

MONTREAL DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

We were present at a general meeting of the Montreal District Agricultural Society, held at the Court House, on Friday the 10th of September last, pursuant to public advertisement. The meeting was numerously attended, and CHARLES PENNER, Esqr., the President, being called to the Chair, the question submitted to the consideration of the Society was—the expediency of petitioning the Legislature, now in Session, on the subject of Agricultural Protection, and what amount of duties it might be proper to recommend should be imposed on foreign agricultural produce imported into Canada. After considerable discussion, the amount of duties considered necessary was determined upon, being about twenty per cent. on an average on the value of agricultural produce, except wheat and flour, which was left as they stand in the new English Tariff of Sir Robert Peel. Duties were also recommended to be imposed on manufactures from agricultural produce, such as leather, woollen and linen goods, spirits, cordials, and some other articles. Three members were named a Committee to prepare a copy of a petition, &c., and the meeting adjourned to the following Tuesday the 20th of September, to receive the report of this Committee. The Society met on Tuesday pursuant to adjournment, and the petition prepared by the Committee have been approved of, the Secretary was instructed to prepare petitions to the several branches of the Legislature, and that the President and Secretary should affix their signatures to them on behalf of the Society, and forward them forthwith to their proper destination. We were rejoiced to see this respectable Society, come forward unanimously to express their opinion on this subject, that is of so much importance to them, and the interests which they represent. They may be accused of selfish motives, but certainly any favour they ask for or obtain, will be of equal advantage to nine-tenths of the Canadian population. If they ask, not favour, but justice for a class, it is by far the most numerous class in this Province, and one whose interests have been greatly neglected hitherto, though they form the great bulk of the constituency of the country. We trust the time is not far distant when the interests of agriculture will be better cared for, both by agriculturists, and those whom they may elect to represent them.

ENCOURAGE HOME INDUSTRY.

As farmers purchase a considerable quantity of wooden-ware of various descriptions, and occasionally, summer and winter carriages, they would doubtless prefer purchasing whatever they might require in this way, of Canadian manufacture to that which was of foreign. We know that a large quantity of summer and winter carriages, and other articles made of wood, are constantly imported into Canada from the United States, to the very great injury of mechanics in this country. There is a duty upon these articles, but not of sufficient amount to give encouragement to Canadian industry. Farmers are well aware that it will be for their interest, that every other class of this community should be in a thriving and prosperous state as well as themselves. They do not wish for any unfair advantage. They never will ask for a greater degree of protection, than is provided for other classes, and their capital and industry. The agricultural class will rejoice to see every other class in this community in a prosperous condition, provided their own interests are protected and put upon an equal footing with that of other classes. If agriculturists cannot thrive under laws that will afford them equal protection to that which is secured to other interests and professions, they deserve to be poor; but until equal protection is afforded them, they never will consider that they are fairly treated.

ed States, to the very great injury of mechanics in this country. There is a duty upon these articles, but not of sufficient amount to give encouragement to Canadian industry. Farmers are well aware that it will be for their interest, that every other class of this community should be in a thriving and prosperous state as well as themselves. They do not wish for any unfair advantage. They never will ask for a greater degree of protection, than is provided for other classes, and their capital and industry. The agricultural class will rejoice to see every other class in this community in a prosperous condition, provided their own interests are protected and put upon an equal footing with that of other classes. If agriculturists cannot thrive under laws that will afford them equal protection to that which is secured to other interests and professions, they deserve to be poor; but until equal protection is afforded them, they never will consider that they are fairly treated.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

In our present number will be found two ably and interesting written communications from our highly esteemed friend and correspondent P. L. Simmonds, Esqr., London, England, from whom we have received two other communications, which will appear in our next. We beg to tender him thus publicly our sincere thanks for the unrivalled interest which he has manifested in the prosperity of our Journal and the cause of agriculture in this Province.

The communication of F. Jones came too late for insertion; but will be published in the November number.

On the day previous to going to press, we received a communication from the Hon. Adam Ferguson of the vicinity of Hamilton, giving an interesting account of "The New York State Agricultural Show," lately held at Albany, with other valuable information; which we were unavoidably obliged to postpone until the issue of our next.

We have been requested to state by GEO. D. WELLS, Esqr., Secretary of the Home District Agricultural Society, that the Committee to whom was delegated the selection of a suitable plot of sward, for the purpose of a Ploughing Match on the 12th instant, have deemed it beneficial for the interests of the Society, to postpone the Match until next spring; as the ground at that season, will be in much better condition for the work to show to advantage than in the autumn.

We highly approve of this resolution, and flatter ourselves that the Ploughing Match alluded to, will exhibit a greater variety of implements, and better specimens of ploughing, and the largest assemblage of interested spectators, than ever were in attendance on a similar occasion of the kind in the Province. We will take occasion to advert to this subject again.

ERRATA.—In the advertisement of Messrs. Howitt & Ferguson in our last, on page 144, for Saturday the 15th, read Thursday the 13th of October.

Contents of this Number. Editorial—Seasonable Remarks, 145. Cultivation of Wheat in England—English Agriculture, from our own Correspondent P. L. Simmonds, 146-47. From the same on the proceedings of the Agricultural Societies in England—Agricultural Report for Canada East, 148. Conclusion of Agricultural Report—Female labour in Arabia, 149. Poetry—Cure of Hydrophobia—150. Drainage, 150. Field Mushrooms—Autumnal Leaves Weeping, 151. Original Communication—The New Tariff, 152. Manures—Lime as Manure, 153. Conclusion of Mr. Hannam's Essay on English Agriculture, 154-55-56. Wheat Fly—Black the worst colour for Painting Wood-work in the Air, 157. Patenting Hogs—Receipt for dipping Fifty Lambs—The English Agricultural Society, 158. The Turnip Fly—Cast-iron Buildings Advertisement of the Home District Agricultural Society, 159. Montreal District Agricultural Society—Encourage Home Industry—To Correspondents—Postponement of Ploughing Match, 160.

TORONTO MARKETS: For the Month ending 1st October, 1842.

Table listing market prices for various goods: Flour Farmers, in barrels, 30 0 a 21 6; Wheat, per bushel, 3 6 a 3 9; Barley, 1 8 a 2 0; Oats, 1 0 a 1 1; Pease, 9 0 a 9 6; Clover Seed, 25 0 a 30 0; Grass Seed (Timothy), 75 0 a 75 0; Potatoes, 6 10 a 10 0; Oatmeal, per barrel, 6 20 0; Salt, 10 0 a 10 6; Pork, per 100 lbs., 15 0 a 18 9; Beef, 15 0 a 16 3; Mutton and Veal (qr.), per lb., 0 3 a 0 4; Butter, 9 10 a 1 0; Turkeys, 2 0 a 3 9; Chickens, per couple, 1 0 a 1 6; Eggs, per dozen, 0 5 a 0 6; Hay, per ton, 50 0 a 60 0; Straw, 25 0 a 30 0.

PUBLISHED MONTHLY BY Wm. EVANS Editor, and W. G. EDMUNDSON, Printer, at ONE DOLLAR PER ANNUM PAYABLE INVARIABLY IN ADVANCE.

20 per cent Commission on 25 or more Subscribers & 25 per cent Commission on 100 or more, if ordered to one person's address, the Commission to be paid in copies of the Cultivator. Subscriptions may commence either with the volume, or with the seventh number. And the subscriptions in all cases to be sent free of postage.

We authorize all Post Masters, all Secretaries of Agricultural Societies, and all Newspaper Proprietors, throughout the Province to act as Agents.

In addition to the above, we kindly solicit country and village Merchants and Farmers, possessing influence in their respective circles to procure subscribers.

Orders will be received at J. Eastwood & Co.'s—Leslie & Brothers—George Leslie & Sons Store, and at the Star & Transcript Office.

Printed at the Star & Transcript Office 180 King Street, Toronto: 1842. Every Description of Book & Job Printing.