

he turned his attention to the study of law, but before completing his apprenticeship, an attack of ill health forewarned him that the pursuit of that sedentary and really laborious profession would be attended with serious consequences, and other circumstances being favorable, he made up his mind to return to rural pursuits, in the course of two or three years. It was this determination that led him to give some attention to the science of Agriculture, and to take part in an Agricultural paper. He has now been before the public as a writer on Agricultural topics for two years; and those who have read his productions, though written under many disadvantages, can judge whether he knows anything or nothing about the subjects he has attempted to discuss. He has felt, however, the necessity of having some person, of suitable literary and other attainments, who is either directly engaged in Agriculture, or has more leisure at his command than any one can have who attempts to practice the law associated in the management of the *Agriculturist*, in order to give it a high character for usefulness, and to adapt it thoroughly to the wants of Canadian Farmers. This assistance, it was supposed, the Editor of "The British American Cultivator" would have given: to what extent the reader has just been informed.

The Volume for 1849, and we trust many volumes thereafter, will have the advantage of the labours of such a person as we have mentioned. Mr. George Buckland, whose name our readers are already acquainted with, will be the chief Editor of the "CANADIAN AGRICULTURIST" henceforward. Mr. B. has had the very best opportunities to become fitted for such a post. Having been all his life engaged in the pursuits of Agriculture, practically and scientifically, in a country where it is conducted on the most improved systems, and where it is brought to the highest perfection, by the constant application of science, capital, skill, and everything that can conduce to its improvement, and add to its profits, we may confidently say that the paper will not, hereafter, be deficient in its Editorial department. A number of Correspondents, both in England and the United States, have promised assistance; and we hope those who have written for the paper during the last year will continue their correspondence, and that many others will enter their ranks. It is not the writings of the Editor of an Agricultural paper, that make it most interesting or most valuable. Unless he be assisted, prompted, and informed by Correspondents, who are daily in their fields, he must necessarily forget and neglect a thousand things, of the first importance. Liebig himself could not edit a paper that would be of general utility to practical farmers, without the suggestions and assistance of practical men.

The present Editor will give such assistance, especially in the Miscellaneous Departments, as may be required, in order to secure variety, and to make the paper as complete in all respects as possible. The inestimable blessing of health being restored, his intention of returning to the farm is for the present abandoned. The business of his profession will therefore demand the largest portion of his time. Still, as His Honor Vice-Chancellor Jameson remarked to us the other day, "Few professional men are so pressed with business but that they can find time to cultivate any study in which they delight." His Honor made this observation in allusion to his own experiments in Agriculture, which, notwithstanding the laborious duties of his Judicial station, he finds time to undertake and work out, upon a few acres of land, near the City. The usefulness and success of "The Agriculturist" will continue to occupy no small share of the writer's attention, until it becomes well established; and in withdrawing from the post of chief Editor, he believes he is giving place to a more experienced and more efficient man, whose labours, he

trusts, will be well received, and prove of great benefit to the Agricultural and general prosperity of our beloved country.

PROVINCIAL ASSOCIATION.

Our readers are aware that the next Meeting of this important National Institution, will be held at the city of Kingston, in the Midland District. It will be seen, by the following circular, from J. B. Marks, Esq., one of the Vice-Presidents of the Association, that he, at all events, is awake to the importance of making timely preparation for the Annual Show for 1849. It is to be hoped that the farmers and the farmers' wives of the Midland District will take the advice of Mr. Marks, and be up and doing. It mainly rests upon the people of the District in which the Show is held to supply the substantial contributions of stock, implements, &c., as well as the *money*—a share of which may be expected from other Districts; but these ought not to be depended on:—

CIRCULAR.

To the Presidents of the County and Township Agricultural Societies in the Midland District.

Office of the Agricultural Society of the Midland District. Kingston, C. W., Nov. 1848

Sir.—I acquaint you, for the information of the Members of the Agricultural Society and the inhabitants of the Township of ———, that the members of the Provincial Agricultural Association have voted that the next Annual Exhibition of the Association, for the year 1849, shall be holden at Kingston, in the Midland District, to commence on the first Tuesday in September next, and continue for three days in succession.

It is proper to make the time of holding the Exhibition known thus early, in order that all the inhabitants of the Province may have an opportunity of bringing forward at the show, such articles as come within their respective means of producing.

This great National Institution opens a wide field to the enterprising of every class. The supporting of which will give benefit and advantages alike to the merchant, the manufacturer, the tanner, the mechanic, the trader, and the labourer. The horticulturist and the finer branches of gardening will have full scope for displaying the production of their industry, ability and exertion. The ladies department will extend to articles of taste, elegance and usefulness, including shawls, counterpanes, wearing apparel, &c., &c.—Much of this work can be executed at a comfortable fire-side during the approaching winter.

In addition to what is above mentioned, the general feature of the Exhibition will consist in awarding premiums for all kinds of stock, and other farming products, domestic manufactures in all its branches, implements of husbandry, and labour-saving tools of all descriptions. The arts and other matters of taste will not be overlooked.

This great exhibition will bring into the district some of the best breeds of farming stock, machinery and implements of husbandry, a portion of which will, no doubt be purchased and remain in the district, and be the means of extending traces of its improvement, which will be visible for all time to come, and give an impetus to the spirited farmers in carrying forward our county and township cattle shows.

Ways and means must be provided for defraying the expenses of the premiums, &c., which will be struck off as liberal as possible.

We have in the Midland District and city of Kingston, about 5,000 names on the assessment rolls; a number of whom can be reckoned upon as subscribers to the Association from 5s. upwards to £6 each. This, together with the annual subscriptions of the members, the assistance of the Legislature, and liberal contributions of the other District Societies, will produce funds, it is hoped, that will be sufficient to give credit to the Province; therefore we must raise up our minds to the magnitude and usefulness of the subject.

Rouse up the industry of all the farmers and mechanics in your neighbourhood, and let the sluggards (if any) stay at home.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. B. MARKS.

President, A. S. M. D.

To the Chairman of the Agricultural Society of the Township of ———.

CHEAP ROOT CELLAR.—Dig the cellar three feet deep, wall the sides, cover with coarse timber and slabs, and then with earth, and a window at one end, with a door at the other, will admit, free ventilation, except in freezing weather.