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**Agricultural Societies.**

There is no association that has a greater sphere of usefulness than the agricultural society. It ought therefore, to receive the support of every individual, whatever be his trade or profession, because all are directly or indirectly interested. Whatever tends to improve the condition of the agriculturist adds wealth to the country. It might be reasonably expected, that the mass of farmers themselves would be the most active agents in trying to further their interests by means of agricultural societies; yet such is not always the case. The owners and managers know of dear experience the obstacles they have to encounter to keep their societies in existence. They complain that there is so much general indifference manifested by farmers in all that concerns their own well-being by means of Agricultural Societies, as would be sufficient ground for their resigning in disgust. For many reasons this is a great wrong and one that should be permanently remedied. It is no argument against societies that errors are frequently made in their management; they will probably never be free from them, and the better way, is to use united action for the removal of every grievance, that may be found to exist. It would also be well for directors to exercise considerable discretion in the management of an institution so liable to be involved in difficulty. A more than common discretion requires to be exercised in the selection of Judges, and to see that no real or imaginary ground for complaint can be urged against the decisions. And it is no less the duty of directors to see that all the rules and by-laws in connection with their society are well understood before attempting to exact a penalty for a violation of them.

**Editorial Notes.**

France exports annually to England upwards of 455,000 cwt. of butter.

The British Government pays annually pensions to the amount of \$13,473,380.

A reduction of ten per cent. in wages has been determined on by the iron masters of the west of Scotland.

The Queen's income is fixed at £385,000, but about £17,000 is deducted from this for the Civil List pensions.

It is semi-officially announced that the Governor-General's address at the opening of the Provincial Exhibition, will be his last, prior to his departure from Canada.

The sugar crop of British Guiana will, through drought, be forty thousand hogsheads short this year. The Dominican Government has reduced the export duty on raw sugar in order to attract foreign capital.

An important link in the connection of the rest of the Dominion with Manitoba has been established in the completion of direct telegraphic communication between Winnipeg and Thunder Bay.

His Grace the Archbishop of Quebec has notified by circular letter the causes of the different parishes under his charge, that all political meetings upon the church grounds are henceforth to be prohibited.

The International Monetary Conference which has been deliberating in Paris broke up without taking any action on the silver question, beyond asserting the necessity of maintaining the use of bimetallics.

J. E. McGarvin, druggist, Acton

Owing to the Nile not rising to its average height this season, the Indian corn crop is a failure. Large demands for American corn are being made at Alexandria, Egypt is short of money just now, and Yankees speculate feel dubious about sending corn or anything else there, considering the financial condition of the Peabody.

A large and enthusiastic crowd witnessed the departure from Canada of Lord Dufferin, on Saturday last. His Honor the Lieutenant Governor paid his adieu to her Excellency the Countess of Dufferin at the same time presenting her with a magnificent floral bouquet culled from the conservatory of Spencer Wood.

A scheme is on foot in Montreal,

and will probably be carried into effect, to erect a grand Vice-Royal residence on Mount Royal fit for the new Governor-General.

The cost of the undertaking is to rest with the citizens of Montreal only,

and the only return that is asked is that the Marquis and Princess de

Grenier had preferred Sir Francis Hincks to him. Mr. Scott, Sir Alexander Smith, and Mr. Cauchon.

They had promised to reduce the expenditures and had not done so in

a single instance, and had con-

tinued to accept the salaries which previously they had declared to be too large. They had cut down nothing except the militia expendi-

titure, and that was the last item that should have been touched.

They had also reduced the expen-

ture on some public works and other matters of that kind, but nothing in the shape of civil gov-

ernment.

The Government had also pro-

mised to secure a closer control by

Parliament over the expenditure

of the people's money, but they had

flagrantly and flagrantly violated

this principle in regard to the steel

rails, which they had purchased

five years before they were paid

and, for which they had paid

nearly twice as much as they had

paid for them.

Montreal will carry away the honor

without making an effort to have

the Vice-Royal residence located in

its ancient capital. It is likely

that to secure this object there will

be a sharp rivalry between the two

cities. Toronto appears to be out

of the question altogether in this

matter.

**Reform Meeting in George-**

**town.**

A meeting in the interest of Mr.

McCrane, M. P., Reform candi-

date for this County, was held in

the drill shed, Georgetown, last

Friday night. There was a large

crowd at the meeting, including a

number from Acton, Milton, Oak

Ville and other villages in the vicin-

ity.

The meeting was opened about

8 o'clock, Mr. Mackenzie, Mayor of

Georgetown, taking the chair.

The Chairman invited Hon.

Wm. Macdougall, if he was present,

Mr. Pattullo, and Mr. Hallam, of

Toronto, to take seats on the plat-

form. The first named gentleman

had not however, entered the build-

ing. The others came to the plat-

form.

Mr. McCrane was then intro-

duced, and said he hoped that

Mr. Macdougall would be present

at the beginning of the meeting, as he

intended at some future day, before

the election, meeting with the po-

pulation of Georgetown to address them

at some length. Some four years

ago the Reformers of that coun-

try had nominated him as their can-  
didate, and as one who had agreed to

give the Government of Mr. Mac-

kenzie's cordial though not alway-

support, he had been elected. Hav-

ing been again nominated by the

Reform party, and having fulfilled

the promises he had given in the

past, he again appeared before them

as the supporter of Mr. Mackenzie.

That gentleman had carried out

the promises he had made to the

people of Canada, and now ask

ed a renewal of their confidence.

Of the acts of the Government, as

compared with those of their pre-

decessors, people of Halton, who are

a reading people, knew as much as

he could tell them, and believing

that Government to have acted

honestly and wisely, he again ap-

pealed to them to elect him as their

representative, promising to do as

he had in the past, to give an hon-

est and conscientious report to the

Administration of the Hon. Alex-

Mackenzie.

No mixed marriage can be cele-

brated by a Roman Catholic priest

in England, without an express

agreement that all the children

shall be trained up as Catholics.

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