

even later; and will be found excellent for sheep and all descriptions of cattle, particularly milch cows. In cold late springs especially, the farmer finds such an auxiliary in sustaining his domesticated animals of the highest importance.

The principal root, after all, is the Swedish turnip, the time for sowing which is near at hand; the end of the present, or the beginning of next month. If Swedes are sown too early, particularly on rich soils, and the season should prove warm and showery, the plants will, in all probability, become affected by mildew, and its feeding properties consequently very much deteriorated. The purple top yields, perhaps, the heaviest crop of the several varieties under cultivation, but Laing's Improved, from its peculiar growth and qualities, is the one most suited for table use. Sowing in drills is almost universally to be recommended, but the exact distances either in or between the rows depend in some degree on the nature of the soil, as regards texture and fertility, the variety of turnips selected, and must be left to a certain extent to the judgment of the cultivator. On good, well prepared soil the distance between the rows may vary from twenty to thirty inches; and under proper management in favourable seasons, a crop may be obtained of from six to upwards of eight hundred bushels per acre. No farmer, however small his holding, ought to be without this invaluable root. It is one of the most satisfactory signs of the improving condition of Canadian farming, that the cultivation of turnips, mangels, carrots, &c., is annually increasing.

### The Provincial Exhibition.

In another part of this issue will be found a circular from John Barwick, Esq., President of the Agricultural Association of Upper Canada, calling the attention of farmers and all others interested to the importance of making timely preparation for a participation in the great Annual Exhibition of our Provincial wealth and industry, this year to take place at London. The Board of Agriculture held a meeting at that city in the beginning of April, and also attended a meeting of the local Committee there; when, notwithstanding there have been

rather formidable difficulties to encounter, in regard to the local preparations, there appeared full reason to be assured that ample and satisfactory accommodation would be prepared; and that the intelligent and energetic farmers and business men of that fertile and prosperous district would by no means suffer even a partial failure to take place in their part of the programme. We have, therefore, every reason to believe that the exhibition at London this year will sustain the high position which the Annual Provincial Exhibition of Upper Canada has earned for itself amongst displays of a similar character. Farmers, breeders, manufacturers, and others who design exhibiting, cannot begin too soon to keep their preparations in view, if they would secure the greatest perfections, in form or quality, and most perfect condition attainable, in the different animals or articles detailed for show. The Prize List will appear early in June. In the meantime, those who design exhibiting may take the lists of former years as a guide, as prizes will be offered for the same articles, and the aggregate amount will be larger than that of any former years, except last year only, when the amount was considerably increased on the special occasion of the visit of the Prince of Wales.

### Provincial Exhibition of 1851.

CIRCULAR FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION.

*To the Agriculturists, Horticulturists, Manufacturers, Mechanics, &c., of Canada West.*

The Board of Agriculture for Canada West lately met in the City of London, with the view of conferring with the Local Committee organized for the purpose of making preparations for the Provincial Exhibition to be held in London on the 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th September next.

The Local Authorities have procured very advantageously situated ground, to the extent of twenty-seven acres, for the use of the Association (the same as that occupied in 1854), and are making active exertions to erect permanent buildings, stabling and sheds. Exhibitors may rely that ample and proper accommodation will be provided, and I trust that there may, as on former occasions, be a spirited competition from all parts of the Province.

The prize list will be published early in June, and will call for competition in the same class.