

Correspondence.

"HOW CAN WE DO WITHOUT AGENTS?"

(To the Editor of the York Herald.) DEAR SIR,— In your paper of Aug. 7th, you maintain that yourself and I do agree, upon the propriety of dispensing with the services of those agents who now stand between the manufacturer and agriculturist; and yet, you appear to believe we cannot, at present, do without them. No doubt, you imagine that the agent is of some advantage to the agriculturist on introducing new or improved implements; and for this reason consider that he will be the recipient of many a kind blessing from the poor deluded farmer. But if you will look for one moment at the swindling operation practised, and the patient humbug played off upon the farmer, by some of these crafty gentlemen, and compute the amount paid as agents fees on agricultural implements used in the County of York alone, you will, perhaps, receive a just idea of the immense loss which the farmers of Canada sustain by supporting agents. You state that the work the agent has been doing is a valuable one. In that, I partially agree with you, as far as the manufacturer is concerned; for certainly the manufacturer is benefited by the agent clearing his shroves of second class machinery, or, as "Another Agriculturist" remarked, palming off upon the farmer a machine which he knew would be superseded by a superior article, before it was required for use. But what is the advantage which the manufacturer receives from those agents introducing a new machine, (if really a good article,) compared with that which he would possess, if we, as farmers, were called, and gave him an opportunity of placing the machine in the hands of a club, or grange, for the purpose of testing its merits. By the latter plan, every farmer in Canada who belonged to a club or grange, might, within one week, know that such a machine was manufactured while by the former system this information would be given at an immense cost, which the farmer would be called upon to pay. But how, if the article is of an inferior quality, and requires a mathematical proof, based upon the over-estimated value of the work which the machine will perform, then, certainly, the order is reversed; for, whereas the club or grange would promptly exclude it from the public, the agent, by calling all his persuasive powers to play, may manage to make the affair pay running expenses, even though the farmer is the loser. Were your statement that a person might act as his own agent, duly acknowledged, part of the difficulty would be overcome; but, while two neighbors may act as agents for each other, the manufacturer refuses to grant us that privilege. Hoping, Mr Editor, that you will excuse me from continuing my correspondence, and thanking you for the space kindly given to my communications in your columns. Yours, &c., AGRICULTURIST. RICHMOND HILL, Aug. 18th, '74

To the Editor of the York Herald. DEAR SIR,— In your issue of the 7th ult. you say that Judge Boyd dismissed the appeals from the Court of Revision, as the Appellant had not fulfilled the requirements of the statutes in each case made and provided. The fact is, the Judge committed a dereliction of duty in appointing a day subsequent to the 1st August for revising the assessment. He has been guilty of a deliberate transgression of his official duties, and ignorant of the law in either case, he is unfit to be entrusted with the administration of justice. A demand for his immediate retirement or dismissal from the position he has disgraced, should be forwarded to the proper authorities. Yours, D. C. O'BRIEN, Appellant in the above cases referred to. Richmond Hill, Sept. 2, '74.

CRAWFORD'S RAMBLES. RAMBLE No. 9. MR. EDITOR,—Will you be kind enough to give the "Rambler" of Richmond Hill a space in the Herald this week. The Carrville Rambler in his correspondence of last week, wants a little information, but let him sign his name to his Rambles, and he will hear from me again, and without that I won't hold any correspondence with any person who is afraid to put his name to his scribbling. FRED. CRAWFORD, The Rambler.

To the Editor of the York Herald. Sir,— On taking a quiet walk one evening last week my attention was attracted by a rather unusual performance going on in one of the most conspicuous parts of our village. Being at a loss to find out what the crowd had congregated for, I crossed the street, when, to my surprise and astonishment, I beheld Fred Crawford, commonly called the "Rambler" shuffling it off on the light fastidious, to the whistling music of a juvenile band, some members of which, to judge from appearance, seemed in danger of bursting in bloodvessel from the praiseworthy manner in which they exerted themselves to cater to the performer's wishes. The "rambler" went through the various and lively figures rather gracefully (if you like,) until such time as one of the boys commenced out-swinging your partner. The moon shining brightly at the time, Fred caught a glimpse of his shadow, and no doubt imagined it was his partner, made a reach for the grand swing, which swing proved rather unfortunate for the "rambler," as instead of enjoying the much coveted swing he fell all four in the ditch, and the grateful amusement of what I should call a rather intelligent and highly interested and appreciative audience, some of whom roared out "bully!" "good boy Fred!" "try it again old man!" and other words of encouragement which I thought rather timely and appropriate owing to the excited state of the disappointed and somewhat crestfallen champion of the evening. By the aid of some of the youthful band, the "rambler" once more gained his equilibrium and his language at this eventful crisis of the entertainment, was anything but edifying or instructive to the audience. Particularly his juvenile band, to whom he was so much indebted. I asked myself the question, can it be Fred Crawford our corporation official whose name appears so often in the columns of the York Herald, and call this veteran "rambler's" attention, the better, Mr Editor, thanking you for the privilege of occupying so much of your valuable space, I beg leave to subscribe myself a QUIET OBSERVER. P. S. Since writing the above, I have been informed that a little domestic loneliness was the cause of the "ramblers" recent escapade. Q. O.

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