

form of tiles or pipes, and full particulars as to price &c., will be subsequently announced. This information will gratify our respected Oxford correspondent, G. Alexander, Esq., and also several others, who have written to us at different times on the subject. We request the attention of our readers to an introductory paper on draining, which is now in type, and will appear in our next number, being unfortunately crowded out of this. It is by Mr. Charnock, and is one of a short series to be contributed by him.

Mr. Charnock's present residence is at Hamilton, and he will we have no doubt, be always ready to give any information, or undertake the superintendence of any work, relating to the before mentioned subjects.

ADDRESS OF C. P. TREADWELL, ESQ.,

PRESIDENT OF THE AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION OF UPPER CANADA, ON BEHALF OF THAT INSTITUTION

[The following address from the President of the Agricultural Association of Upper Canada has been addressed in circular form, to the officers of County Agricultural Societies, and we have much pleasure in giving it a wider diffusion.]—EDITOR.

*To the President, Vice Presidents, and Directors of the Agricultural Society of the County of—*

Under the provisions of Act 16 Victoria, Chap. 11, and sections 10 & 13, by which the present Board of Agriculture is regulated, four of its members go out this year.

The ballot for that purpose having taken place Colonel Thomson, R. L. Denison, Esq., Sheriff Rutan, and John Harland, Esq., retire at the end of the year.

Col. Thomson is President of the Board, and I believe its first projector, and has been twice President of the Association; Mr. Denison has been for some years Treasurer of the Board and Association, and the duties of that office have been performed in the most efficient manner possible; Mr. Sheriff Rutan has also been President of the Association, and has distinguished himself for zeal and enterprise in the cause of Canadian Improvement, both as a member of the Board, and as a private citizen, and Mr. Harland has been an active and useful member of the Board.

As these gentlemen are all eligible for re-election, I would recommend them to the notice of all the County Agricultural Societies, to be replaced on the Board. And if this suggestion should meet your views, I beg that you would send forward their names to the Bureau of Agriculture, Quebec, immediately after your Annual Meeting in February, according to the requirements of the Act.

It must have been a source of satisfaction to every well-wisher to the prosperity of the country to have witnessed the operations of the Agricultural Association for several years past, and the great advancement that has been made in agricultural science, and I think that the thanks of every County Society must be given to the gentlemen who founded the Agricultural Board and Association, for their indefatigable exertions in bringing them to their present state, and it is to be hoped that we may continue progressing until we reach the highest point of perfection in that science.

At the same time we must not overlook what the Manufacturer and Mechanic have done for the country. I feel great pride in stating that there were many things at the Exhibition at Hamilton, as well as at that at Montreal, which far exceeded those of the same class exhibited at the Crystal Palace in New York. It is to be hoped that no exertions will be spared to ensure our being well represented at the Sydenham Palace at its opening next Spring.

When I first became connected with the Association, I recommended the purchase of a full set of tents sufficient for all the purposes of our Annual Exhibitions, to be the property of the Society. I think the present a favorable time to press the application for funds for that purpose upon the Government. As our Exhibitions are yearly increasing in extent, a sum of at least Fifteen Hundred Pounds for each section of the Province should be obtained for this object. This would lessen the expenditure every year, and increase the amount of our Premiums. I would also recommend an appropriation to every Agricultural Society of a small sum to be exclusively bestowed in Horticultural Prizes, where no Horticultural Society is already established.

The establishment of Agricultural Libraries having been taken under the protection of the Superintendent of Education for Upper Canada, who is doing greater justice to the subject than had my suggestion, made in 1851, been carried out; and under that gentleman's direction an amount of reading matter of a moral, enlightening, and interesting character will be distributed throughout the Province of Upper Canada, (the rapidity of which distribution has been quite unparalleled,) and which it is hoped will be read with profit during the long winter evenings before us. I would here merely remark that the system followed in the Parochial Schools in Scotland might be adopted with advantage in the Public Schools in this country, where the teachers are invariably the librarians, and where they meet one evening in the week for the purpose of evening schools, but always to do their duty as librarians. It is frequently the case that Agricultural Clubs are formed at these meetings, and dissertations are written on subjects connected with science, and submitted to the teacher for discussion; and I would also recommend that an Agricultural Class Book be immediately prepared under the direction of the Superintendent of Education and the Professor of Agriculture, and introduced into every Common School in Canada West.