

HOME DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The Directors of the Home District Agricultural Society hereby give notice, that they have appropriated the sum of £150, which they will distribute for the encouragement of the Township Auxiliary Societies now formed, or which may be formed in connection with the Parent Society, previous to the 1st day of May next.

The said sum of £150 will be divided amongst the Township Societies in the proportion to the sums subscribed by the Township Societies respectively, which sums must be paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the Home District Agricultural Society, on or before Wednesday the 15th day of May next.

A further sum of, say £200, will be expended in prizes, to be awarded at a Grand District Exhibition, to be held in or near the City of Toronto, on a day to be fixed at the next regular meeting of the Society, at which meeting the Schedule of Articles to be shown, and the prizes to be awarded, will be arranged and made known. The arrangements for this exhibition will be upon a scale commensurate with the great object to be attained, and will comprise not only the showing of superior breeds of horned cattle, sheep, swine, &c., but also grains, grapes, seeds, roots, farming implements, the produce of the grower, and the domestic manufactures of the country, such as linen and woollen cloth, blankets, carpets, &c.

Gold and Silver Medals will also be awarded to the best and second best Essay on Agriculture; and also to the proprietor of the best cultivated Farm in the Home District. Notices to be sent to the Secretary of the Society, on or before the 1st day of July, when the Committee, to be appointed to inspect, will commence their duties, and will make their report on the day of the Grand Exhibition.

The regular Quarterly Meetings of the Society will be held on the Wednesdays of the week in which the District Council assemble, in the months of February, May, August, and November, at the City of Toronto; at which meetings, after the regular business of the Society has been transacted, a Lecture will be given upon the subject of Agriculture, and several papers read upon the results of experiment in the culture of Hops, Hay, Hemp, Wheat, &c.

On Wednesday, the 15th day of May next, a Ploughing Match will take place near the City of Toronto, when prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third best ploughmen, according to the following rates:—

No. 1—Open to all:

1st prize £2 10s.; 2d prize £1 10s.; 3d prize £1.

No. 2—Canadians and persons who immigrated to this Colony from the British Isles before they arrived at the age of 14 years:

1st prize £3 10s.; 2d prize £1 10s.; 3d prize £1.

No. 3—Open to youths under 16 years of age:

1st prize £3 10s.; 2d prize £1 10s.; 3d prize £1

SIBERIAN SPRING WHEAT.

Our esteemed friend and agent, David Smart, Esq., states, in a private letter, that he has in his possession 2,000 bushels of the above variety of wheat, which he will warrant pure.

GANANOQUE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

We feel great pleasure in giving insertion to the following Resolutions, passed at a late meeting of the above Society:

That portion of the scheme, lately published in the *Cultivator*, for reorganizing Agricultural Societies now established in Canada, which relates to the Districts and Townships, appears to be highly approved of in every instance where the subject has been brought officially before the notice of the District and Branch Societies. A difference of opinion, however, exists regarding the character of the proposed Provincial Society.

The suggestion for sending Delegates from each Society to Toronto, to agree upon a plan for organizing a Provincial Society is a good one, and, we are authorized to say, will be acted upon at the earliest possible period.

We shall bring the subject before a Special Meeting of the Directors of the Home District Agricultural Society, to be called for the purpose, and shall in our next give our views of a plan, so that others may come prepared either to approve or offer such amendment as their Society may think proper.

Moved by W. S. MacDonald, seconded by John Finlay,

That this society concur in the objects proposed to be attained by the formation of a Provincial Agricultural Society, as explained in the December No. of the *British American Cultivator*.

Moved by Andrew Jarvis, seconded by J. W. Parmenter,

That this society are of opinion that it is not expedient to divert any part of the monies annually granted by Government in aid of District Agricultural Societies toward the support of a Provincial Agricultural Association.

Moved by J. W. Parmenter, seconded by J. L. MacDonald,

That in order to the formation of a Provincial Agricultural Society upon terms likely to be generally acceptable throughout the province, this society respectfully suggest that a meeting of delegates from all the Agricultural Societies now in existence in the province, be held at some convenient place, for the purpose of considering and adopting a constitution for said Association.

Moved by Hon. J. McDonald, seconded by G. Wood.

That in the opinion of this society Toronto is the most suitable place for the meeting of said delegates, and that a copy of the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted to W. G. E. Ingham, Esq., for the information of the gentlemen appointed to correspond with the different Agricultural Societies and that if these gentlemen approve of the suggestion made, that they do take such steps for convening said meeting as to them may seem fit.

J. LEWIS MACDONALD,
Secretary.

TOWNSHIP OF VAUGHAN AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The farmers of this township have lately followed the example of their fellow farmers in the neighbouring townships in organizing a Local or Branch Society to the Home District Parent Society. No sooner was the scheme for reorganizing the District Society unfolded to the understanding of the most talented and influential portion of the farmers of Vaughan than they at once came to the resolution to exert their endeavours to set the stone in motion in such an efficient manner that every farmer in the township would not only be called upon to subscribe to the funds of the Society, but

would be solicited to attend the monthly meetings, which are to be held for discussing agricultural topics, and for adopting measures for mutually assisting and benefiting each other.

One of the officers, with whom we had some conversation, assured us that he would procure fifty subscribers to the Society, and another that he would personally call upon every individual in his concession, and point out to both farmers and mechanics the advantages that would accrue to themselves and the country, by becoming members to Agricultural Associations; and by a general combination of effort to elevate the standing of the productive classes.

The three principal officers for the present year are—Mr. James Brown, President; Mr. John Younge, Secretary, and Mr. Thomas Cook, Treasurer; and they have also appointed two Vice Presidents, and twenty Directors.

We shall be much mistaken if the Vaughan Society does not number some hundreds of members before the close of the present year.

We hope the example of the townships of Vaughan, Markham, York, Scarborough, Toronto, and Whitby, will be followed not only by the other townships of the Home District, but by every populous township in the Province.

TOWNSHIP OF MARKHAM AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The intelligent farmers of this Township, have organized themselves into an Association for the purpose of encouraging Agricultural improvements in the Townships, and for mutually instructing and benefiting each other.—They have elected the following gentlemen as the three principal office bearers, for the present year:—Wm. Armstrong, President; George Hunter, Treasurer; David Reeser, Secretary; and also two Vice Presidents and 20 Directors. In the appointment of Directors, two were elected from each Concession, and in our humble opinion the selection will prove to be most honorable to the great interest which the Society has been established to promote. The Directors are expected to collect subscriptions to the Society in their respective Concessions, and also to distribute the Agricultural papers subscribed by the Society, to the individual members thereof resident in their particular Concession, which papers will be procured monthly from the Treasurer of the Society, who resides in the centre of the Township. They also intend to have monthly meetings for discussing Agricultural topics, and for adopting properly concerted measures for effecting Agricultural improvements within the circle of their influence, the first of which will shortly take place, and the proceeding will no doubt form matter to draft a most interesting and valuable practical Agricultural Report,

The Township of Markham is acknowledged to be one of the richest in the Province. It is upwards of 12 miles square, and there is not a single 200 acre lot within the limits of the whole Township, but what a considerable portion of it is under improvement. There are