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PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL  
ASSOCIATION.

We beg to call the attention of our readers to the claims and wants of this important and valuable institution. In a few months another annual exhibition will take place, and it is highly necessary that timely preparations should be made, and every possible assistance rendered, in order that our next show may prove creditable and honourable to the country. The result must in great measure depend upon the zeal and co-operation of the province at large, and we most sincerely hope that all who feel an interest in advancing the agricultural and other industrial pursuits of the country, will extend to this great and praiseworthy undertaking their cordial good wishes and liberal support. Happily for the Provincial Association, it labours under none of the objections of having a party character; its objects are, in the highest and best sense of the terms, *patriotic and national*; and in these days of political excitement, it must be felt both welcome and refreshing by all generous minds, that we have one society at least, in which men of all parties can meet on *common ground* for the promotion of *common interests*. We hope therefore that the call for support towards the next exhibition, to be held at Kingston, will be generally and liberally responded to, and that the inhabitants of Upper Canada will vie with one another in supporting an institution, the prosperity of which will afford both ourselves and others a very fair criterion for estimating our national progress and civilization. It will be seen from the subjoined resolutions, that Mr. Buckland, the Secretary of the Association, and Mr. Angus Cameron, of Garden Island, near Kingston, are deputed by the executive committee to solicit aid from the Agricultural Societies in the province, and we trust that the officers of such societies will give them an encouraging welcome.

With regard to the society's outstanding liabilities, some measures for discharging them will, we hope, be speedily adopted. Application has been made to Parliament for aid, but as yet no official

answer has been received, although Government, we understand, are quite disposed to render assistance. It will require at least from twelve to fifteen hundred pounds to carry out the Kingston exhibition on a scale at all commensurate with the magnitude of the society's objects. It will be seen from the resolutions inserted below, that the show will be held in the *third* instead of the first week of September, a change which the committee believe will be much to the advantage of the exhibition. The New York fair will take place at Syracuse the preceeding week, when Professor Johnston, the celebrated agricultural chemist, from England, is expected to deliver the annual address. We must endeavour to get the learned Professor to favour us with his presence at our own meeting, and we anticipate the pleasure of seeing a large number of American friends. Kingston possesses many advantages for our purpose; it is easily and cheaply accessible, possesses extensive public buildings, has ample accommodation in its numerous hotels and boarding houses, with a guarantee for moderate charges; and we are happy to add, that the executive committee are in high spirits, in good working order, and looking confidently to the cordial support of the public. The list of premiums will be issued as early as possible, probably the beginning of June.

We have much pleasure in calling the earnest attention of our readers to the address of the President, Mr. Sheriff Ruttan, which will be found on a subsequent page; and of further observing, that the usual liberal premium of £25 from the Canada Company, for the best 25 bushels of wheat grown in the province, will be again given.

## AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION OF UPPER CANADA.

The Committee met at the city of Kingston, on the 2nd day of May instant, John B. Marks, Esq. Vice-President, in the chair.

The President, H. Ruttan, Esq., laid before the Committee various papers relating to the arrangements and management of the show at Cobourg in 1848.

The minutes of the Committee appointed at