

50*l.* We would recommend our Prince Edward farmers to pay more attention to the improvement of stock and dairying; the approaching show at Kingston will afford them facilities for so doing. We observed at Bloomfield, a hop garden belonging to Messrs. McDonald and Mills, managed in a superior style and of great luxuriance. Altogether it reminded us of some of the best plantations of the old country. Mr. Barker, of Pieton, has a hop plantation of seven or eight acres, which appeared promising, the soil of excellent quality. We recommend hop growers to be particularly careful to keep off superfluous water during winter and spring, by furrows and under-ground drains; early, firm, and straight poling; and to get the vines to the poles as soon as they are of sufficient length. Hop growing may be made profitable on a small scale. Canada ought at once to produce enough of this article for its own consumption, and we hope it is in a fair way of doing so.

Next day we visited Belleville, and met several members of the Victoria District Society, when, after passing a liberal grant of 50*l.* towards the Kingston Exhibition, an interesting conversation or discussion was entered upon in reference to several important points of farm practice. The average quantity of clover seed sown per acre, was stated to be five or six pounds, with double that quantity of timothy; wheat a bushel and a half, and oats two bushels per acre. No fixed quantity could be depended on it should vary according to the state of the soil; seasons, and mode of cultivation. The general opinion being, that a sufficient quantity of grass seeds was not usually sown.

June 4th: a numerous meeting of the Executive Committee, held in the court house, at Kingston, when, after disposing of the business of the Provincial Association, a long and interesting discussion took place on several important matters relating to agriculture, such as the improvement of live stock, the application of plaster, lime, burnt clay, &c. Messrs. Marks, J. McDonald, A. Cameron, Cumming, Stark, and several other gentlemen took part in the proceedings. But one opinion prevailed as to the necessity of paying more attention to the improved breeds of cattle and sheep. The Hon. J. McDonald and Mr. Stark strongly urging from their own experience the claims of the Durhams. Lime, plaster, &c., had been found generally beneficial, and when applied with judgment profitable. We took occasion to impress on the meeting the desirableness of publishing reports and transactions in connection with the Provincial Association, as practised at home and in the United States, and of giving prizes for reports on the agri-

culture, &c., of different districts. Such information when embodied in an annual report, going forth under the sanction of the Society, would carry with it a weight and importance that would attract more attention to the great and as yet but partially developed resources of the country.

In company with Mr. Angus Cameron, we proceeded to Brockville, Prescott, Cornwall, &c., from all of which the Association will receive more or less support. Had much interesting conversation with the farmers on the improvement of Agriculture, and the management of Societies. Dr. Jessop of Prescott has some good improved stock; also Mr. Freeland, of Brockville, whose neat and well managed farm we had the pleasure of going over, as well as admiring the picturesque scenery of the noble St. Lawrence.

The districts of Ottawa and Dalhousie possess as yet, but few prominent agricultural characteristics, lumbering being a principal employment and source of wealth. Yet, even here, spots are occasionally to be seen where persevering industry has made the sombre forest "to blossom as the rose." We were particularly pleased with the residence and farm of Wm. Thompson, Esq., near Bytown; the gardens and grounds being laid out in a tasteful manner, and kept in the neatest order. The same may be said of the farm, live stock, &c., and we hope to receive occasionally a few practical hints from the owner and his intelligent old Scotch gardener. We may also express the same hope with regard to Captain Baker, who is an active promoter of agriculture in that vicinity.

June 12th: met this evening a number of farmers at Easton's Corners, in the Township of Wolford: Alexander McCrea, Esq., presided. After the address, considerable discussion followed in reference to Agricultural Societies, the efficiency of which it was thought might be much increased. Uniform and systematic action throughout the Province, was considered essential to their harmonious working, and that the Provincial Society should form a common centre for receiving and imparting information. Throughout this section of country scarcely any fall wheat is to be seen. The "Black Sea" (a spring variety) is principally cultivated, and its culture fast increasing. Owing to the extreme wetness of the spring, a large portion of this kind of wheat was not sown in many situations before the beginning, and in some places, the middle of June! Although this variety, so well suited in many respects to this country, has been cultivated but a very few years (only three or four we believe), yet we are credibly informed that it is beginning to deteriorate in quality, losing in weight, so that a fresh