

## FOURTH RIDING OF YORK AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

WHITCHURCH, Oct. 21st, 1843.

The Autumn Exhibition of the Fourth Riding of York Agricultural Society took place at Newmarket, on the 5th day of October. The weather was remarkably favorable, and the day was well improved by the friends of Agriculture in Newmarket and its vicinity.

The show of Animals, Vegetables and domestic Manufactures was very creditable to the Society and its supporters, these being entered for exhibition—22 Head of Horned Cattle; 28 Head of Horses; 41 of Sheep; 12 of Hogs; 9 Samples of Grain and Grass Seeds; 18 lots of Roots; and 8 lots of Butter, Cheese, and domestic Cloth.

The following is a list of the successful competitors, and of the Premiums awarded to each:

## HORNED CATTLE.

*One Pair Fat Cattle*—1st. prize. Wm. Simpson; Newmarket; 2nd. None.

*Bull, Aged*—1st. Thomas Cosford, King; 2nd. Disqualified.

*One Milch Cow*—1st. Col. Carthew, Whitchurch; 2nd. Thos. Mairs, Vespia.

*Bull Calf*—1st. George Playter, Whitchurch; 2nd. Nathaniel Pearson, Esq. King.

*Heifer Calf*—1st. Matthew Currey, Gwillimbury East; 2nd. Joseph Biscoe, Gwillimbury East.

## HORSES.

*Draught Stallion*—1st. prize. M. P. Empey, Esq. Newmarket; 2nd. Geo. Simpson, Whitchurch.

*Saddle Stallion*—1st. J. Pearson, Whitchurch; 2nd. Samuel Lundy, Whitchurch.

*Brood Mare*—1st. Hon. R. Irving, Gwillimbury West; 2nd. Wm. Nelson, Gwillimbury East.

*Mare Colt Yearling*—1st. Hon. R. Irving, Gwillimbury West; 2nd. Joseph Hartman, Whitchurch.

*Spring Foal*—1st. A. Graham, Whitchurch; 2nd. Wm. Nelson, Gwillimbury East.

## SHEEP.

*Ram, Aged*—1st. Geo. Simpson, Whitchurch; 2nd. Thomas Mair, Vespia.

*Three Ewes*—1st. Geo. Simpson, Whitchurch; 2nd. George Simpson, Whitchurch.

*Three Fat Wethers*—1st. James Pearson, Esq. Whitchurch; 2nd. James Pearson, Esq. Whitchurch.

*Ram Lamb*—1st. M. Currey, Gwillimbury East; 2nd. M. Currey, Gwillimbury East.

*Three Ewe Lambs*—1st. Geo. Simpson, Whitchurch; 2nd. James Pearson, Esq. Whitchurch.

## SWINE.

*Boar, Aged*—1st. Unworthy.

*Brood Sow*—1st. George Playter, Whitchurch; 2nd. M. Currey, Gwillimbury East.

*Boar Pig*—1st. Levi Heacock, Whitchurch; 2nd. Nathaniel Pearson, Esq. King.

*Sow Pig*—1st. Jos. Hartman, Whitchurch; 2nd. Nathaniel Pearson, Esq. Whitchurch.

## GRAIN AND GRASS SEEDS.

*Winter Wheat*—Unworthy the first; 2d. Wm. Simpson, Newmarket.

*Spring Wheat*—1st. Joseph Hartman, Whitchurch; 2nd. Thomas Currey, Gwillimbury East.

*Peas*—1st. Adam Graham, Whitchurch; 2nd. John Clubine, Whitchurch.

*Flower Seed*—None shown.

*Timothy Seed*—1st. Levi Heacock, Whitchurch; 2nd. Joseph Hartman, Whitchurch.

## ROOTS AND GARDEN VEGETABLES.

*Potatoes*—1st. Samuel Lundy, Whitchurch; 2nd. Hon. Æmilius Irving, Gwillimbury West.

*Corrots*—1st. Adam Graham, Whitchurch; 2d. Philip Lyne, Newmarket.

*Onions*—1st. Adam Graham, Whitchurch; 2d. Thomas Garbutt, Newmarket.

*Beets*—1st. Samuel Lundy, Whitchurch; 2d. none.

*Mangel Wurzel*—1st. Thomas Garbutt, Newmarket; 2d. None.

*Ruta Baga*—1st. Thos. Currey, Gwillimbury East; 2d. Orrin Ford, Gwillimbury East.

*Pumpkins*—1st. Thomas Currey, Gwillimbury East; 2nd. Nathaniel Pearson, Esquire, King.

*Cabbages*—1st. Samuel Lundy, Whitchurch; 2d. P. Lyne, Newmarket.

## DOMESTIC MANUFACTURES.

10 lbs *Cheese*—1st prize, Orrin Ford, Gwillimbury East; 2d. None.

10 lbs *Butter*—1st. Thomas Currey, Gwillimbury East; 2d. Joseph Hartman, Whitchurch.

3 pairs *Socks*—1st. George Playter, Whitchurch; 2d. None.

10 yds *Cloth*—Unworthy the first; 2d. Thos. Currey, Gwillimbury East.

The business of the Show being concluded, the members of the Society, with their friends, sat down to a substantial dinner, prepared by Mr. A. McKinlay, of the Newmarket Inn. After the removal of the cloth, the Treasurer, Mr. P. Empey, Esq., announced the successful competitors, and read a communication from the President, the Hon. Æmilius Irving, which was received with much applause.

Having concluded the business of the day, the company separated, at an early hour, apparently well pleased with the proceedings of the Show, and resolved to be unremitting in their efforts for the promotion of the great science of Agriculture.

Your's respectfully,  
JOSEPH HARTMAN, Secretary.

*COPY of the Letter of the Hon. J. ÆMILIUS IRVING, to the Agricultural Society of the Fourth Riding of York.*

## TO THE FOURTH RIDING OF YORK AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

GENTLEMEN,—I request you will entertain my regret at being unable to attend the Agricultural and Cattle Show of our Society, on the 5th proximo. I feel confident you will readily admit that the cause of my absence, attending to my duties (as a Member of the Honourable the Legislative Council), is a sufficient reason for it, and that nothing short of the high sense I entertain of the propriety of attending to my Parliamentary duties would keep me from personally discharging those of President of the Fourth Riding of York Agricultural Society.

I must, therefore, under the circumstances, express my sincere good wishes for the success of our Society, and your merry meeting, by an epistolary communication.

I trust many, who, I am sorry to say, have been insensible to the advantages of such Societies, will arouse from their lethargy, and contribute, not only by subscribing, but by their presence and personal exertions in support of the all-important science of Agriculture. When I look abroad, and see so many Agricultural Societies prosperous, numbering a

great many subscribers, I contrast our comparatively few but zealous supporters of the Fourth Riding of York Agricultural Society, with feelings of high respect and approbation, for their persevering and public spirit, in adhering to it under discouraging circumstances that I trust can never again arise or impede its prosperity. It is astonishing that in so prosperous and wealthy a section of country, as the Fourth Riding of York, we cannot boast as numerous a list of members as that of any other similarly constituted and circumstanced Society.

Farmers should, above all people, cultivate a friendly and frequent intercourse with each other, by which they will mutually derive advantages, (or must otherwise be deprived of) by comparing the different practice and system of farming of each other, and by noticing the various results and success in proportionate degrees, or failure; much mutual advantage would be derived by the individuals, and the community generally benefited.

I trust the praiseworthy and laudable exertions of the Society, to increase the list of members, will be crowned with every success.

I remain, Gentlemen, with all those feelings of regard and respect towards you, that you are so fully entitled to, for your uniform and invariable kindness and consideration towards me,  
Your most obedient humble Servant,

J. ÆMILIUS IRVING,

President.

Kingston, September 29, 1843.

## HINTS TO FARMERS.

Great profits in agriculture can result only from great improvements of the soil.

Great improvements of the soil can result only from unremitting industry. The chief study of every farmer should be what is useful, and what is useless expense, in relation to his art. The discrimination between these is the master key of the farmer's prosperity. The first should be guarded with a freedom little short of profusion. The last should be shunned, as the sailor shuns the rocks, where are seen the wreck of the hopes of preceding mariners.

Liberality in providing utensils, is the saving of both time and labor. The more perfect his instruments, the more profitable are they. So also is it with his working cattle and his stock. The most perfect in their kinds are ever the most profitable.

Liberality, in good barns and warm shelters, is the source of health, strength and comfort to animals; causes them to thrive on less food, and secures from damage all sorts of crops.

Liberality also, in the provision of food for domestic animals, is the source of flesh, muscle and manure.

Liberality to the earth, in seed, culture and compost, is the source of its bounty.

Thus it is in agriculture, as in every part of creation, a wise and paternal Providence has inseparably connected our duty with our happiness.

In cultivating the earth, the condition of man's success is his industry upon it.

In raising domestic animals, the condition of his success is, kindness and benevolence to them.

In making the productiveness of the earth, depend upon the diligence and wisdom of the cultivator, the Universal Father has inseparably connected the fertility of his creation with the strongest intellectual inducements and the highest moral motives.

In putting the brutal world under his dominion, he has placed the happiness of which their nature is susceptible, under the strong guarantee of man's interest.

Instead, therefore, of repining at his lot, let the cultivator of the ground consider his, as among the highest and happiest of all human destinies, since in relation to the earth he is the instrument of Heaven's bounty; and in relation to the inferior orders of creation, the almoner of Providence.