

Mr. ALEXANDER would have regretted much had he been prevented by other engagements, from being there to-day. All present would heartily concur with their respected Chairman in this, that while the markets for produce were becoming better, and the value of property rising everywhere, it would be desirable that all those means of further improvement should be adopted which had raised older countries to wealth and greatness. As the interests of this Province were essentially Agricultural, they had to study how the Farmer may become enriched, not only by the more successful cultivation of the soil, but by raising stock of the most valuable kind. Mr. Alexander here proceeded to illustrate, at considerable length, the good which had been done by Agricultural Societies in Scotland. He remarked, that no one could visit the meetings of the Highland Agricultural Society, and witness the beautiful stock exhibited there, without feeling that some powerful agent had been employed to bring about such results; not to mention the numberless ingenious implements of husbandry, constructed to save labour, and to enable the farmer to do his work in a more efficient manner. In a new country, such as this, where the scarcity of labour is the great difficulty, our Agricultural Societies would do well to study how they can best encourage all such improvements, not overlooking the importance of bringing into the country the new kinds of seed, some of which may be well adapted to our climate and prove a more certain crop. But the amount of good done by such societies, will depend upon the care which is taken to conduct all the proceedings, so as to preserve confidence in their management. No one should accept office who is not resolved to give much time and attention, to see that the By-Laws and regulations are well considered; to see that competent judges, from some other locality are secured, whose decisions will give general satisfaction. Properly speaking, the officers of the society should divide the labour of management, each undertaking to do his part *thoroughly*, that nothing may be neglected. Allowing their influence in their respective localities to increase the number of members. The arrangements for the annual show to be made in due time; and upon that day, every officer should have his post assigned to him, and in all cases where any dissatisfaction is expressed with the decision of the Judges, or any other thing, there should be an investigation of the matter at the time, so that confidence may be maintained in the management. Then, as to the manner of disposing of the funds of the society, the amount of the premiums to be awarded, and whether thoroughbred stock should be purchased, these are all questions requiring judgement, and a practical knowledge of the wants of the locality.

In conclusion, he rejoiced at the occasion of their meeting here to-day. The township of Blenheim, with its rich natural resources, its unlimited water-power, and two railroads traversing its territory, must increase rapidly in wealth and population—and by continuing to give a liberal support to the cause of Educational and Agricultural improvement, you will most effectually be

laying the foundation of a solid and permanent prosperity.

The Chairman observed, that it now devolved upon the meeting to elect their officers for the present year, according to the provisions of the Statute, when the following gentlemen were unanimously appointed:—

JAMES WATSON, *President*.
HUGH ALLAN, *Vice-President*.
WILLIAM DICKSON, *Sec. & Treas.*

DIRECTORS.—John S. Lindsay; Francis Pickle; William Brown; Edward Bouchier; Walter Martin; Andrew Laidlaw; Archibald McArthur; Christian Stauffer; Daniel Wakefield.

After a vote of thanks to the Chairman and Mr. Alexander, the meeting adjourned.

ETOBICOKE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

To the Editor of the Canadian Agriculturist:

SIR—The annual meeting for the election of officers and directors of the Township of Etobicoke Agricultural Society took place on Wednesday, January 18, at Mr. Thomas Smith's Inn, Mimico, when the following gentlemen were unanimously elected to office for the current year:—

President—Edward Musson, Esq.
Vice-President—Donald McFarlane, Esq.
Secretary—Andrew Ward, Esq.
Treasurer—Edwin C. Fisher, Esq.

Directors.—Messrs. Wm. Wilson, Reuben Fearnley, Thomas Mercer, Archibald Cameron, William Mead, John Moore, William R. Scott, Benjamin Johnston, Archibald Gallanough.

The meeting was large, being numerous, and attended by parties interested from all parts of the Township, which was highly gratifying to witness, showing that the farmers generally are becoming alive to their own interest, and are determined, in consequence, to put their shoulders to the wheel, to assist in advancing the cause of agriculture by liberally supporting Township Agricultural Societies, which of late have so clearly proved to be beneficial, not only to the Townships where they originate but to the Province generally.

A. WARD, *Secretary*.

PETERBORO' AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of the County of Peterboro' Agricultural Society, was held at the Court House on Saturday, the 4th ultimo, when the following gentlemen were elected Officers for the ensuing year:

President—Mr. John Harvey.
Vice Presidents—Messrs. I. Garbutt and T. Bell.
Treasurer—Mr. R. Nicholas.
Secretary—Mr. J. W. Gilmour.

Directors.—Messrs. John R. Milburn, John T. Milburn, Emanuel Mann, Christopher Burton, William Simpson, Joseph Walton, Isaac Milburn.

It would appear from the Report, which was read and adopted, that the funds of the Society are in a prosperous condition, there being a balance on hand of over £40. The Report also mentions the purchase of a quantity of Plaster, now ready for delivery at Port Hope, upon presentation of orders from the Secretary, which can be had on application to the Treasurer of the Society.