

Improvement made in Agriculture in the Western District.

It gives us great pleasure in being able to publish the following spirited communication from George Bullock, Esq., Secretary to the Malden and Anderdon Agricultural Society. Prize lists of local exhibitions are entirely excluded from the columns of the *Cultivator*, and by adopting this course, we shall not be liable to receive censure from any. If we admit mere statistical information from one society, we must, in justice to other societies, admit all who require it; and if the latter should be done, our magazine would become comparatively worthless as a work worthy of being bound as a book of reference. We make this explanation to satisfy our correspondent that his proposition could not be acceded to on our part. The report furnished us by Mr. Bullock is of that character, that all who read our journal will value it highly for the information it contains, and especially so, as it relates to a section of the province that is but very little known to a large share of our readers, and at the same time may be looked upon as the garden of Canada, in point of natural advantages.

AMHERSTBURGH, Oct. 3, 1846.

Mr. Editor:

The second Agricultural Show of the Union Society of the Townships of Malden and Anderdon was held, in connection with the Fair, at Amherstburgh, on the 1st inst.

The attendance, show of stock, grain, cheese, butter, fruits, vegetables, &c. &c., was excellent, notwithstanding the unfavorable state of the weather,—for the rain fell in torrents nearly the whole day. There was a marked improvement on this occasion over everything exhibited last year; and from the spirit manifested by the members, and even by the inhabitants generally, there can be no doubt of the prosperity of this society for the future—as every member left this Fair with a full determination of doing his utmost towards making the next Fall Show worthy the attendance of friends from a distance.

Some young prize stock purchased by the Society at the New York State Fair, consisting of Durham and Devon Calves, and Merino Sheep were sold by auction to the members of the society, and the prices realised were such as might induce the society to make a practice of importing young stock of the first class on a larger scale in future. Already, within the narrow bounds of our society, (only two townships, and one of them a very young one) we can boast of some of the purest stock of the Durham, Ayrshire, and Devon Cattle, and of the South-down, Leicester, and Paulor Merino Sheep, besides numerous grades from these and others of improved breed.

The Fruit shown on this occasion was of the finest quality, and could not be equalled in Canada; the Grapes and peaches (grown by James Dougall, Esq.,) for which our soil and climate are so suitable, could hardly be excelled on the whole continent of America. Some of the peaches exhibited by that gentlemen, measured $11\frac{1}{2}$ inches in circumference, and weighed as many ounces. They are called the *montrous pompone*. The grapes were golden chasselas, white sweet water, Isabella, and Catawaba, all grown in open culture, without any artificial aid, and were acknowledged to be of the largest size and of the finest flavor.

We are glad to learn that you have organised a Provincial Agricultural Society. If it were not for the lateness of the season some of our members would have shown, on the 21st inst., a sample of the stock and produce of the Far West. But the time was too late for us in this distant part of the Province, and I would beg to suggest, that the best time for holding the Provincial Show in future, would be immediately after the New York State Fair—say about the 20th of September. The weather is then usually good, and as many of the members of societies from this part of the province attend that Fair, they could, as it were, kill two birds with one stone, and go from that Show to the Provincial one.

Finally, Mr. Editor, the farmers in this