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We return our thanks to the large number of our subscribers that have promptly remitted their subscriptions and for the very kind remarks so many of you have made expressing satisfaction and good wishes. We doubly thank those that have sent one or more new subscribers. To those that wish us success, we should feel obliged if you would show your paper to some of your friends, and send even one new one. It would be but little trouble to you; and greatly oblige us. In every neighborhood there are some that do not take the FARMER'S ADVOCATE, that should have it. Just give it a trial, and see if you cannot send in one name, as so many have done.

We feel sure you would be pleased if you had our pictures, "Offer," and "Accepted," nicely framed and hung in your house. We wish every one of you to have them.

"The Offer" is a very handsome, large lithograph, beautifully executed, representing a pleasant young woman reading her offer of marriage; the surroundings, expression of the face, the position, the attitude are all pleasing, and so is the subject to many a youth, and a pleasing reminder to many a grey-headed lady. "Accepted" is the companion picture, same size, and also pleasing. We will give you either of these pictures if you will send us one new subscriber, or the pair for two. If you have obtained these, we will send you the colored lithograph, "Life's Voyage," which is a large, well-executed, handsomely-colored picture, showing merry childhood, and con-

tented and happy old age, with boat, water, cattle, household animals, the church and the lovers. You will be well satisfied with it, or we will give you any choice plant or choice seeds from any florist, seedsman or nurseryman in Canada. We will send you the order, or will procure you the plant or seed you require, to the extent of 50c., for one new subscriber. We are determined to add a few more thousand subscribers to our list, at any cost. Already our receipts are far in excess of any previous year, and a slight exertion on the part of each subscriber, will raise our list to double its present number.

The annual meetings of the township agricultural societies will take place on the second Thursday of this month, and of the electoral districts on the third Wednesday. You should attend the meetings and listen to the discussions, ask questions and suggest improvements.

Many complain about management, improper decisions of judges, &c., when in bar-rooms or at other meetings of like nature, but on the day of the annual meeting they are absent. That is the time and place to lay your complaints. The meetings do not forget to return thanks to those that

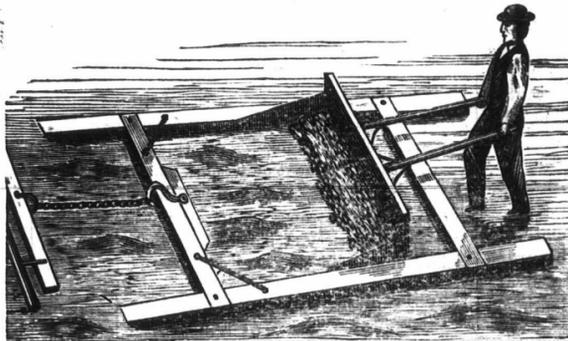
those who have land they wish to level, this will be found an excellent and cheap implement. There is no patent to prevent any one from making it. Mr. Bobier is a good and enterprising farmer, and made it for his own use. We have seen it and think it of so much value that we got one of our artists to draw and engrave it for your benefit. It should not cost more than eight dollars if ordered to be made. This machine is not patented.

Migration.

Numbers of our Canadian farmers are satisfied with the farms they have, and well they may be. From personal observation and information otherwise obtained, we know of no country where persons of small means could have done better for themselves than in this Dominion. Opportunities are still open in the country for the poor and the rich to improve their conditions. Any quantity of land is open for settlement; mills, factories and traders are wanted to fill up this vast country. There are homes in it for millions, and opportunities quite as good as ever they have been for all to succeed.

There is a strong desire to improve their circumstances generally evinced by many; this causes the extensive migration from one locality to another. These moves are often beneficial to the industrious and enterprising; the lagging and shiftless will do well nowhere. Many call at this office for information, and many furnish us with very satisfactory accounts. Within the past few days we have seen parties from Muskoka; they are sons of well-to-do farmers in the township of Deleware. They have taken up land in Muskoka, and are well satisfied with their prospects. A farmer from Westminster has taken up 200 acres on St. Joseph's Island, and settlers are going there very fast. A personal inspection of lands is necessary as there is good and bad land in both places. Mr. Jones, of Markham, furnishes some very favorable accounts of farming land near Thunder Bay, on which settlers will soon become wealthy. Vast numbers are pouring into Manitoba, and have excellent prospects before them.

Many farms have been purchased in this county during the past year by persons from other counties. Land is too high here for farmers with large families to purchase farms for their sons; thus the swarming process must be kept up. Some are going to the States. A young man from Westminster is highly pleased with Texas; several have taken up land in Arkansas. Both of these States offer good inducements to settlers; in our Dominion, however, there is greater certainty of lasting prosperity. The great Eldorado of the States, California, has lost its charms for Canadians; many have returned greatly dissatisfied. Poverty, discord and starvation appear to be more prevalent than peace and plenty in that fertile and salubrious country. British Columbia offers but moderate inducements to tempt many farmers to its shores. The climate is pleasant and the scenery grand, but the greater part of the province can never be of much value as an agricultural country. Its greatest wealth is in mines, minerals, timber and fisheries.



have devoted their time and ability to make your exhibition as good as it is if they deserve it. If they do not deserve your hearty thanks elect new men. There are just as good fish in the sea as was ever taken out of it.

A Land Leveler.

Mr. Joshua Bobier, of Ingersoll, has invented and constructed an excellent land leveler, the best we have yet seen. It is made of 4 x 4 scantling, about 10 feet long and 8 feet wide; two iron bolts through the scantlings form the hinges, which are attached to the plank by a piece of sheet-iron. The plank has a slip of steel screwed on to its lower edge. Two poles put through the plank form the handles. By this implement a man can level rods or fields far better and quicker than it can be done by the common leveler and the scraper. From the cut now given any common mechanic can make one. A few bolts and braces are required. } To