

FARMERS RIGHTS.

Farmers are frequently heard complaining because they are not proportionately represented in parliament, and that as a consequence, their interests are either neglected, or they are made to serve the selfish purposes of grinding monopolies.

We do not propose to deny the truth of such assertions, but rather to draw attention to some of the reasons for such a state of affairs. That the agricultural class is not proportionately represented, no one will for a moment question, but the reason is evidently at their own door. If any class determine to better their circumstances by legislation or otherwise it is absolutely necessary that they co-operate. Union is strength, and without united effort very little can be accomplished. But some are ready to ask, how can farmers unite, or co-operate, in such a way as to be any practical benefit either by special legislation or indeed any other way? Let us see for a moment. The organization called the Farmers' Institute has been called into existence for this very purpose; to disseminate useful knowledge on the various improved methods of farming, and to give an opportunity to farmers to unite, formulate ways and means for their benefit as a class and communicate their wants and wishes through this medium to the powers that be.

This organization has been, so far, a partial success, and it remains with the agriculturalists whether it fully accomplishes its designed mission or not. If farmers will identify themselves generally with the Farmers' Institute of the Electoral Division in which they reside, attend the meetings and thus show by their actions that they are willing to use the means put within their reach, there is nothing to prevent, or which can hinder, the claims of the husbandman receiving that attention, consideration or legislation it calls for. Our farmers are "The Lords of the Land" and only require to be united in order to secure their rights.

Now these Farmers' Institute meetings are being held throughout the Province: one in Markdale the 11th inst. with three sessions, viz., 10 a.m., 1:30 and 7:30 p. m., also the following day at Flesherton, same hours. Let there be a good attendance.

MUNICIPAL NOMINATION.

MARKDALE.

On Monday evening last the nomination was honored with a very full attendance of ratepayers. Mr. Bryden, the returning officer, presiding. The following nominations were received, viz: For Reeve, W. J. McFarland, Wm. Brown, R. S. Rae and Dr. Sprule, M. P. For Councillors—W. Lucas, S. Hill, Wm. Brown, John Lyons, J. W. Ford, Wm. Douglas, A. Plewes, Wilson Benson, John McKenna, R. B. Curry, Os. Walker, E. Davis, W. L. Young, Wm. Jackson, J. J. Irwin, R. D. Bigger. When the hour for receiving nominations had expired the meeting adjourned to Haskett's Hall for the public speaking when W. L. Young was elected chairman after which over two hours was well spent in ventilating municipal affairs of the young corporation. All the candidates for Reeve resigned accept Mr. McFarland, who was declared elected by acclamation. The following names go to the poll for councillors, Wm. Brown; E. Davis, Wm. Douglas, J. W. Ford, S. Hill, Wm. Jackson, Wm. Lucas, John Lyons and A. Plewes.

Holland—Reeve—M. Howay and Wm. Norton; Deputy Reeve—A.

Shute by acclamation. Councillors—J. Galbraith, T. Willisroft, Wm. Hampton, W. J. Shephardson, Wm. Foster and J. Murray. Artemesia—All the old council elected by acclamation. Glenelg—Reeve, Moffat and McCuaig. Deputy, McMillan and Staples. (Councillors, Peaton, Black, Barry, Boyce, Firth, Hall, McCormick, P. Neil, T. Sullivan and C. Williams.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

—Every Torontonion is proud to know that the city now contains a population of 170,000. The fact that those best qualified to judge had, previous to the census, placed the figures at 20,000 less than those now shown, is the best proof of the phenomenal growth of the capital of Ontario during the last decade. And it is also satisfactory to know that this prosperity is not due to exceptional circumstances, but is simply the natural development of a commercial metropolis, situated in the midst of a rich country and an intelligent yeomanry.

—The question which has been agitating Boston for months past as to whether the Roman Catholics were to control the public schools or not was disposed of at the election held on the 11th inst., the result being that the whole of the Protestant ticket has been elected and every Catholic candidate defeated. It is quite evident that Boston is not a Catholic city, and that its citizens are strongly opposed to the Romanization of their schools. The example thus set by the Bostonians will no doubt have an important effect on other cities where a similar discussion is going on.

Holland Centre.

Standard Correspondence.

Mr. Price has put in a weigh scale which will be a great convenience to the farmers as also the village.

Mrs. Wm. Williams, one of the oldest residents of Holland, died at the residence of her son Edward, near Dundalk, on Monday last. She has been a consistent member of the Methodist church for over 55 years. Her remains will be interred in Mount Zion cemetery on Wednesday.

At the Christmas tree entertainment held by St. Mark's school in Mr. Price's Hall there was a good turnout and all present went home pleased with the result.

Mr. Wm. Crowther was the recipient of a present from Santa Claus. He says it's a very quiet chap. Also on the 25th ult., the wife of Mr. H. Mercer, merchant, of a daughter.

A flourishing lodge of I. O. G. T. is organized with over 30 charter members, and still they come.

Owing to the want of sleighing times are dull. Expect an improvement when snow falls.

Flesherton.

Standard Correspondence.

Rev. J. W. Shilton (Methodist) and Rev. T. J. McClelland (Presbyterian) preached very interesting Sabbath School anniversary sermons to the Methodist and Presbyterian Sabbath Schools of this village on Sabbath last.

A. R. Fawcett, Esq., of Streetsville, is this week visiting with his parents in this village.

R. H. Handerson, Esq., of Toronto, is the guest of Jos. Blackburn, Esq. Miss Gaudin, of Owen Sound, is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Thurston and editor of the Advance.

Miss Emma Damude returned last week from her extended holiday.

Artemesia township council's hands clean and record apparently good. No poll required in this township; the old council re-elected by acclamation. W. S. Christie, M.D. Reeve; Messrs. McArthur, Boland, Sharp and Cairns, Councillors.

The Sabbath School anniversary of the Methodist church here on New Year's evening was a grand success. The programme was lengthy but well sustained. Proceeds \$90.

At the annual business meeting of the Presbyterian church here on Friday last it was decided to adopt the envelope system that donations for religious ordinances be paid in upon the first day of the week.

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C. H. ROWE.

Markdale, Dec. 1, 1888.

Markdale Markets.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Items include Fall Wheat, Spring Wheat, Oats, Potatoes, Butter, Eggs, Pork, and various other goods with their respective prices.

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INSPECTION AND COMPARISON SOLICITED. W. M. BROWN

Mr. Elston—I a correspondent duties in keeping neighboring districts columns. However to enjoy ourselves social gatherings big turkey which the occasion. Municipal matter the day here at present is past and a field and out for a to try who will be nearly all inclined Mr. Moffat as Reeve duty in the past. Mr. R. J. Oxen's his new locality of Lake Simcoe, Mr. S. Crane, expected to be on duty. Our annual school off quietly and so Lamb, the retiring elected. Mrs. Peck, of O visiting her parents English. We are sorry to Nichol has of late and unable to attend but trust he usual health and Mr. Wm. Gordon for his new home are sorry to lose among us as he friends during his locality. Mr. Thompson, fills his place will be a good and Farmers are in order to get along winter work, such logs, etc., etc. Mrs. C. Boyle within this last month disease, rheumatism will soon recover. Cattle food will a number in this weekly visitor and

The want of drawback to those quantities of timber out. All classes more or less. The Xmas and success, notwithstanding weather. Vickers' Express their agent here no longer required so that the business to warrant its cost. Building operation carried on here on story hotel, a large two brick stores, are being planned. J. W. McCulloch visit. He is marked Trinity College. Mr. W. P. Ryan teaching profession principal of Dundas. He has received to the esteem in which

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