

that appears feasible to our mind, are the use of sulphur, ashes, lime, soot, and salt, to be sown broad cast on the top of the plants, when the dew is on in the morning, but not in sufficient quantities to destroy vegetation; and also to either cut off the tops or pull them carefully up at a short period before the tubers give evidence of disease. The latter method if carefully practiced will doubtless be a means of saving a large proportion of this valuable crop.

#### Provincial Agricultural Association.

We beg to remind the friends of agricultural improvement, that the next grand exhibition under the patronage of the above Association, will be held in the City of Hamilton, on the sixth and seventh days of October. Much good is expected to result from this exhibition, and judging from the great interest that has been manifested towards the association during its short career, we are warranted in the opinion, that the good citizens of Hamilton will find much difficulty in accommodating the tens of thousands of visitors with comfortable lodgings. The managing committee will, doubtless, do their best to make every suitable provision for the great gathering; and we have much confidence that the citizens of Hamilton will vie with each other in giving comfortable accommodations to the thousands who will be unable to find lodgings at the hotels and houses of public entertainment. The association has been established with a view of encouraging improvement in the various pursuits of life, in which the inhabitants of this colony are engaged, and one of its grand objects is to concentrate annually, at one point, the choicest productions—the improvements—and most recent inventions of the country. To do this most effectually, the various committees that will be appointed to award the premiums should be authorized to grant discretionary prizes for every article under their several classes, that in their judgment might be worthy of a prize. By the adoption of such a course, the inventive genius of our people would be greatly stimulated to action. This, however, cannot be done, as useful and desirable as it may appear, by a society without funds. Before a very wide latitude in this respect be given the judges, the amount of disposable funds in the hands of the association should be ascertained, which can only be known by the friends of the association subscribing

liberally before the first day of the exhibition. We expect that the various Agricultural Societies throughout the western portion of the Province, will contribute liberally towards the funds of the Association, in order that it may be placed on a sound and respectable footing. Aid from these societies in future years will scarcely be expected, but in this instance it is very desirable, as the future success of the association will greatly depend upon the character of the next exhibition. But few answers to the circulars that were sent by the Association, to the various Agricultural Societies, have yet been received, and the only positive assurance of aid that have yet been given have been received from the following Societies:—The Home District, about £50; Gore District £50; County of Northumberland £25; Simcoe District £10; London District £10. Some few District Societies have positively refused to render any aid, and strange to say, a District Society whose members will, doubtless, receive as large a proportion of the funds of the Association, as either the members of the Home or Gore Districts, have stated in terms that cannot be misunderstood, that no assistance need be anticipated in that quarter. Instances of this kind however are rare, and we have much confidence that the wealthy and influential portion of the country, and; in fact, every man who has a desire to see its agricultural and general productive interests placed upon a sound and flourishing condition, will render every assistance in their power in advancing the interests of every movement that is calculated to improve the social and physical condition of this fine country. The Association, under notice, is destined to be of great service to the country, and we earnestly expect that all parties will unite in giving it a hearty and liberal support.

While upon this subject we would state, that we shall at all times be happy to receive subscriptions, and that persons desirous of entering articles for competition may do so, any time up to the first day of exhibition.

*Preserving Green Currants Fresh.*—M. S. Wilson, of Lenox, Mass., preserves green currants in dry glass bottles, corked and sealed tight, placing them in a cool cellar. Green gooseberries may be preserved in the same way. He adds, "In this manner green currants have been preserved in my cellar for years. I have green currant pies on my table at all seasons of the year."