

members to the Provincial Society, and the Presidents of these Societies should, by virtue of their office, be Directors of the Provincial Society; and would be the most suitable persons to procure Members to that Institution. If in the organization of the proposed Provincial Agricultural Association, the above suggestion were acted upon; the officers of the Institution would find no difficulty in opening a correspondence with the several local Agricultural Societies in the Province, inasmuch as the Presidents of the local Societies would be *ex-officio* Directors of the Canada Association, and might also be ranked as the corresponding Members of the same.

There might be a doubt on the mind of some, of the practicability of the scheme, and with such the question would very naturally arise, in what manner can there be a sufficient amount of funds raised, to make the Provincial Societies' exhibitions and proceedings generally interesting and useful? In answering this question, we shall in as brief a manner as possible, endeavour to show from what sources those funds might be had.

As the Provincial Societies' proceedings will be of an high order, and of such a character as all true lovers of their country will approve, it is not unreasonable to expect that there will be at least one thousand persons in the Province who would become members thereof by paying the annual subscription of five shillings. From this source we may hope to raise £250. When the District Societies throughout the Province have adopted the plan of organizing Branch Societies, in the several Townships in the respective Districts, in accordance with the plan published in the December Number of the *Cultivator*—then it will not be too much to expect, that the funds for the annual District Exhibitions will be at least equal to the sum of £250; viz., £200 from Government, and £50 from the Members of the District Society. This £250 will be the sum, more or less, might, with much propriety, be appropriated at the Provincial Exhibition, in common with the funds of the Provincial Society, in such District as the Provincial Exhibition may be held, and by the adoption of such a system the only parties that would be entitled to show their stock, &c., would be the Members of the Provincial Society, and the Members of the District Society and its Branches, in which District the Provincial Exhibition would be held. So far as the supposed combination of funds of the Provincial and District Society is concerned, it would be altogether a matter of arrangement between the parties themselves,—but from our knowledge of the subject we would suppose that such an alliance would be mutually beneficial, and would add much to the character of the Exhibition. We would suppose then that from this source other £250 might be added to the fund for the Provincial Exhibition.

All who are acquainted with the working of the proposed Provincial Institution, must be aware that great good must result from the proceedings of the Institution, and if conducted in a manner commensurate with the wants of the field of operation, it is not too much to expect that by a judicious and respectful application to the Government, that a conditional grant of money would be appropriated to the Provincial Society, to aid them in furthering their laudable objects, and from this source, other £250 per annum might with a degree of certainty, be calculated upon. It will be seen from these three sources, that the sum of £750 per annum might be raised, providing that the business was conducted in a spirited manner. Independent of the above sources for raising funds, to enable the Directors of the Provincial Society, to adopt a course for improving Agriculture in Canada, in a manner

highly honourable and beneficial to every interest in the country, a still further sum might be raised by exacting a small toll from every individual who entered the Show Ground,—from this source alone the contingent expenses of the Society might be met, which would allow the whole of the subscriptions to be expended in premiums, &c. The foregoing desultory remarks have been thrown out, not with a view of dictating to others more capable of judging and acting in this matter than ourselves, but merely through a desire to keep the subject before the public mind, so that some action may very shortly be taken in the formation of the proposed Provincial Society.

We expect that in the April Number of the *Cultivator*, a conventional meeting will be announced to be held at an early period at either Hamilton or Cobourg, or some other central place agreed upon by the Gentlemen who were appointed by the Home District Society, to assist in carrying the above Institution into operation. The parties delegated to attend at that meeting, will, we trust, come prepared, to give their views, on what they consider the best plan for the organization of the proposed Canadian Agricultural Association.

THE HOME DISTRICT.

In the course of the future management of the *Cultivator*, we shall very frequently have to allude to various occurrences that take place in the Home District, which although local, will be generally interesting and useful, and our friends in other sections, will have no just ground of complaint in the seeming partial attention that is about being given to the District in question,—inasmuch as an example is being set the other Districts, which, when followed, will give a new and laudable impetus to agricultural, mechanical, and commercial operations. No one could possibly desire the country to flourish more than ourselves, and every grain of influence and talent that we possess shall be devoted to the great movement that is now in progress. We fancy that before another half dozen years pass over, that a vast amount of latent talent will be brought into vigorous and useful exercise, in propagating important information to the rural classes of this Colony. This information will be elicited mainly through the instrumentality of the Agricultural Societies that we hope to see established in every populous Township in the Province. As our readers have already a pretty good idea of the characteristic features of the proposed associations, we will not at this time allude to them, further than by saying that the individuals who come forward at this time to assist in the establishment of Agricultural improvement Associations, on a sound and patriotic basis, such as the scheme in the December Number of the *Cultivator* recommends, will, in after days, receive the plaudits of his fellow countrymen, and will be looked up to as a true patriot to his country. The work merely requires a commencement in a proper manner, and if only those in each Township who have talent and influence could be enlisted in the cause, it would progress with rapid strides.

The experiment has been made in the Home District, and in order that the friends of Agriculture in the other Districts may better understand the workings of these local Associations, we shall, as we before stated, have frequently to make their proceedings a text book, for numerous articles that will appear in future Numbers of the *Cultivator*. The District Society will appropriate £150 of its funds among all the Township Societies that may be formed previous to the first day of May next, and each will receive a dividend in proportion

to the amount that each deposit with the Treasurer of the District Society, on, or before the 15th day of May of next. Independent of this very liberal assistance from the District Society, the Members of the Township Societies by paying the small sum of five shillings, will each receive a complete copy of the *Cultivator*, and be allowed to show their stock, &c. at the Township Societies' Exhibitions, to which they are Members, and also the District Societies' Exhibitions, see simple. With such unexampled inducements for the organization of Township Branch Societies, as the foregoing, we very naturally expect most important results. We shall be disappointed if there are not established within the Home District at least fifteen Township Agricultural Associations before the above period allowed by the District Society expires. We lately made a tour through the Townships of Vaughan, King, Tecumseth, West Guillembury, East Guillembury, Whitchurch, and Markham, and were happy to notice that the best informed farmers in these Townships were awake to their true interests, and were most willing to assist in exciting their best endeavours to enlist their neighbours in the good service. We purpose to visit those Townships again, as well as some others in the District, before the close of the coming month, and hope to be able to make a satisfactory report of the progress which has been made during our absence.

In passing through the Townships, the idea was very forcibly impressed upon our minds, that although great achievements have been made by our industrious population, in felling and clearing the forests, still much greater might be effected, if only the farmers would be wise, and copy the practice of the most skillful husbandmen in Europe and America; or even that which is practiced by the few clever farmers that are interspersed through their own highly favoured Canada. An opportunity will now be presented to the Canadian farmers, for receiving information respecting their important calling, such as never has been placed within their reach before, and it is for them to accept or refuse as they think proper. If there are any who imagine that they can receive no information from the perusal of a Journal devoted exclusively to the elucidation of the various influences that act favourably or prejudicially to the numerous departments of their complicated profession; and that no good can result from the social conversational meetings for the better, carrying out all kinds of Agricultural improvements; that are to be held periodically in the Townships; and that periodical exhibitions of stock, farming implements, ploughing matches, &c., are of no earthly use, so far as they are individually concerned;—we would say without hesitation that such parties were most egregiously ignorant; and but ill-understood what is closely connected with their own welfare. That there are but few of this class in this highly privileged land, we would fain hope to believe, and we hope the few there are will shortly be convinced of the folly of their way, by the good advice and example that will be given them by those who are the best capable of forming correct views on the subject.

It has been elsewhere stated, in the *Cultivator*, that the rise of freehold property would keep pace with the increase of intelligence and skill; that is brought to bear in Agricultural pursuits. This fact alone should be a sufficient inducement to cause those who are blessed with ample ability and means to put shoulder to the wheel, and set the mighty car of Agricultural improvement into vigorous motion. The present rising sacrifice that each would have to make, to create an entire revolution in Agriculture, and place it in its legitimate position in relation to other pursuits, would be liberally repaid them by the immense acquisition of capital that would find its way in the country, by an increase of wealthy emigrants from Great Britain.