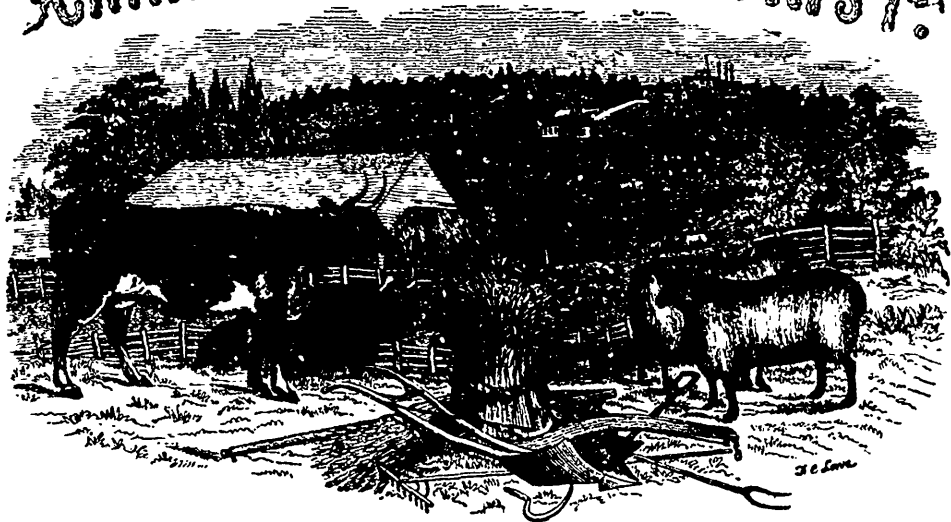


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### THE PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION.

We observe that in one section of the Province, some misapprehension prevails as to the resources and general utility of this Society.—At a recent meeting of the Agricultural Society held at Guelph, some discussion took place on the question of making the Provincial a pecuniary grant, as is the yearly practice with most County, and several Township Societies in other parts of the country. While some contended

for making a grant, others opposed it upon what we conceive to be very insufficient grounds. It was alleged that the Provincial Association had received this year a grant from Parliament of 1000*l*, with an understanding that the Society ought to be otherwise self-supporting. This is certainly a mistake, and we consider it our duty at once to correct it. The Parliamentary grant for 1850 was 600*l*; and the Association received no aid from that source till last year, when 225*l* were voted towards the exhibition held at Kingston, and 20*l* towards enabling the Society to discharge the heavy liabilities incurred at Hamilton, in 1847. Full particulars will be laid before the next meeting of Parliament; but in the mean time, it will be satisfactory to our readers, and the public to be assured, that the Provincial Association is now out of debt, and we are informed, will have something in hand.

It was likewise urged against affording pecuniary support, that as it was improbable that the Association would hold an Exhibition at Guelph, the District could derive no benefit from its operations. We look upon this as a narrow and fallacious objection. The rapid settlement