counteract the injurious influence of this comparative isolation, to which the pursuit of agriculture subjects those who follow it. Many schemes have been devised to counteract this unprogressive element, and none have proved so successful as the organization of Clubs in which farmers meet periodically for the discussion of agricultural topics. These institutions afford opportunities for the interchange of ideas—that whetting of mind upon mind—so essential to advancement. Friendly discussion is the crucible in which fact is separated from fiction, and in no pursuit is that friendly discussion more essential than in farming. How often do we find farmers entertaining opinions, and pursuing a practice, which they believe to be correct, but which if subjected to the test of dispassionate and friendly discussion, and to that of other men's experience, would prove fallacious? For such discussions Farmers' Clubs are the most common-sense organizations yet introduced, and this is only one feature of their usefulness.

They serve as mediums through which much useful information, that would otherwise remain hidden with those who possess it, is brought to the surface. How often do we meet with practical farmers who have acquired by experience much valuable information which they deem unworthy of special publication, but which would be elicited and made public by means of Farmers' Clubs, and would by this means prove of much value to those at a distance. They serve too as incentives to thought and study. Any man who takes an interest in such institutions will naturally give to the subject set apart for discussion more thought and study than he would if he was not expected to express his views upon it in public. In this way they tend to make each of their members a more liberal contributor to the general stock of knowledge than he would otherwise be.

Another very important feature of their usefulness, is that they are calculated to excite in the rising generation of farmers, or rather in those who should be, but who are too often disposed not to be farmers, a taste for the pursuit of that calling. It cannot be denied that our farmers' sons are too often disposed to turn their backs upon the plough, and flock to our towns and cities in search of more inviting employment. This has always seemed to me to be in a great measure due to the fact, that of late years the introduction of a more general system of common school education than formerly prevailed, has increased the thinking faculties of our farmers' sons, and as a consequence they are disposed to avoid a pursuit which, by the absence of such institutions as Farmers' Clubs, they are led to regard as one that will not afford them food for thought; or in other words, that will not give them occupation for the thinking faculties that education has aroused.

I need scarcely say that this impression so general in reference to farming is an erroneous one, for, if rightly viewed, there is no pursuit in life better calculated to afford the educated mind the pleasantest occupation than that of agriculture. Farmers' Clubs are eminently calculated to lead our young farmers to see that this is so, and they thus become powerful agencies for enlisting in agricultural pursuits men of active minds, who would otherwise be disposed to transfer their abilities to other callings.

We have yet another standpoint from which to view their usefulness, and that is the fact that they are convenient mediums through which farmers can give public expression to their views on any important question that may in the course of events render it desirable that they should do so. In this way the views of a district can be put forward with some weight, and brought to bear where they are most likely to have the desired effect. This unity of action which they are calculated to give rise to, is a matter of very great importance in several respects. Suppose the farmers of a district desire to improve their breed of horses, cattle, sheep, or swine, the united action of a Club would enable them to bring into the district superior sires for that purpose, which so long as they acted individually they could not accomplish with the same economy. In the same way the introduction of new or improved implements of seeds, manures, &c., can be brought about, and supplies of these obtained upon more favorable terms by a Club acting together, than they could be by the independent action of individuals.

These, gentlemen, are but a few of the benefits that Farmers' Clubs are calculated to give rise to, and they are more than enough to warrant you in organizing no pains to complete the organization of the one you contemplate. And now a few words on the necessary steps to be taken in organizing and conducting it. I need scarcely say you will first require to call a preliminary meeting of the farmers of the district—if you have not already done so. This meeting should select a committee of five or seven active, intelligent, and disinterested men, who shall draft a constitution. This constitution should, among other things, set forth in plain, unmistakable language, the objects of the proposed club, the number of officers necessary to conduct it, the mode of electing them, the length of time they are to hold office, and the duties of each. Let your President and Secretary be men upon whom you can rely to take an active interest in its success, for that success will largely depend upon them. The constitution should then proceed to state the qualifications necessary for membership, the yearly fee to be paid—which should not in any opinion exceed half a dollar—the number of meetings to be held annually, the time and place for holding them, the order in which the business of each meeting is to be conducted, and a general statement of the nature of the subjects that will be admissible for discussion, with a clear and unmistakable definition of those topics that will not be admissible. (To be concluded to-morrow.)

## Commercial.

### Guelph Markets.

Market Office, April 7.	
Flour, per 100 lbs.	53 00 to 53 50
Fall Wheat, per 100 lbs.	1 95 to 2 05
Redwell, do.	1 90 to 1 95
Spring Wheat (blond), do.	1 85 to 1 90
Spring Wheat (red chaff), do.	1 70 to 1 75
Oats, do.	1 17 to 1 18
Pears, do.	1 90 to 1 95
Barley, new, do.	2 20 to 2 30
Hay, per ton	12 00 to 14 00
Straw, per cord	3 00 to 3 50
Wood, per cord	4 00 to 4 50
Eggs, per dozen	11 to 12
Butter, salted, packed	30 to 32
Butter, rolls	25 to 26
Potatoes, per 100 lbs.	60 to 80
Spices, per 100 lbs.	50 to 1 00
Dressed Hogs, per cwt.	6 50 to 7 50
Beef, per cwt.	4 00 to 7 50

### Toronto Markets.

Toronto April 6.	
Fall Wheat, per bushel	\$1 24 to \$1 31
Spring Wheat, do.	1 20 to 1 24
Barley, do.	1 25 to 1 27
Oats, do.	48 to 49
Pears, do.	58 to 60
Dressed Hogs per 100 lbs.	7 50 to 8 50
Butter, lb rolls	30 to 35
Butter, tub, salted	30 to 35
Eggs, fresh, per doz.	16 to 17
Apples, per barrel	2 50 to 3 00
Potatoes, per bushel	50 to 60
Hay, per ton	18 00 to 23 00
Straw do.	15 00 to 19 00

### Hamilton Markets.

Hamilton, April 6.	
White wheat, per bushel	25 to 27
Redwell, do.	22 to 24
Dressd Hogs, do.	0 00 to 0 00
Red wheat, do.	1 15 to 1 17
Spring wheat, do.	1 12 to 1 17
Pears, do.	50 to 52
Barley, do.	1 20 to 1 25
Corn, do.	90 to 95
Butter, do.	30 to 35
Butter, fresh, per lb.	35 to 40
Butter, tub, salted	60 to 1 25
Apples, do.	35 to 40
Potatoes, do.	50 to 1 00

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