

Great Ploughing Match between Scarborough and Vaughan, For a Purse of £100.

The notice which follows having been written by one of the editors for the columns of a temporary journal, is copied from that paper:—

This second trial of skill in the ancient and important art of ploughing by the same competitors, came off last Friday the 25th April, in a field belonging to George Miller Esq. of Markham. The day was brilliantly fine and the atmosphere warm and summer-like, and the number of spectators equalled, if not exceeded, either of the two former occasions; being estimated at four to six thousand. Our readers will recollect that the first match of this series took place in Pickering between Scarborough and Whitby in the spring of 1849, when the former was declared the winner. Last year the Township of Vaughan challenged Scarborough, when the latter again proved victorious, and the challenge was repeated this year with a like result.

As on the two previous occasions, the number of ploughmen on each side was twenty, and the ploughs used were invariably made of iron, on the approved and well known principle of the Scotch swing plough; indeed several of the implements employed were imported from the celebrated manufactory of Gray; the remainder were made by different parties in the Province. At the first competition in Pickering, we observed a few wooden ploughs, which, however, have not appeared in subsequent contests. Of the general superiority of the Scotch swing plough, when competently managed, their can hardly be two opinions among practical ploughmen.

The work done on the present occasion, presented, perhaps, no very decided improvement upon that of last year. Yet whether viewed as a whole or in any of its details, it must be acknowledged to possess very great merit, and would be considered highly creditable in the first cultivated districts of the mother country. The state of the ground was scarcely so good for the purpose as that for last year, and we observed that some of the ridges or lands, were not of uniform convexity, a circumstance of course unfavourable to a perfect result. There was, as heretofore, in the Scarborough work a distinctive and uniform style, if we may be allowed the expression, which gave it a distinctive character; the furrows were not only even and straight, but they were laid at precisely that angle which meets the eye most advantageously. The Vaughan ploughing, although much of it excellent, and none of it bad, lacked that characteristic as a whole; and we very much doubt whether the Vaughan ploughmen had previously practiced with any thing like that unity of purpose, which was so evident in their opponents. The ploughing on both sides must be considered good enough for all practical purposes; and we consider the objects of honorable competition in regard to these two Townships to be, at

least for the present, accomplished. We see no likelihood of any good resulting from a repetition of the challenge, for several years to come. In the mean time, let other Townships enter the lists; for it must be acknowledged that these contests have already had a most beneficial influence on the cultivation and productiveness of the country.

The following are the names of the ploughmen, with their origin and descent. All are considered Canadians who learned to plough in Canada whether they were born here or in Europe.

SCARBORO PLOUGHMEN.	VAUGHAN PLOUGHMEN.
Wm. Weir, Scotch.	Peter Frank, Canadian, German Descent.
John Crone, Canadian, Scotch Descent.	Wm. Wetherspoon, Scotch.
William Hood, Canadian, Scotch Descent.	Samuel Musselman, Canadian, German Descent.
James Weir, Scotch.	Walter Dalzell, Scotch.
Walter Hood, Canadian, Scotch Descent.	Jas. Somerville, Scotch.
Andrew Bertram, Scotch.	William Burton, Canadian, Scotch Descent.
Henry Mason, Canadian, English Descent.	William McNair, Canadian, Scotch Descent.
Arch. Thompson, Canadian, Scotch Descent.	J. Campbell, Canadian, Scotch Descent.
Geo. Burke, Canadian.	Jos. Frank, Canadian, German Descent.
Thomas Crone, Canadian, Scotch Descent.	William Keffler, Canadian, German Descent.
John Wakefield, Canadian, English Descent.	James McNair, Canadian, Scotch Descent.
Robt. Patterson, Scotch.	R. Thompson, Canadian, Scotch Descent.
And. Browning, Scotch.	Dun. Mathewson, Scotch.
John Crawford, Scotch.	G. Charellon, Canadian, English Descent.
Jas. McCowan, Scotch.	Duncan McClair, Canadian, Scotch Descent.
Jas. Patterson, Scotch.	Geo. Smith,
John Patterson, Canadian, Scotch Descent.	Arch. McMillen, Scotch.
Geo. Evans, English.	Henry White, Canadian, German Descent.
W. Maddison, English.	Alexander Muir, Canadian, Scotch Descent.
John Weir, Scotch.	

The following are the names of the Judges.

JUDGES FOR VAUGHAN.—Benjamin Jennings, King, Wm. Lawson, Markham; Joshua Clark, Pickering.

JUDGES FOR SCARBORO.—Robt. L., Toronto; John Gibson, Markham; — Weir, Reach.

Each of the competing townships chose one umpire, and casting lots for the third, it resulted that Scarborough chose the third umpire. Their names are,

Umpire for Vaughan.—Mr. Lensk.

Umpires for Scarborough.—Archibald Cameron, Toronto, William Watson, Whitby.

A substantial dinner was prepared by Mr. Armstrong of Markham Village, to which the ploughmen and 4 or 5 hundred persons sat down after the contest was over. His Excellency was expected but did not honour the occasion by his presence. Col. E. Thompson President of the County Agricultural Society sat at the head of the table. The usual regular toasts were drunk, and appropriate music by the band and songs followed. The award of the judges not being finished until late in the evening the successful competitors were not teased by the "Ploughmen" without distinction instead. One of their number briefly returned thanks. The "Agricultural Association" was replied to by the worthy Secretary of the Association, Mr. Buckland. He spoke of the great good already accomplished by this noble institution and the bright prospect of usefulness before it if properly sustained by the