

of Mr. Thomas Cosford, were all excellent animals. A number of well fed bullocks, we believe the property of Mr. T. Nightingale, were objects of general praise; and a few tups, and a pen of ewes, of the improved Leicester breed, the property of Mr. John Cado, Whitby, were also very justly admired. The few samples of fall and spring wheat exhibited, were of very excellent quality, and especially the latter of the Siberian variety. The quantity of hops shown were very considerable, and, in point of quality, would not suffer in comparison with the best samples imported from the United States.

About seventy farmers and others, friendly to the cause, sat down to a well served dinner, at the "Farmers' Arms." The usual toasts being drank, the party were favoured with a number of speeches, upon agricultural topics; those delivered by the President of the Society, W. B. Jarvis, Esq., and Benjamin Thorne, Esq., were heard with much attention and applause. It was our intention to have given a report of those speeches in full, but owing to unavoidable circumstances we have not been able to spare the time required to prepare and arrange them for the press.

The cause which induced the change in the proposed arrangement of the exhibition, was not explained to our mind; but from the assurance of the worthy president, W. B. Jarvis, Esq., that his exertions shall be exerted, to establish a good feeling between the Parent and Branch Societies in the District, we have still a glimmering hope that our former anticipations in relation to the agricultural improvements of this district, will be some day or other fully realized. In honour to that gentleman, we feel in duty bound to say, that he has been for some months past on a visit to England, and only returned to Toronto two days previous to the show, and that he highly disapproved of what had been done in his absence, by the other officers of the Society.

FOURTH RIDING OF YORK AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The autumn exhibition of this Society, was held in the village of Newmarket, on the 15th of October. The day being favorable, the attendance was pretty general. The improvements in stock, especially in grade Durhams, were decidedly greater than those exhibited on any former occasion. We feel warranted in saying, that the interest in the success of this association, is gradually on the increase, and we doubt not, but that the farmers in this old and wealthy riding, will duly appreciate the exertions that are made by the Society, in fostering a spirit of emulation in the productions of the soil.

TOWNSHIP OF CHINGUACOUSY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

We are informed that agreeable to printed notices, which we sent to the above township, that a meeting was held

at Westerfitt's Tavern, and a Society organized upon the same basis that the others were formed in the District. And also, that the attendance was pretty general, and that a large list of subscribers were had on the spot. Chinguacousy is one of the best wheat growing townships in the province, and is settled principally by English, Irish, and Scotch farmers.

The cause of our non-attendance at this meeting will be satisfactorily explained at an early period, to the gentlemen who are entrusted with the management of the Chinguacousy Agricultural Society.

COUNTY OF HALDIMAND AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

The first cattle show of this Infant Agricultural institution took place on the 4th September last, at the village of Cayuga. The day being propitious, the attendance of farmers and others favourable to the cause was both numerous and respectable, and all were seemingly much delighted with the proceedings. We understand that there are only two agricultural societies in the Niagara District, the one under notice, and the Parent Society, each probably numbering about 100 members. This of course is highly creditable, when compared to the state of some of the agricultural societies in other districts, but the number is trifling to what might be done if a general and systematic organization were entered into with spirit. Instead of there being only one general and one local society, there should be in our opinion not less than ten branch societies, each numbering more than 100 members; and this certainly might be accomplished with much ease if an opinion could be formed from the wealth, respectability, and intelligence of the farmers of the Niagara District. We have been informed that it has been with much difficulty that the two societies jointly have raised by subscription sufficient to entitle them to the annual grant of £200. This fact would appear strange to an individual who is well acquainted with the vast resources of the Niagara District, but when the circumstance is taken into consideration, that the benefits resulting from the influences of associations for the improvements of agriculture, is but little known or appreciated among the great mass of the population, it will no longer appear a matter of surprise that so much indifference is manifested by the parties who should be the most interested in the matter. But few portions of the province present such a wide field for improvement as the one under notice, and probably none is better prepared for a general co-operation in effecting their improvements. From our knowledge of this district, we are prepared to say, if a plan were set on foot for organizing township branch agricultural societies, that the people are as well prepared to acquit themselves with credit in the management of these societies as they are in any other district in the province. As a strong proof of the good sense of the far-

mers of the County of Haldimand, we would make a short quotation from a private letter from one of the leading officers of the Haldimand Society. "I am happy to find that our exertions in the society are creating quite a new spirit among many who have been decidedly opposed to us; one township in particular is setting a good example, as it has established a debating agricultural society. I understand from those gentlemen who have taken the lead in the discussions, that they are doing a great deal of good. At first but few joined, now nearly the whole township have taken it up with spirit. They meet monthly, at which meetings a variety of interesting agricultural subjects are most freely and ably discussed." The above is certainly most gratifying intelligence to us, and especially so at this particular crisis, as we have resolved to loose no opportunity, in advising the supporters of the *Cultivator* to assist in the establishment of a farmers' club and library in their respective townships or neighbourhoods. No conception can be formed of the amount of useful information that is published upon agriculture; and a very large proportion of the modern works upon the science and practice of husbandry, might be made available in Canadian agriculture, if farmers' clubs and libraries were generally established. A beginning, it appears has been made, and we hope the example may be followed in every township in the province. Our correspondent has very correctly concluded that the establishment of farmers' clubs and libraries, would be an excellent preparation for the general organization of Township Agricultural Societies. So far as the cost is concerned, they both might go into operation at the same time. An annual subscription of five shillings to each, would be sufficient for all practical purposes, if the farmers were generally to become members of these associations. If the Agricultural Magazine, which each member of the township society would receive, were conducted with that ability, that the circumstances would warrant, if township societies were generally organized upon this plan, it would be worth to each member double the subscription. In fact, if a general spirit of improvement were infused among the agricultural classes, it would be extremely difficult to estimate the value of a journal that embodied the essence and spirit of those improvements in its columns.

Every man who has watched the progress of agriculture in the old world, must be sensible of the benefits that would follow from the universal organization of agricultural societies, farmers' clubs and libraries, in this country; and we trust that all who are apprized of the advantages that must follow from the establishment of these associations, will urge their neighbors and friends to join them in the laudable and patriotic enterprise of endeavoring to carry these associations into operation.