

An Important Decision.

York County V. Boyd.

The following rather important test case concerning assessment of property, was decided by Mr N. G. Bigelow, acting as deputy for County Judge Boyd, on Friday.

David Boyle owns lot 13, 1st Con., of the township of York, but does not live in the township. One Goddard resides on the lot as tenant. In assessing the property, the assessor placed only the name of the tenant on the roll—which practice is said to be very common among assessors—especially in York township. The tenant failed to pay his taxes; removed all chattels from the premises; and left the country. The municipality of York brings an action against the owner of the land to recover the amount of taxes. The claim was resisted on the ground that the owner of the land had not been assessed for it, and further, that the collector had not secured the taxes, while he had an opportunity of doing so, out of the goods of the tenant.

The case was tried before Mr Bigelow on the 6th of August. Judgment reserved.

It was subsequently argued before him by Mr Bull for plaintiff, and W B Canavan for defence. Held.—That the defendant had not been properly assessed for the land, under section 16 of the Assessment Act, which provides that in cases of this kind the land shall be assessed in the name of the occupant and the owner. The action was therefore not maintainable, and a non-suit was entered.

FARMER'S CLUB.

The Farmer's Club met at the Franklin Hall on Tuesday, 3rd ult. The attendance was fair; among whom we noticed J Slater Pies, H Jennings, J Gilman, W Lawson, W Ralph, A Forster, J Reesor, James Fran, W McDonald, R J Armstrong, H Tane, M Galloway and others.

The President called upon Mr Forster to open the discussion said that his time had been very much occupied, and he was not prepared to acquaint himself with the opinion of others and would only give his own opinion as to the relative qualities of seed fall wheat. His graduation of seed was as follows:—Best, Clawson 2nd best, Scott; 3rd best, Silver chaff; 4th best, Trendwell bald or bearded.

Mr J Robinson still claimed the old Soules wheat to be the best, both for yield and milling purposes; others recommended Arnold's Victor and Deer Park. He put in both Clawson and Scott last season; the Clawson was sown on barley stubble, and the Scott on summer fall. The Scott was sown in the first week of September, was smothered out and considerably winter-killed. It had shorter straw, red, stood well up and stood and filled well. Last winter was a hard one on wheat. The Trendwell was, also, generally a good wheat to yield, and was well liked by the millers. The Amber, a new variety, was highly recommended by seedsmen. The time for sowing fall wheat depended very much on circumstances; as a rule, the first and 2nd weeks in Sept. were considered early and late enough. He had found that the rotation of crops was the best system of preparing the soil for seed. It might be varied to suit green crops. He had a rotation of eight years.

He cultivated 90 acres this Summer fallow plowing in June to kill thistles. Sometimes put in eye in fall previous to summer fallowing; had it eaten off with cattle, then summer fallowed. 1st year seeded down clover and timothy; 2nd wheat 3rd, hay; 4th, hay and clover seed; 5th, hay; 6th, peas; 7th, spring wheat and barley; 8th, barley; 9th, oats.

Mr Jennings, sec. by Mr Lawson, moved that a vote of thanks be tendered to Mr Forster for the able manner in which he had addressed the Club on the subject. Mr Forster, sec. by Mr McDonald moved that Dr F A Armstrong be invited to deliver an essay on Agricultural Chemistry at the next meeting to be held in the Franklin Hall, Markham, on Tuesday, Oct. 19th, at 2 o'clock, p. m.

Weston.

FATAL ACCIDENT.

On Thursday afternoon a melancholy accident occurred to Mr John Dixon, who resides on the 2nd Con., of the township of Etobicoke. It appears that Mr Dixon went to look after a young colt, and having found it on the 3rd Con., returned homewards, leading the animal. About six o'clock in the evening he was found by Mr Paisley, on the roadside, quite dead. His hat was found some distance from the body. There being no mark of violence, except a slight scratch on his face, it is uncertain whether he mounted the colt and was thrown, or whether the horse became restive and kicked him. Mr Dixon was about 65 years of age. He leaves a large family to mourn his sudden death. In the township his demise is generally regretted, and much sympathy is felt for the family. Mrs Dixon who has been ailing of late, has been so deeply affected by the occurrence that it is feared she will die.

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