

this Province, by which it is provided that the Presidents of the several County Agricultural Societies, shall be Directors of the Agricultural Association, and by a Statute passed by the University Senate a Professorship of Agriculture is appointed in the Toronto University, with a portion of the University grounds, to be used as an experimental Farm.

Another law was passed in the last Session of the Provincial Parliament, establishing a new Agricultural Code, wherein a liberal sum is granted, for the encouragement of Agricultural Societies, and forming an intimate connection between County and Township Societies, and also between the several County Societies and the Board of Agriculture.

The principal feature of this connection is, that, in addition to the money granted, the Secretaries of each County Society shall make an annual Report of their proceedings to the Board of Agriculture; from which reports the Board are compelled to make a general Agricultural Return to the Government and Parliament, in order that the same shall be examined and printed for circulation throughout the country, thereby bringing into one view annually all statistics, and other useful matter relating to the Agriculture of the Province.

In carrying out the views of the Legislature, one of the first steps taken by the newly appointed Board of Agriculture, was to offer a reward of £50 for the 4 best Reports, made by the Secretaries of County Societies, viz. £20 for the first best, £15 for the second best, £10 for the third best, and £5 for the fourth best Report for the year 1851.

Probably no other country has such liberal protection from the Legislature for the encouragement of Agriculture, as granted in the last Session of the Provincial Parliament. The liberal bounty to the several County and Township Societies, deserve the particular care and attention of the Agricultural community.

Everything is deemed excellent, either upon its own account, or for the sake of something else. Knowledge unites these two, for in itself it affords us pleasure, and is sought on account of its utility, therefore, it is confidently hoped, that our national Education, and common school system will infuse into the minds of the growing generation, that moral character, and steady useful Agricultural knowledge, so essential to the comfort, happiness, and welfare of our rural population.

In addition to the pleasure of reading religious, and other books of merit, in the winter evenings, at the fire-side; reading of Agricultural books

will be found both entertaining and instructive to all the members of the farmer's family.

When tillage begins, other arts follow, farmers therefore, are the founders of human civilization; while the people of a country are industrious, and that industry well directed, they never can be poor. The laws of a nation ought to be improved from time to time, to keep pace with the accession of knowledge which the people acquire, and with the necessities of the country as it becomes more populous.

And these great gatherings of Farmers at our annual Exhibitions, will, by mutually exchanging their several opinions, wonderfully conduce in accomplishing a uniform system of internal improvement here we have before us full samples of the various productions of the Country, and a fair specimen of the perfection, ingenuity, and skill of our mechanics, and, what is still more pleasing, there is a great variety of the elegant handy works of the ladies, and artists.

Upon all these, prizes to the amount of over twelve hundred pounds have been awarded, and altho' in such a multifarious and complicated work of awarding the various premiums, some persons whose property has come the very nearest to gaining prizes, may feel disappointment, still the public at large will give great praise to the judges for the honorable manner in which their arduous duties have been discharged.

It affords us much satisfaction to find so many of our neighbors from the United States competitors for premiums, and to the American Mechanic we cannot withhold our praise for bringing over so many specimens of useful implements of Husbandry, and labor-saving tools, fit for the husbandman's use, these, with the like productions of our own country, have well repaid the intelligent farmer, any length of journey to Brockville.

In making up the premium list by the official Board, it may be found, in working out the whole, that some slight defects will be observed; every succeeding year has made some improvement, in this department; if any discrepancy or anomaly should still remain, as we have now by the new Agricultural Code, for Directors, the Presidents of every County Agricultural Society in the Province; an opportunity will offer at the annual meeting in the Committee Room to-morrow, of taking a general vote upon such points, as any Director may desire to have altered.

In improving and carrying forward our Agricultural advantages, the members of the Agricultural Board are desirous of drawing the attention of the Agricultural Societies, in giving