

actions of the New York State Agricultural Society, for 1859. These volumes, which we are now in the habit of looking for annually with no ordinary interest, contain not only the history and progress of agriculture, and the yearly exhibition of *the Empire State*, but also a number of elaborate articles possessing a permanent value, and of extensive application. The present volume consists of 800 pages, clearly but closely printed, and contains a number of well executed illustrations. It reflects great credit on the industry and ability of the secretary and contributors, and equal honor on the Society,—whose law is progress—which it represents. The Report on the County of Onondaga, one of the best farming sections of the State, by the Hon. George Geddes, one of its most enlightened and enterprising farmers, is a most elaborate production, and would give a character to any of the more advanced European journals. The continuation of the account of Professors Lawes and Gilbert's experiments with different manures, will be found generally interesting and practically useful. An article on what have till recently been regarded as the barren sands of Long Island deserves a careful perusal; as does also one on a Dairy Farm, which is evidently the production of a thinking, practical man. There is likewise a paper containing much useful information on the *cattle disease*, which has occasioned such ruinous losses in Europe, and some alarm, and loss too, this side the Atlantic. We regret to learn that Dr. Fitch's illness has prevented him getting his sixth report on Entomology ready for this volume; but in his able paper on the *Curculio* will be found much that is new to most people, and practicable means of preventing, or at least mitigating its ravages. Mr. Tucker's report on European Agriculture is an able contribution. Upon a closer perusal of the Reports of the Agricultural Societies, which occupy a considerable space of this interesting and instructive volume, we shall no doubt be able to glean many things that will be acceptable and useful to our readers.

Agricultural Societies.

We beg to remind the officers and members of Agricultural Societies, that the annual meeting of Township Societies for the election of officers and directors for the ensuing year, the

adoption of a report for the past year, &c., must be held during the second week in January; and of County Societies during the third week of the same month. The Reports must contain a list of the names of the members of the society, a list of the premiums awarded, a statement of receipts and expenditure, and any such general remarks upon Agricultural, Horticultural and other interests of the township or county as the directors may be able to offer. The reports of the Township Societies must be delivered to the directors of the County Society in time for the annual meeting of the latter, and the reports of the County Societies, along with those of the townships, must be forwarded to the Board of Agriculture at Toronto, on or before the 1st of April.

A part of the business of the County Societies is, to nominate persons as members of the Board of Agriculture for Upper Canada, in lieu of those retiring by rotation. The gentlemen who so retire this year are, Hon. Adam Ferguson, Waterdown; Hon. David Christie, Brantford; Asa A. Bunham, Esq., Cobourg; Wm. Ferguson, Esq., Kingston. They are all, of course, eligible for re-election, as heretofore.

Our Next Volume.

The present number closes the volume of the *Agriculturist* for 1861. Our readers are generally aware that it is our practice to close our subscription books at the end of each year, and to send no numbers of the new volume till ordered. This is, therefore, the last number that the bulk of our subscribers will receive till they favor us with their orders anew. To those who remitted the full amount of the annual subscription after we were unable to supply all the back numbers, we shall continue to send sufficient numbers of the new volume to make up the deficiency. We shall also continue sending free copies to secretaries, or other officers of Agricultural Societies.

In regard to the conduct of the *Agriculturist* for the past year, we claim to have fulfilled the promise with which we commenced the volume, and to have furnished a paper abounding in interesting and valuable information, well adapted