

THE THIRD VOLUME.

We flatter ourselves that the Third Volume of *The Cultivator* will be worth, to any practical farmer, more than ten times the subscription, and that the work will increase in value and interest in ratio with its support. It was our intention to have changed the shape of the present volume into a more convenient form for binding, but owing to the large surplus of the second volume on hand, we have concluded to delay the change until the end of the present volume, in order that the two may be bound together. At the conclusion of the current volume, we shall commence a new series, with a very large edition, so that the work may be had from the commencement of the second series, down to the period that it stops its career.

The labour, both bodily and mental, connected with the management of this Journal, is now no longer irksome, inasmuch as the highest and lowest of the class, whose welfare we aim to promote, vie with each other in endeavouring to increase the circulation of our Paper. Indeed all classes, parties, and grades of society, show a disposition to further our interests. We feel confident, that, in future, there will be no occasion to appeal to the agricultural population for an extension of support, nor to complain at the indifference manifested in behalf of our exertions, in the cause of agricultural improvement.

An intelligent and discerning public must be fully aware, that the benefits resulting from a well-conducted agricultural magazine, in a newly-settled country like this, will be almost immediately perceived, and the influences from which will be lastingly felt by the whole community.

Entertaining these high views of the business in which we are engaged, and believing that our readers and the country at large will be benefited, to a much greater extent, from the information contained in our Journal, than we can possibly receive in remuneration for the time and loss of capital which we have expended in sustaining its existence and character up to this period—we shall, without further solicitation for support, on our part, confidently rely on the good sense of the public for that support and countenance which our efforts merit.

The present number has been a much longer period in making its appearance than we anticipated when we issued the December number. The cause of the delay is explained in a Note by the Printer, on the 9th page of this sheet. We are authorised to say, that the February number will be before the public by the 15th of that month.

ADVERTISEMENTS AND EMBELLISHMENTS.

*The British American Cultivator*, having the largest circulation of any publication in British America, would make an excellent advertising medium for agriculturists and manufacturers, and, in fact, is calculated to bring

every description of useful pursuits into general notice, inasmuch as it is received at upwards of 400 Post Offices, a large proportion of which are in Canada West.

Persons having landed property for sale, cultivated lands to lease, or any choice varieties of agricultural or mechanical products, which they desire to have brought into general notice, will find it to their advantage to advertise the same through the columns of *The Cultivator*.

The whole of the profits arising from advertising, will be expended in procuring suitable Engravings, to illustrate the subjects contained in our columns. This of itself should be a great inducement for our subscribers to advertise liberally, through the medium here presented.

TORONTO HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

At a Public Meeting, convened at the Court House, in the City of Toronto, on Friday, the 19th day of January, 1844, it was Resolved:

1. That a Society, to be called THE TORONTO HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY, be now established.
2. That subscribers, to the amount of at least 5s. per annum, be members of this Society.
3. That, to each subscriber, a monthly publication (either *The British American Cultivator*, or some other periodical countenanced by the Society) be delivered, free of charge, if the subscriber desire it.
4. That Mr. Sheriff Jarvis be President.  
W. H. Boulton, F. T. Billings, and Geo. W. Allan, Vice-Presidents.  
W. G. Edmundson, Corresponding Secretary.  
Robert Mantland, Recording Secretary.  
William Atkinson, Treasurer.
5. That Messrs. Lesslie, Logan, Gray, Fleming, Mansfield, and Westland, together with the officers before-mentioned, be a Committee of Management, and to collect subscribers, and that five of whom shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

The Toronto Horticultural Society has been so recently established, that a lengthy report from us, at this time, will scarcely be expected. We would, however, beg to state, that the citizens of Toronto have already engaged in the business of subscribing, in a manner which proves, most incontestibly, that they are determined to be not one whit behind the citizens of the principal cities of the United States, in efficiently sustaining an institution ostensibly established for the laudable purpose of encouraging the introduction and growth of every description of choice varieties of flowers, vegetables, and fruits.

About two pages of each subsequent number of the *Cultivator* will be devoted to subjects of interest to horticulturists, and which will be found most interesting and useful to all who have a taste for gardening pursuits.

SANDY OATS

It will be seen, by advertisement on the last page, that Mr. D. G. FORBES, of the township of Whitby, has imported from Scotland a description of oats which has been fairly tested in this country, and which he confidently recommends to the favourable notice of the

Canadian farmers. A sample of these oats have been left at *The Banner Office*, and at the Store of Mr. J. F. Westland, for inspection. They are capable of producing 21 lbs. of oatmeal per bushel, and are held in such high estimation in Scotland, that the Highland Agricultural Society recently awarded a very handsome prize to the owner of a quantity of superior sandy oats that were exhibited for competition at a late exhibition. The oats in question are at least worth a fair trial.

HOME DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

We feel much pleasure in being able to announce to the friends of agricultural improvement, that the officers of the above society have adopted a most efficient plan, for carrying out the spirit of the scheme, lately published in the *Cultivator*, for re-organizing Agricultural Societies on a more firm basis, throughout this province.

They have recommended the scheme to the notice of the District Council, and have requested the individual members thereof, to exert their influence in establishing an auxiliary branch Agricultural Society in their respective townships. They have also employed an agent to assist in forming the societies in those townships where the people have not heretofore evinced a desire to engage in the agricultural associations that have been in operation for the past few years.

In the course of three months there will be not less than twenty associations for encouraging agricultural improvement in the Home District alone, a large number of which will number from two to three hundred members each; and others will probably not exceed forty members.

To illustrate the benefits that will accrue to the members of a township society, that only consists of the latter supposed number of subscribers, we would mention the following:—They would receive forty copies of an agricultural paper, that would contain a great variety of useful practical information—a single copy of which would oftentimes be worth pounds to each member,—they would have twenty dollars in the hands of the treasurer, which might with great advantage be expended in premiums at a township ploughing match,—they would be allowed to show their choice stock, varieties of grain, and farming implements, at the District and Provincial Agricultural Exhibitions, and, independent of all these advantages, they would, if they thought proper to act on the principle, be much benefitted by attending monthly meetings for discussing agricultural topics, and by engaging in concert in the proper cultivation, and preparation for market, of hemp, flax, and other products, not generally produced in the country.

If the agriculturists generally, were apprized of the great good that would follow to themselves and the country, by becoming members of Agricultural Societies, based on the sound and patriotic principles embodied in the scheme