

used. Many, indeed I believe all of the vendors of this class of manures also profess to sell Peruvian Guano; now it is their interest to sell as little of this Guano pure as possible, but to sell other compounds in its stead, and it is a statement capable of the fullest and most entire proof that the vendors of these manures have been buying old Guano bags with Barreda's mark on them at a much higher price than new bags of the same kind cost, and furthermore, the same parties have given in exchange first rate *new bags* of the same material for *old, worn out guano bags* with Barreda's marks on them. Why was this? what virtue was there in these old bags, except that they could be filled with even an inferior article, to the worthless artificial manure, and thereby large profits be received in passing it off for Peruvian Guano? But the Peruvian Guano as represented by this factitious article is certainly exceeded in effects by the manufactured article, then certificates are procured; purchasers are first cheated themselves, and afterwards made the instruments of cheating their fellow farmers. I put it to the intelligence and common sense of every man, if the above are not fair conclusions from the statements given, and of the truth of these statements there is most abundant proof.

What is the remedy for all this, and how can the agricultural community be protected? It should be done by an inspection of all these manures, the Inspector being required to *give bond* for faithful performance of duty, and moreover being competent by scientific skill to do that duty. Proper penalties should also be provided for all of its evasions and infractions. Neither are certificates of practical men, nor puffs by newspaper editors sufficient for the guidance or protection of agriculturists in the purchase of these manures, as they most frequently lead them astray. This is advice honestly, *knowingly* and faithfully given, and there can *now* be ascribed no interested motives to me in making these recommendations. It is not influenced by motives of ill will or personal dislike to any engaged in their manufacture or sale. I have had no cause for either. To any who know me this statement is unnecessary, but I have been so frequently assailed by men who are interested in these frauds and their hired advocates, that I here make the statement, which none can with truth deny.

The Legislature should provide efficient aid for the protection of farmers in the purchase of this class of manures, as they are now very strongly urged on the community.

I have not spoken, in this report, of mineral phosphorite or Bone Black; there is none of the former by *that name* offered for sale in our markets, and the latter is not at present offered to agriculturists, it being all engaged by the manufacturers of artificial manures.