

PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Scarcely mention has of late been made of the proposed National Agricultural Institution which attracted some attention during the early part of last winter, and which ere this would have been established in Canada, had the leading agriculturists been more united and zealous in the cause. Unless there be passed a special Provincial enactment, embracing a very liberal endowment to such institution, we think it scarcely practicable to enlist any considerable portion of the farmers of this country in its ranks. This opinion has not been formed without due consideration; but aside from our views upon the subject, if others think proper to take the lead in the matter, we would be most happy in lending our aid to establish an association that would have for its object the concentration of the talent, skill, and enterprise of the country, into one common focus, for the general good. Such a society, however, cannot be formed without a considerable exertion and personal sacrifice on the part of those who take the lead in its organization, and probably in the meantime it would be advisable for all who wish to see the cause of agricultural improvement progress, to lend their aid in establishing District Societies, with branches in the Townships, something after the plan that we have so frequently set forth to the public; and by this means the people will gradually be prepared to appreciate the advantages that would result from a National Institution. When District and Township Societies are established upon a sound basis, then may we hope to see the Grand Provincial Agricultural Society organized upon a scale commensurate with the importance of such a laudable institution. We would, therefore, beg to sug-

gest to each of the present subscribers of the *Cultivator*, the propriety of stimulating their neighbours to vigilant action and co-operation in the great and patriotic enterprise of establishing the above description of institutions in their several localities. The ground-work of the plan has been previously published, and has received a pretty general approval of the agricultural societies already in existence; but in consequence of the great apathy so generally manifested by the agriculturists themselves, in this important matter, it has not been carried into operation to that extent that was anticipated by its projectors: we would therefore urge upon our friends to renew their energies in the cause,—and at no period can it be so easily accomplished as the present winter. If a general effort be used in favor of District and Township Societies, and those efforts prove successful, it is highly probable that a Provincial Society will be organized before the expiration of the ensuing twelvemonth.

BLACK SEA WHEAT.

We have much pleasure in giving insertion to the following correspondence, and beg to offer a few remarks upon the very important subject of introducing a change of seeds, roots, &c., cultivated in this country. The Black Sea Wheat is a variety, that has been highly extolled of late in the American agricultural papers, and we doubt not but that it would prove a valuable acquisition to the farmers of Canada; but we think it would be injudicious to import a large quantity of this or any other description of grain, until its adaptation to our climate had become fully known and established. There would be less danger, however, in importing seeds from the Northern and Western States, and from the extreme