

this publication, except that it will be in the future very much what it has been in the past, with, we hope, growing improvement in the ability and vigour with which it is conducted. In size, style and general appearance it is we believe generally acceptable to its readers, and therefore in these respects, we meditate no change. The difficulty of supplying a page of music, to which we have been obliged to refer several times, is of so insurmountable a nature that we fear this feature will have to be rare, if not altogether wanting, but in other respects we hope to keep fully up to the mark. Our enterprising publishers offer special inducements to subscribers, agricultural societies, &c., for which we beg to refer all and sundry to their advertisement. It is not begging a favour for ourselves, but soliciting effort for the advancement of the agricultural interests of our country, for us to bespeak the co-operation of our friends generally in extending our circulation. Nothing save an increased subscription list is needed to enable us to secure every desirable improvement and we trust there will be much kind endeavour to help us in this way, now that a new volume is about to commence.

FARMER'S CLUBS.

The time of year has now arrived when farmers have some leisure, and when the long evenings render it convenient to have family social, and public gatherings. Only here and there in Canada, have the farmers in a given vicinity organized themselves into clubs, while it is desirable that there should be such an association in every school section. There need surely at this time of day be no discussion as to the utility and importance of these organizations. How to form them, and how to make them interesting, are the chief difficulties. Their formation is happily a difficulty easily overcome. Nothing complex is required. A very brief constitution and a very short set of By-Laws will answer every purpose. We append these already in use in an existing Farmer's Club which may serve as a guide. Of course it can be varied to suit the circumstances or wishes of the parties composing it. But simple as it is, it really embodies all that is essential to the frame-work and machinery of the organization.

CONSTITUTION.

I. This organization shall be known as the—— Farmers' Club.

II. Its object shall be the improvement of its members in the theory and practice of agriculture, and the dissemination of knowledge relative to rural and household affairs.

III. Its members shall consist of such persons as shall sign the constitution and by-laws, and pay annually the sum of——

IV. Its officers shall consist of a President, (two) Vice-Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall jointly constitute the Executive Committee, and shall be elected annually.

V. Its meetings shall be held weekly, fortnightly or monthly as the case may be, at such places as may be designated by the Club.

VI. This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by a majority of the members present, said amendment having been proposed at the previous meeting.

BY-LAWS.

I. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and Executive Committee, and have power to call special meetings.

II. One of the Vice-Presidents shall perform the duties of the President during his absence.

III. The Secretary shall record the proceedings of the Club and conduct its correspondence.

IV. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys, and pay the same on the written order of the President, countersigned by the Secretary.

The management of a Farmer's Club so as to make it interesting is not so easy. Much will depend on the tact of the officers and the co-operation of the members. If the officers leave the meeting to drift or if the members expect the officers to do all for them, the affair will soon come to grief. The officers should arrange subjects for discussion, stir up interesting questions, get suitable parties to write Essays, to lead off debates, and occasionally if practicable, have a set lecture delivered by a suitable person. Considerable latitude should be allowed to admit of the proposition and introduction of topics by members. There should be opportunity for any one to read to the meeting anything of interest that may have come under his notice. Every thing dull, prosy, and fruitless should be tabooed. We believe it would be an improvement on these clubs as usually conducted, if the presence of ladies were secured, woman was meant to be man's companion and helpmeet in all the walks of life. Much of the hard work of the farm falls to her share, and we believe such meetings might be made of interest to the fairest portion of the human family. Moreover if the ladies attended, the proceedings might be enlivened with music, which would be a very pleasant addition, delightfully varying the more practical engagements of the evening.

TRIAL OF DOUBLE FURROW PLOUGHS.

A public trial of two of these ploughs took place at Milliken's Corners, Markham township, on Monday, November 14th. The day being wet and stormy, but a small attendance of farmers was on the ground, the number of spectators not exceeding fifty. Of the ploughs brought out one was made by John Gray & Co., Uddington, Scotland, and imported by Wm. Rennie, of Eglington, York township.