

NOTICE OF AGRICULTURAL SHOWS

The Home-District Agricultural Show and Ploughing Match will take place in this City, on Wednesday, the 12th of October next (see Advertisement on page 143). We are most anxious to see more of the middle class farmers interested in the improvement of their stock, and farming operations. Agricultural Societies are calculated to act as a stimulus on the surrounding farming community, and unless an active interest be felt in their movements, by those whose welfare they are intended to promote, the benefit derived will be comparatively limited to a few. We would suggest the propriety for the Committee of management, or Board of Directors, to be considerably augmented.—One, at least, should be appointed in each Concession of the populous townships adjoining this city; and their principal duty should be, to exert their influence in enlisting their neighbours in their ranks, without regard to party, nation, or tongue. Too little attention has been bestowed by the generality of farmers to their own interests. If they wish their calling to be respected by other classes, they must learn to respect it themselves. Farming, and farming interests have, in very many instances, become a reproachful by-word, whereas, it might and should be considered the most honourable, especially in this country, where the mass are depending upon it for subsistence; we would therefore sincerely hope, that the Agricultural Show and Ploughing Match alluded to, will be numerous and respectably attended, and that the farmers of the Home District will shake off their stupid lethargy; and, at the close of the Meeting, that matters and things connected with their best interests will be discussed; and above all, that they will not forget to pass an Address to our Provincial Legislature, now assembled at Kingston, on the important subject of protecting the produce of this country, from a ruinous foreign competition. This consideration alone, should be sufficient to induce our independent yeomanry to attend the Show.

The Home District contains upwards of 50,000 souls, nearly the whole of which are depending directly or indirectly on the produce of the soil for a livelihood, and certainly any suggestions emanating from a Society, representing such a respectable body, must carry with it a due proportion of weight.

We beg to state, that at the last Meeting of the above mentioned Society, they passed a resolution, that their proceedings for the future should be published in our Journal, and that they also subscribed very liberally for it, on the credit of the Society.

We have also to notice an Agricultural Show which will take place on the 14th of October next, in the village of Stratford.—The list of premiums appear very respectable, considering that it will be the first exhibition of the Society.

WOOD ENGRAVING — ENCOURAGE DOMESTIC GENIUS.

In the August and September numbers of THE CULTIVATOR, will be seen, a few excellent specimens of Wood Engraving, executed by Mr F C Lowe, late of London, England, who regularly served an apprenticeship to that art, with Mr. Jackson, the celebrated English Engraver, whose engravings are held in high repute, both in Europe and America. The highly finished style, which Mr. Howitt's Heifer, in our last number, and the South Down Ewe in our present one, are portrayed, must be strikingly visible to every connoisseur; and recalls to our mind, grateful acknowledgements to the individual who revived in our modern age the almost forgotten or obsolete art of Wood Engraving. We mean Mr. Bevvick, the distinguished Artist, to whom Mr. Jackson owes his great celebrity.

This flourishing Province should, at least, support one Wood Engraver.

As it was through our solicitation that Mr. Lowe was induced to establish himself in this City, we have no objection of having orders addressed to us, and such shall be promptly attended to.

SALE OF STOCK.—We beg to call the attention of that class of our readers, who may be desirous of improving their Stock, to the Advertisement of John Howitt, Esq., of Guelph, and of the Hon. Adam Fergusson, of the neighbourhood of Hamilton. We have already had occasion to speak in commendable terms of the former gentleman's Stock, both horned Cattle and Sheep, and we feel no scruples in reiterating what we have already said, that they are the best that have ever come under our notice in Canada West. At the period we called on the latter gentlemen, being in the month of April last, horned Cattle of every description were not in a state to show to advantage, however, we were prepossessed in their favour, and would consider the sale a fit opportunity for selecting choice specimens of the Pure bred Durhams.

CORRECTION.—In the third line from the bottom, in Mr. Severn's Advertisement on the 128th page, for "One Dollar each," read "Two Dollars each."

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For the Month ending 1st September, 1842.

	s.	d.	s.	d.
Flour Farmers', in barrels.....	20	6	a	23 9
Wheat..... per bushel	3	2	a	4 0
Barley..... do.....	1	8	a	2 4
Oats..... do.....	0	10	a	1 0
Pease..... do.....	2	0	a	2 6
Clover Seed..... do.....	25	0	a	30 0
Grass Seed (Timothy)..... do.....	5	0	a	5 6
Potatoes..... do.....	1	3	a	2 0
Oatmeal..... per barrel.....	17	6	a	21 3
Salt..... do.....	10	0	a	10 6
Pork..... per 100lbs.....	15	0	a	18 9
Beef..... do.....	15	0	a	20 0
Mutton and Veal (qr.)..... per lb.....	0	2	a	0 4
Butter..... do.....	0	10	a	1 0
Turkeys..... do.....	2	0	a	3 9
Chickens..... per couple.....	1	0	a	1 6
Eggs..... er dozen.....	0	5	a	0 6
Hay..... per ton.....	32	6	a	37 6
Straw..... do.....	25	0	a	30 0

SHORT HORNS.

THE Subscribers propose to sell by public Auction, in Dundas, (Flamboro' West), on Saturday, the 15th of October, being the day of the Gore District Agricultural Show, a valuable lot of

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