

the objections urged against its culture, owing to the difficulty in thoroughly eradicating it from the soil, may be wholly removed by careful cultivation and good management. As soon as the ground is open the artichoke may be planted with cuttings similar to potatoes.

The garden and orchard will now require attention. No farmer should neglect either of these departments. The labour and skill expended in the garden and orchard remunerates very handsomely; and every farmer who values the interests and comforts of his family, will pride himself in having a well cultivated garden, and an orchard of well selected fruits adapted to the climate of the country.

MERCANTILE AND GENERAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF THE DISTRICT OF JOHNSTOWN.

The public dinner in connection with this society, took place on the 4th February in the town of Brockville, and it appears to have been the most spirited affair that we have had the pleasure of recording. The attendance was general, and the collections amounted in all to the sum of *one hundred and thirty-one pounds five shillings*. This we believe is as large an amount as has yet been raised by any district society in one year. The speeches delivered gave evidence of the highest order of talents, and also, that those who addressed the meeting had the true interests of the country at heart.—The merchants of Brockville have identified the interests of the agriculturist with theirs; and it appears to us, that if a general union of the farmers, mechanics, and merchants, could be brought about, that in less than two years the prosperity of Canada would be without a parallel in any other country. "United we stand—divided we fall," should be

the motto of the friends of Canada. Party spirit has hitherto been the order of the day; and the result of this has been, that the best men in the country have been arrayed against each other, and the productive interests have not received that attention that they otherwise would have done, if the people had been more united. A new order of things appears to be dawning upon the people of Canada, and the signs of the times clearly indicate, that all classes and grades of society will ere long unite to promote the agricultural, mechanical, and commercial interests of the province. These classes are so much dependant upon each other, that the whole should be bound together in a spirit of brotherhood. This union can alone be brought about by the powerful influence of associations, such as have been recommended to the notice of the public from time to time in the *Cultivator*, and such as those classes have instituted in the Johnstown District. The speeches delivered on the occasion referred to, together with other proceedings of the society, occupied a large portion of three numbers of the *Brockville Recorder*. We copy the following extracts of Mr. Matthie's speech.

The Mercantile interests of our District, and we may truly say of our country, from Sandwich to Quebec, are so intimately blended with that of Agriculture, that to speak of the one, we must not only speak but think of the other; for without it, at this age of Canada, Merchandizing would be but a mere shadow. Agriculture is, truly, to Merchandizing, in what *Guano* is represented to be to a poor soil, it enriches and makes it produce many-fold.

The family connexion that exists between the two, may be more fully illustrated by going back to the early history of the Country, and to come nearer home, of our District.

Some half a century ago, Gananoque, Brockville and Prescott, were mere clearings; a few Shanties their only building; the country in rear a dense forest, save where here and there the handy settler had found his way, by the Surveyor's blaze to his Lot, and commenced laying the foundation of Agriculture in the District. *Where and what then were the Merchants?* The cor-