

MAPLE SUGAR.—We were not aware, till informed by the Boston *Olive Branch*, that the quantity of maple sugar made and used in this country was large. That journal remarks that though "the quantity manufactured this year, is said to be less than the last year, it is nevertheless very large. Few are aware of the immense quantities of this article made in the Northern tier of States. It appears to be more than twice as much as that manufactured from the cane in all the sugar-growing portions of the United States. More than one-half of the twenty-three millions of the inhabitants in the United States are supplied with nearly all the sugar and molasses they use, from the rock or sugar maple. The price this kind of sugar bears in our market, always averages considerably above that imported from Havana, and much above that coming from New Orleans or Brazil. Yet this immense amount of Saccharine matter is all manufactured in three or four weeks, by farmers, at a time when they could do very little else to profit. It is an article of so great profit, that we hope the farmers of New England, New York, Ohio, and other manufacturing States, will see to preserving their sugar orchards."

AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION OF U. CANADA.

A meeting of the Directors was held at Elgie's Hotel in this City, June 10th, 11th, and 12th, for the purpose of auditing the accounts, revising the Premium list and transacting other business connected with the Association. J. B. Marks, Esq., President in the chair. Present, Mr. Sheriff Ruttan, Ex-President; R. L. Denison, Esq., Treasurer; Mr. Sheriff Smith and M. Jones, Esq. Several of the officers being absent on a visit to the World's Industrial Exhibition in England, a number of gentlemen connected with agricultural societies favored the Directors with their attendance; R. Bell, Esq., M. P. P.; Sheriff Treadwell, Captain Shaw, H. Parsons, G. D. Wells, G. Crawford, W. McDougall, W. Gamble &c., Esqs.

Want of space compels us to condense as much as possible the proceedings of this meeting, with those of a subsequent one of the Board of Agriculture.

It was resolved that the Exhibition at Brockville be postponed one week, viz., to the 24th, 25th and 26th of September, in consequence of the New York State Fair having been appointed to be held at Rochester, on the days originally

fixed for the Provincial Show.—It was also resolved that only one wooden-building be erected for Exhibiting articles, and that three capacious marquees be hired for that purpose.—No person residing in Upper Canada will be allowed to compete in the *Foreign Class*, X.—Votes of thanks were passed to the Secretary and Treasurer, who were elected Honorary members of the Association, and one hundred pounds to the former and fifty to the latter were awarded in consideration for their past services.—One hundred copies of Mr. Hind's lectures on Agricultural Chemistry, and 50 copies of Major Lachlan's forthcoming pamphlet were ordered to be purchased and distributed among the County Societies.—A memorial to the Governor in Council was submitted by a sub-Committee appointed to draft the same was adopted. The memorial sets forth the advantages of employing a portion of the convicts in the Penitentiary at Kingston, in burning lime on the Penitentiary ground, for agricultural and other purposes.—Another memorial was adopted to the Governor in Council, praying that the Government would recommend to Parliament such a grant of money to the Board of Agriculture, as would enable the Board to sustain the Provincial Association in a state of efficiency, and also to carry out the several important objects contemplated in its establishment. The Directors then proceeded to the Parliamentary buildings, and waited on the Honorable the Attorney General West, and the Hon'ble Inspector General, urging the importance of their objects, stating that £1,000 per annum would be required from Parliament to assist the Board and the Country in carrying them out. The statements of the Deputation were listened to with marked attention, and they left with a strong impression that the Government would give their case a favorable consideration.*

After some business of routine had been disposed of, the meeting broke up; the management of the Provincial Agricultural Association having by a Statute passed last Session, transferred the Directorship to the Board of Agriculture, which is announced to meet for the first time in the City of Toronto on the 2nd of July next.

* In the estimates for the current year, subsequently published, the sum of £1000 is recommended.