

that the recent invention of using earthenware vessels to hold oil will lead to a better class of oil. You would soon detect this communication of oil and impurities for a place in your vases, and hope that the inhabitants hereon to decide upon the practicability of the substituting an elegant and unobjectionable for the present same and uncertain can now meet.

A FRIEND TO IMPROVEMENT.
Kingston, January 26, 1845.

MODEL FARMS.

14th January, 1845.

To the Editor of the Chronicle & Gazette.

SIR.—Some I last addressed you on the subject of Model Farms. I have said that a Bill is in progress there in the Canadian Parliament, for the purpose of establishing an Industrial Farm near the City of Toronto;—and, if I understand rightly, what is meant by an Industrial Farm, its object is to afford employment to the labouring classes, who are often found in our Towns with any visible means of obtaining an honest livelihood. Such an object all must agree is highly creditable to its promoters; and an example worthy of being followed by every Town in the Province. To say's so much may still be attached higher importance by uniting the Industrial with the Model Farm, and by establishing the same in every District in the Province. Nor do I perceive that such a creation would be attended with any serious additional expense; for, Sir, the more management of an Industrial Farm would require an experienced and skilful agriculturalist, with which qualifications should be united scientific acquirements in the conductor of the Model Farm.

In the present state of our Canadian Agriculture the acquisition of a Model Farm cannot be too highly appreciated.

On many instances that present themselves of its importance, I shall adduce, but first—and that is an experiment made by an eminent Agriculturalist, and I suppose to be late T. A. Knight, Esq., of testing the capabilities of the soil, which should act as a powerful stimulus upon every man in this Colony, engaged in the soil, and honourable pursuit of tilling the soil—to go and do likewise.

The experiments to which I allude was made with the Potash, of which this distinguished individual produced by his skill, a large percentage for three successive years, several new varieties, amongst which particular kind yielded the enormous quantity of One Thousand Bushels upon English acre—

and it was the opinion of this great experimentalist that the soil was capable of bearing a still greater bushel and a half per acre.

This experiment was made in the year 1838, and it was the opinion of the largest quantity ever produced upon an acre in Canada, has always been a record set up by the author of the said experiment.

The establishment of Model Farms would be associated with a much greater quantity of agricultural produce may be grown upon an acre of land, and would also naturally tend to the introduction of a better selection of animals than those at present.

I shall not further trouble upon your valuable space, however much I may be disposed to dwell upon this important subject—a subject in which all must feel deeply interested who value the prosperity of this fertile Province in an equal ratio with

A BRITISH FARMER'S SON.

The three last of the following series of Letters on the amelioration of the condition of the poor, have already appeared in previous numbers of the Chronicle. The subject is one of very great importance, and it is to be hoped that it will receive as much attention as the other two.

On the Amelioration of the Condition of the Poor.

To the Editor of the Chronicle & Gazette.

This sheet cannot be issued successfully and so as to be productive of very important benefit to society, without doing injury in view of its tendency to propagate in the minds of youth.

These propositions, and others the whole science, embracing them, being at present day scattered, and not easily collected, for the discussion of any question, and the same as well as the discussion of the condition of our poor, must be expected to partake of the difficulties of the main question of which it forms a part.

The many errors which have and experience have exposed in the various writers so far related, as Smith, Mathews, Ricardo, Say, and McCulloch, on Political Economy, and his notes, and which errors are clearly pointed out by Atkinson in a recent work, evince the difficulty of arriving at any satisfactory conclusion of this subject. Nevertheless, although the best means of ameliorating the condition cannot in the mean time be demonstrated, it is not difficult that no improvement of the poor should be attempted.

In order to bring about a change in whatever respects the general concurrence of the public, it is necessary to point out our reasons for the change so recommended, and in doing so, when the question is very difficult of proof, common sense and experience seem the best arguments, esp. if supported by the weight of the best and most reliable authority.

It is not those who are capable of following out the subtleties of legal d. m. and taxation, and having time and patience, who are able to appreciate the difficulty of arriving at a correct conclusion of the mass of the people will find it difficult to ascertain as it is absolutely necessary for the efficiency and use of any system that may be established to render it a cordial operation—it would be highly impudent to despise their prepossessions.

II.

SIR.—When the cure of any evil is contemplated it is desirable that the source whence it is fed should be exhausted.

It is a very great evil in society that a vast number of individuals should be suffering torture from hunger, and from want of shelter and clothing, especially in the long and rigorous winters of Canada.

It is no doubt possible to ameliorate the condition of such sufferers, by the bestowing of alms; and it may be further said that this is the only means of supporting the infirm poor who are unable to provide for themselves by the exercise of any branch of industry. The case, however, being very different with those able to work, but who lack employment, the plan for the amelioration of their specific conditions must be of a different kind.

In the former case, it is generally allowed to be the economy of every nation to establish Poor houses, to be maintained by levying a poll rate on the population of the country, and in the fairest proportion that can be sustained, according to wealth. In the latter case, means may be due by the Rulers of a country, in giving a proper direction to the industrial efforts of the labouring portion of the population.

In seeking the use of the term Ruler, I do not mean thereby the Governor and Legislative bodies alone, but all men of influence and power. These latter may not appear directly on the arena of public legislation, yet even their conversations, less or more, influence the public press, legislative departments, as well as the executive administration of the law.

Unless pains be taken to give a proper direction to the use of the power classed, the demand for alms to the poor is likely to become excessive and pressing, and to be a very serious tax on the industry of the country.

It is a very general outcry, "Let us have some important place of relief for the poor, until something better can be devised." This is merely an evasion of the question, and full consideration of the question must be given. The more temporary expedients are adopted, and found ineffectual, the more will the population hesitate in falling in with any final and permanent system, however well considered and well adapted it might be. The temporary plan is now in force, the giving of alms from the Chancery of the Poor, and the Poor Law, and from private

individuals, according to their means and the apparent urgency of the cases presented.

III.

SIR.—Whoever feels any interest in this subject would do well to read the Upper Canada Act of Parliament, Titl. VII, ch. 4, chap. 24, designed to better the condition of the poor, and which is still in force, and gives certain powers to the Justices of the Peace, when sanctioned by three successive Grand Juries, to raise rates, and to maintain a House of Industry in each District.

That Act was passed in March, 1827, nearly eight years ago, and as yet the Justices of no one District have availed themselves of its provisions.

The objection to the system of Poor Laws attempted to be established by this Act, is, that it is partial in its operation; leaving it to Grand Juries and Justices whether to establish a Poor House in each District or not.

If it is right that the local District Authorities should, by compulsion, tax the people for this purpose, in any one District, it is surely right that one Provincial measure should be adopted and enforced.

It would be much more equitable and suitable for Canada, with its numerous parishes, who have no union in one District with another, that a law should be passed rendering it incumbent on every District to erect and maintain a Poor House.

Another objection to the Act is, that it requires the poor rates to be raised as other District taxes are, and that the poor of the agricultural sections of the country and those of towns and cities must suffer further imposition. This would, doubtless, be a great accession to the Supply of Canada. We hope that some of these congregations which are now desirous of presenting, will exert themselves and endeavor to obtain him as a pastor.—[Picton Sun.]

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Messrs. Williams and Smith of Liverpool will

please accept our thanks for their attention in sending us to the Rochester, a copy of the London Morning Post of the 4th ult., containing the news by the Overland India Mail.

To Correspondents.—The communication of "A Hook & Ladder Man" is inadmissible by its personalities. We think quite enough has been said on the subject of which it treats.

From the N. Y. Com. Advertiser of Monday.

LATER FROM EUROPE.

Since our last the packet ship Iona has arrived from Havre, bringing advice for Paris to the 7th Dec. and December 1st inclusive.

Mr. de la Motte, the Duke d'Alencon, and the Princess Marie Caroline de Salerne, his Cousin, were solemnized on the 25th of November, and the newly wedded pair expect a Marseilles on the 4th of December.

A letter from Algeciras, of the 25th of Nov., states upon the authority of some Rayables of the circle of Chinchilla, who had been arrested from the West, that Abel Kader had been arrested by the order of the Emperor of Morocco, and imprisoned for three days at his neighbors. Two of the best teachers in the Midland District, who maintain first rate order in their schools, told me they had sometimes been months without using the rod; instead of flogging, they explain every thing their pupils are studying, and by that means render them fond of study.

The word has spread through the schools, as they very much depend on them, that they would visit the schools at least every quarter, and if possible take some of the parents along with them, who would be most anxious to see their children educated, by infusing new life and energy into the school, and rendering both the teacher and the scholar perfectly alert on the alert. They would prove a most acceptable reward to the zealous and a terror to the indolent.

If Trustees at present take less interest in this department of their duty, it is to be ascribed to an undue indifference of the value of their own exertions. Let them only make the experiment, and they will find no part of their duties more pleasant, nor any by which they can more effectually promote the welfare of the community. It is to be hoped that the Directors will be qualified to meet the above mentioned difficulties, and to be successful in their efforts.

The Township of St. George, in the County of Wentworth, shall have an overseer of the poor.

Every District shall have a District overseer of the poor.

There shall be a Superintendent of poor and a female nurse in every poor house.

The Superintendent of the poor house, residing in the immediate vicinity of the institution, and attending to its economy, shall keep a proper set of Books, showing a complete record of all its expenses from the beginning. He will receive no payers without a written order from some Overseer of poor, and in his request he will charge the number of days of subsistence of the poor, and the name of the Township, City, or Village, from whom Overseer.

Every Township containing 1000 inhabitants shall be divided into four districts, and each district shall have an overseer of the poor.

The Township Overseer of poor giving no ticket of admittance only to such as have acquired a claim of settlement.

The City Overseers the same.

The poor having an claim either on Township, Town or City—referred to the District Overseer, and from him to the Government Overseer.

Twelve months residence without requiring chastisement.

The Senior District Councillor of each Township to be Overseer of poor for his Township.

The District Warden to be the District Overseer of poor.

The Senior Magistrate in every Town containing more than 1000 inhabitants to be Overseer of poor, and the Mayor of every City to be City Overseer of poor.

The Collector of Customs the Government Overseer of poor in the four ports already mentioned.

The Poor Houses to be got up at the expense of the respective Districts, by a tax, in the usual manner.

The maintenance of the poor of each Township, Town, City, and District only chargeable thereto.

There should be a School attached to each of those poor houses, and the District Warden should be authorized by law duly to provide for the apprenticeship of the Children to trades or agricultural pursuits when of sufficient age.

According to this plan, the expense of supporting the poor will fall equally on all, and maintains the Children to trades or agricultural pursuits when of sufficient age.

As far as possible, the expense of supporting the poor will be reduced to the minimum, and the amount of the poor to be paid for duty done in that capacity.

Those poor are admitted, by order from the District Overseer, each portion of the District to contribute to the expense.

This rough sketch is not presumed to be critically correct, but merely the best mode of approaching the subject, in the mean time of ameliorating the condition, consist in the mean time of demonstrating what can and what cannot be attempted.

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III.

SIR.—Notwithstanding the great diversity of opinion that exists throughout this Province, as in all other Countries, on matters of political and religious character, yet all unite from high to low, in admitting that "something ought to be done to relieve the misery of the poor."

It is true the more wealth ought to give the most freely to the poor,

and doubt in the operation of the best system of poor laws ever adopted, poor rates will at times be exacted from those who cannot afford it—but there is some consolation even to those in their knowing that the same Institution towards which they are called to contribute will protect them also from the extremity of want, should such misfortune threaten them.

It may perhaps be as well for this Province, that we poor houses have been put into operation by an legal enactment, as it is sometimes found that the existence of very inappropriate institutions are great obstacles in the way of improvement; it seems, however, that the time is not far distant when the want of Poor Houses will be a reproach to us, if not an asyle.

Visiting some of the Poor Houses in the State of New York, I learned that a portion of the inmates were from Canada, who had not a shadow of claim to the same, and were received into the charity which were given the preference, and I found myself inquiring of the manager of one of these houses, whether no such relief could be relied on in their Country, the laws of which denoted a subject of remonstrance, allegiance, however much self-expatriation might improve his condition.

Much, no doubt, is given to the poor throughout Canada, by individual charities—by the Pastors of Congregations—and in voluntarily supported Institutions—but it is not well to let the existence of our Poor Houses be a mere speculation as to whether they shall or shall not be successful on a begging tour, some obtaining more, some less, some probably none: and yet probably a greater expense than that of maintaining them in one place, and getting them to go about the country.

It is the strongest recommendation that can be bestowed on the foreign principle of legislating for the relief of the poor, in addition to its apparent equity, and practicability, that it is taken from the poor law in operation in the neighbouring State of New York, where it is found to work well, and to give every anticipated satisfaction, without being burdensome on the people, the less so as it is equal in its operation on every County in the State.

Mr. Ed. Miller, with your kind indulgence, will be pleased to furnish me with a copy of the Act of Parliament already referred to, which is at present in force in Canada West; it would be of little avail to enter further into particulars, while it is doubtful how far the principle will meet with public approbation.

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over, another branch of the subject forming a wide field of discussion, to which with your permission I shall at some future day recur, that is, the giving a proper direction in Canada to the labour of the able-bodied pauper.

P. G.

The following paper has been handed to us for publication, by the District Superintendent of Common Schools—MIDLAND DISTRICT.

I intended after visiting the Schools in this District, to have given a general Report of their condition, but finding many in a very backward state, and having suggested to each teacher individually, what improvements I considered might be introduced, I thought it better to defer giving any report until after a second examination, when I should be able to judge what progress they have made. I am now happy to state that I have found a considerable number of teachers who have very much improved in the system of conducting their schools; but I must at the same time say, that there is still much room for further improvement, and would doubtless be a great accession to the Supply of Canada. We hope that some of these congregations which are now desirous of presenting, will exert themselves and endeavor to obtain him as a pastor.—[Picton Sun.]

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Mr. W. Hamilton, lately of Belfast Ireland, preached three times in the Presbyterian Church Picton, on Sunday last, with wonderful power and effect. There is generally a good audience, and another sermon is to be delivered on Saturday evening. The church on each occasion was filled to overflowing.

Mr. Hamilton is a missionary from the Free Church of Scotland—he is an excellent scholar, a pleasing and impressive preacher, and if we may judge from his appearance, a devout Christian. His services, however, were well received and enjoyed by the congregation.

MESSRS. KELLY & HUNT beg leave most respectfully to announce to the young Ladies and Gentlemen of Kingston and its vicinity, that they will attend every Evening, at the ONTARIO HOTEL, Clarence Street, from 7 to 9 o'clock, for the purpose of Teaching GREEK, LATIN, & FRENCH. Ladies and Gentlemen purposing to take Lessons at their own residences can be waited on at any hour of the day before P. M.

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