



"Agriculture not only gives Riches to a Nation, but the only Riches she can call her own.

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Under the Patronage of the Provincial Agricultural Association of Upper Canada.

THE inhabitants of Western Canada have now had an opportunity of judging whether a National Agricultural Association, based upon broad and patriotic principles, can be efficiently sustained in this Colony; and also whether it will be likely to be as productive of benefit in advancing the industrial interests of the country, as similar Institutions have been, in those countries where they have been long established. Probably a bolder movement, for the advancement of the cause of agricultural and general improvement, was never before made in a British Colony, and so far, the friends of the cause have abundant reason to be satisfied that the great mass of the people of Canada are friendly to the Association. This is precisely as it should be; for by an united effort in erecting and sustaining a National Agricultural and General Improvement Association, other Institutions of an important character, will be brought into existence, which, under proper management, will be productive of much good in fostering the industrial interests of the country. The anxiety that has pervaded the public mind, regarding the interests of the Association,

and the willingness that all parties have evinced in uniting their means and efforts in building up an Institution for the encouragement of Agriculture, Manufactures and Arts, abundantly prove to our mind, that the period in the history of Canada has arrived, that all parties are willing to meet on neutral ground, in promoting the interests of any great cause in which the welfare of the country is concerned. This fact being now substantially proved, the friends of agricultural improvement should embrace the opportunity, and bring into requisition all the available means in their power, which would secure to the country the speedy establishment of an Agricultural College, an Experimental Farm, and an Agricultural and Mechanical Museum. If the Provincial Agricultural Association of Upper Canada were to employ the influence they now possess, the establishment of those Institutions might be in full operation before the lapse of two years. The late President of the Association, E. W. Thomson, Esq., very pointedly directed the attention of the people of Canada to the legitimate operations of the Association, and the influence that should be brought about by it upon the agriculture, manufactures and commerce of the country, in the Annual Address, which more forcibly