

It is of much importance that every encouragement should be given by Societies and patriotic individuals to the wide dissemination of our monthly journal, *The Agriculturist*, published in Toronto, on very low terms. That periodical contains Reports of the proceedings of the Board of Agriculture, and of Farmer's Clubs, beside a large amount of original and selected matter of great interest to the farmer, and is a valuable medium of communication between individuals and Societies in different parts of the Province.

Having adverted to the rapid growth and advancement of our country, it may be proper to enquire into the causes which have produced such successful results. Our previous Annual Exhibitions have rendered very great service, and the forwarding of selected articles from the Agricultural and Manufacturing departments, as well as from the products of our forests and our mines to the Crystal Palace in London, in 1851, with the exertions of Mr. Logan, the Provincial Geologist, and other gentlemen from Canada, have been productive of them. I am of opinion that there is no other individual to whom Canada is so much indebted as to Mr. Logan, and I would suggest the propriety of immediately presenting him with a testimonial of the highest order. I would further recommend that the Government should be immediately petitioned to double his staff, that all his reports be compiled in one volume, to be printed and widely circulated, and that a second volume follow as soon as it can be completed.

The funds of the Society are in a prosperous condition, and the Government patronage will no doubt be continued to assist the Society in its operations.

The establishment of a Bureau of Commerce and Manufactures, to be connected with that of Agriculture, placed under the superintendence of some person qualified for the office, and whose whole energies could be directed to their advancement, with practical assistants in each of the several departments, would do much to improve our present condition.

I would fain hope that County Societies, as well as individuals, will do their utmost to render our next exhibition, to be held at London, the greatest that we have yet seen.

From the local position of London, it being the centre of an agricultural population of two hundred thousand, in point of soil and climate or agricultural purposes, the best in Canada, whose people will compare favorably with those of any part of Europe or America—these with the advantages of good roads, for which she is indebted to the Government and to the energy of her own people, and the recent construction of railroads, places her in a favorable position, together with the noble manner in which the counties of Middlesex and Elgin have come forward, and the offer of private subscriptions, amounting in all to £1,500; all these favorable circumstances with the co-operation of County Societies generally, must ensure a measure of success that has never yet been equalled among us.

The Exhibition will be held on the 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th days of September, and it is con-

fidently expected that that by time the railroads in that section will be completed, so as to enable London to be approached with the utmost facility.

From the experience of the past we have great pleasure in anticipating the assistance of the ladies in contributing articles of usefulness and embellishment, at the forthcoming Exhibition.

In conclusion, I feel confident that the assistance of the Bureau of Agriculture, the Board and Association of the Province, with their officers, and the Local Committee, and the liberal offer of the Great Western Railroad, tendered through Wm. Niles, Esq., Vice-President of the Association, and one of its Directors, these, with the blessing of Providence, must ensure the success of the Exhibition.

I have the honor to be, gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. P. TREADWELL,

President of the Agricultural Association of U. Canada.

SCOTCH AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS.

The Highland Society, acting under the auspices of the Board of Trade, have now completed the agricultural statistics of the three counties of Roxburgh, Haddington and Sutherland.

In the county of Roxburgh, the estimate of wheat (dropping fractions) was 14,205 quarters on an acreage of 5181; of barley, 64,050 quarters on an acreage of 14,615; of oats, 136,797 quarters, on an acreage of 28,832; of beans and peas, 5458 quarters, on an acreage of 1612; of turnip-seed, 44 quarters, on an acreage of 43; of turnips, 361,319 tons, on an acreage of 23,800; of potatoes, 8287 tons, on an acreage of 1451; of mangold, 1,4 tons, on an acreage of 16; and of carrots, 43 tons, on an acreage of 6.

In the county of Haddington, the estimate of wheat was 50,341 quarters, on an acreage of 15,339; of barley, 67,079 quarters, on an acreage of 12,889; of oats, 94,823 quarters, on an acreage of 16,802; of beans & peas, 16,734 quarters, on an acreage of 4809; of turnip-seed, 206 quarters, on an acreage of 157; of turnips, 203,154 tons, on an acreage of 1620; of potatoes, 23,976 tons, on an acreage of 4246; of mangold, 619 tons, on an acreage of 48; and of carrots, 1378 tons, on an acreage of 107.

In the county of Sutherland, the estimate of wheat was 803 quarters, on an acreage of 217; of barley, 15,797 quarters, on an acreage of 3643; of oats, 24,337 quarters, on an acreage of 6369; of beans and peas, 145 on an acreage of 30; of turnip-seed, 1 quarter and 6 bushels on an acre; of turnips, 32,929 tons, on an acreage of 2090; of potatoes, 17,298 tons, on an acreage of 2506; of mangold, — on an acreage of —; and of carrots, 15 tons on an acreage of 14.

The general abstract shows the aggregate estimates of the three counties as follows:—estimates of wheat, 63,410 quarters, on an acreage of 20,738; of barley, 147,327 quarters, on an acreage of 31,068; of oats, 160,458 quarters, on an acreage of 52,233; of beans and peas, 22,338 quarters, on an acreage of 6342; of turnip-seed, 253 quarters, on an acreage of 200; of turnips, 597,493 tons, on an acreage of 42,150; of potatoes, 49,362 tons, on an acreage of 8287; of mangold, 734 tons, on an acreage of 64; and of carrots, 1436 tons, on an acreage of 114.