

very extensively engaged in Agricultural pursuits himself, having lately announced his intention of publishing a semi-monthly journal in the exclusive interests of Agriculture, the Board feel that they are thereby relieved from the task which they had assumed. Mr. Brown has facilities at his command which will enable him to do full justice to his undertaking. We believe that he will pursue this undertaking earnestly and energetically. The Board therefore have relinquished the right of publishing the *Agriculturist*, in his favor, and this journal will henceforth cease to appear. But the Board will not in consequence be left without a medium for communicating with the farmers and Agricultural Societies of the Province. By arrangements made with Mr. Brown, the pages of the new paper will be open to them, and will meet the necessities of the Board in this respect quite as well as a journal published under their own direct supervision. Besides, the new arrangement will, by affording him more time, enable the Secretary to prepare an Official Report *annually*, embodying all that is important and interesting in the Reports furnished the Board by the Agricultural Societies of the Western Section of the Province. The completion of another volume of Transactions will now be proceeded with, without further delay.

The new Agricultural paper will be published under the name of "THE CANADA FARMER." We refer to the Prospectus in another column, and bespeak for it a hearty support on the part of the farmers of the country at large. We trust that those steady friends, who have hitherto given their valuable support to our humble efforts in the *Agriculturist*, will not fail to exert their influence in favor of our successor.

As we have good evidence for believing, from arrangements already completed or in progress, that no pains or expense will be spared by the enterprising proprietor of the "THE CANADA FARMER" to make that journal inferior to none of its class on the continent, we trust that not only will all our subscribers transfer their names to the new list, but that sufficient encouragement will be given in all parts of the Province to place this important undertaking on a permanent basis.

In conclusion we cannot help saying that we do not part with our readers and contributors, who have accompanied us so long, without a

feeling of regret; and we cheerfully embrace this opportunity of thanking them for their generous confidence and support. We desire to associate the bidding of them farewell with similar wishes of a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

### THE "CANADA FARMER."

From the spirited manner in which this new Agricultural Journal has been commenced we are persuaded that we may confidently recommend all our friends to give it their support. The publisher has facilities for conducting it with efficiency not possessed probably by any other establishment in Canada; and it cannot be without advantage to have Mr. Brown's well known energy fully enlisted in the cause of Agriculture.

Preparations have been already made for getting out the *Farmer* in the best style. It is to be printed on fine paper from a new font of type, and a full staff of Editors, Reporters, Artists, and Wood cutters has been retained. Mr. W. F. Clark, a well known and able Canadian writer, is to be Editor in chief. Mr. Beadle of St. Catharines is to take charge of the Horticultural department, and promiecent professional agriculturists are to contribute to the Live stock, Chemistry and Veterinary departments. We hear that the first number is to be illustrated with drawings of some of the leading prize animals at the late Provincial Show. We fully expect that the new paper will be worthy of hearty support; it is the only agricultural Journal now published in Upper Canada, and it ought to receive a hearty welcome from all who are interested in the Agricultural progress of our Country.

### AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES.—THE ANNUAL MEETINGS.

The Township Agricultural Societies hold their Annual Meetings all over the Province in the second week, and the County Societies in the third week of January. At the township meetings the chief business consists in receiving and adopting (if approved of) the report and proceedings for the past year prepared by the Directors, and electing the officers, viz: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, and not fewer than three, n