

CANADA AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION.

In compliance with the resolutions passed at the last meeting of the Home District Agricultural Society, a meeting of several influential persons resident in the Home District took place at Powell's Inn, in the Township of York, on Tuesday the 4th day of November last, for the purpose of considering the proposition of forming Township Societies in connection with the District Agricultural Societies now established, and for other matters connected with the agricultural interests of the Province.

W. B. Jarvis, Esq., Sheriff of the Home District, was requested to take the chair.

A plan for organizing Township Societies in connection with the District Societies, was laid before the meeting, and a proposition for forming a "Provincial Agricultural Association," was also mentioned, when it was moved by Edward William Thompson, Esq., Warden of the Home District, and one of the Vice Presidents of the Home District Agricultural Society, that the plan proposed be submitted to a meeting to be called on Thursday the 6th day of November, at the Court House, in Toronto.

Pursuant to notice, a meeting, consisting of several members of the Home District Agricultural Society, several of the District Councillors, and other inhabitants of the Home District, took place at the Court House, in the City of Toronto; when it was moved that Colonel William Thompson, J. P., and District Councillor for the Township of Toronto, do take the chair, and that Mr. W. H. Mitchell, District Councillor for Pickering, do act as Secretary.

Moved by W. B. Jarvis, Esq., Vice President of the Home District Agricultural Society, seconded by Dr. Crew, District Councillor for Toronto:

1. Resolved, That it would materially tend to the prosperity of this Province, if the Agricultural Societies now established were so connected, that an uniform system in their management should be pursued.

Moved by E. W. Thompson, Esq., Vice President of the Home District Agricultural Society, and Warden of the Home District, seconded by Mr. John Torrance, District Councillor for Scarborough:

2. Resolved, That in order to accomplish so desirable an object, it is the opinion of this meeting that a "Provincial Agricultural Association" should be formed, with branch Societies in each District, and auxiliaries in each Township of the Province, to be severally called "The Canada Agricultural Association," "The District Branch Agricultural Society," and "The Township of ——— Auxiliary Society, in connection with the ——— District Branch Agricultural Society."

Moved by W. B. Jarvis, Esq., seconded by Mr. W. G. Edmundson, Editor of the *British American Cultivator*.

3. Resolved, That the following plan be submitted to the public for their consideration, viz.:

1st. That there be established in each of the Townships of this Province a Society, to consist of all persons who may become subscribers thereto to the amount of five shillings per annum; which Society shall be called, "The Township of ——— Auxiliary Society, in connection with the ——— District Branch Agricultural Society."

2nd. That such Township Societies respectively be governed by a Chairman, not less than three Directors, a Secretary and Treasurer.

3rd. That the "District Branch Agricultural Societies" respectively consist of all persons

who may become subscribers thereto to the amount of ten shillings per annum, and also of the Chairman of the Township Societies formed in their respective Districts.

4th. That the "District Branch Agricultural Societies" respectively be governed by a President, two Vice Presidents, and twelve Directors, (in addition to the Chairmen of the several Township Societies, who shall also be Directors,) a Secretary and Treasurer.

5th. That the "Canada Agricultural Association," consist of all persons resident in the Province who may become subscribers thereto to the amount of at least twenty shillings per annum, or who may make a donation thereto to the amount of five pounds; and also of the Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers of the several District Branch Societies which may be formed under the system now proposed.

6th. That the "Canada Agricultural Association" be governed by a President, as many Vice Presidents as there may be District Branch Agricultural Societies, (the Presidents of which Societies shall be Vice Presidents of the said Association,) twelve Directors, two Secretaries and a Treasurer.

7th. That the Governor of the Province for the time being be respectfully requested to be the Patron of the "Canada Agricultural Association;" that the President be elected annually by the *ex officio* Vice Presidents, either from amongst themselves, or from amongst any of the members of the Association, being subscribers to the amount of at least two pounds ten shillings per annum; that the Directors be elected annually by the members of the Association; and that the Secretaries and Treasurer be appointed by the vote of the President, Vice Presidents and Directors, at their annual meeting.

8th. That a periodical magazine or newspaper, expressly devoted to agricultural intelligence and scientific information, be established under the patronage and protection of the "Canada Agricultural Association," and be delivered free of charge to each member of the Association, and to each member of the District and Auxiliary Societies.

9th. That a memorial be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, and the two Houses of the Provincial Parliament, praying that one half of the monies now annually granted in aid of District Agricultural Societies, be applied towards the support of the "Canada Agricultural Association," to be expended in the introduction into the Province of superior breeds of cattle, sheep, swine, seeds, farming implements, &c., and in such other manner as the President and Directors of the said Association may think most conducive to the advantage of the agricultural interests of the Province.

10th. That the "Canada Agricultural Association" do establish an experimental or model farm, upon which farm the stock imported by the Association shall be kept, the experiments in agriculture made, and the most approved system of farming pursued.

11th. That there be once in each year, in such part of the Province as the "Canada Agricultural Association" shall appoint, a grand exhibition of farming stock, implements of husbandry, seeds, and other agricultural productions, and of domestic manufactures, being the property of the said Association, or of individual members thereof, or belonging to the members of the District Branch and Township Auxiliary Societies, and that prizes be distributed by the said Association, not only for the best description of stock, &c., shown by the members of the Canada Agricultural Association, the District Branch and Township Auxiliary Society, but also for the best essay on agriculture.

12th. That the working of the said Auxiliary and Branch Societies, and of the said Association, be as follows, that is to say:

AUXILIARY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES:

1st. That the Chairman, Directors, Secretary and Treasurer, be annually elected by the members of the said Society, respectively.

2nd. That there be monthly meetings of the said Society, at some convenient place within the Township, for the general business connected therewith, and for the discussion of topics connected with the interests of the agriculturists; at which meeting the Secretary will be expected to read a paper upon the subject of agriculture, lay before the Society any information or intelligence connected with the farming interests which he may have collected during the preceding month, and transmit such information, or other matter that may be considered worthy of being forwarded, to the District Branch Society, for its consideration and approval.

3rd. That at such meetings arrangements be made amongst the members of the Society for trying experiments in the different modes of culture, and for growing particular crops, upon such a scale as, in the event of a failure, may not prove injurious to the grower, and especially for the culture of hops, flax, hemp, broom corn, and such other crops as are not usually grown in their Township, for the growing of mangle wurtzel, carrots, ruta baga, and other succulent roots for the winter feeding of cattle, sheep and swine; for the collection and increasing of manures and composts, and the best mode of applying the same to different crops, and on different soils and in different situations; for the preparation of *pudding*, and other manures, whether animal or vegetable, or composed of earths, lime, salt, bones, horns, refuse of manufactures, or such other matter as is capable of being transported from a distance; for encouraging the erection of oil mills, and the supplying the same with flax and other seeds, for the manufacture of oil; for the establishment of carding and fulling mills, and clothing manufactures, and for the improvement in the growth of wool; and for such other experiments, as and for the adoption of such a system as may prove advantageous to the interests of the Society.

4th. That at such monthly meetings they do distribute the agricultural Journal supported by the Society to the members, and do use their best endeavours to increase the circulation thereof, by which their funds will be materially increased.

DISTRICT BRANCH SOCIETIES.

1st. That the President, two Vice Presidents, twelve Directors, Secretary and Treasurer, be annually elected by the members of the said Society, respectively.

2nd. That the Chairmen of the Township Auxiliary Societies be *ex officio* Directors of the District Branch Societies with which they shall be respectively connected.

3rd. That there be quarterly meetings of the said District Branch Societies respectively, for the purpose of general business, and also for receiving the reports from the Township Auxiliary Societies within their respective Districts; at which meetings the Secretary shall lay before the Society a summary of the information which he may have collected during the past quarter, and which may be considered deserving of notice, in order that the same, or such parts thereof as the Society may consider advisable, be published, for the general information of the public.

4th. That at such quarterly meetings the said Branch Societies do make arrangements for the conveying useful information to the Township Societies within their respective Dis-