

improvement throughout the entire District would have unlimited confidence in the proceedings of the District Board. Intelligent farmers or manufacturers should be chosen to represent the interests of the townships in the District Board; or if the selections be made from other classes, great care should be observed to select such only as have proved themselves true friends to the interests of the body. Township shows or exhibitions might with advantage take place both in the spring and fall, but for all practical purposes, the District Shows need not occur more than once per annum. To introduce something like system in the management of these shows, we would propose that the autumn township exhibition should take place from the 15th to the 20th of September; the district exhibition from the 25th to the 30th of September; and the Provincial Show in the first week in Oct. By this mode of management only the choicest products would be brought together at the District shows; and the successful competitors at the township and district shows might with some reason enter their prize articles for competition at the Provincial Exhibition. We have already stated, that the district societies should be governed by intelligent and otherwise well-qualified persons, chosen by the various township societies in the district, who should meet in council as often as once a year; and as the duties they would necessarily have to perform would be onerous, and of great importance to the country, the members should have a fair compensation for the services rendered. The most important duties of district boards would be, the efficient government and management of district societies, and collecting and reporting the best experiments and practice of agriculture, from the various townships in the district.

The Provincial Board of Agriculture, as already well understood, should consist of two members from every district, to be elected by the District Agricultural Society, or District Board of Agriculture, would be much better. As the Provincial Board of Agricul-

ture is intended to encourage useful genius, in whatever walk of life it may be developed, and especially those of agriculture and manufactures, one of the members of the Board from every district should either be a mechanic or directly interested in manufacturing operations, and the other an agriculturist. If the spirit of this suggestion be carried into practice, it will almost to a certainty prevent local jealousies, and be productive of much good to the country. The members of the Provincial Board, in all probability, will be composed of the most practical business men that are to be met with in the Province, whose time could ill be spared from their business; and owing to this consideration, together with the important duties they would have to perform, it is only right that their entire expenses should be paid; and besides, they should receive a fair compensation for the service they may render to their country. The duties of the members of the Provincial Board, in point of practical importance, would favorably compare with any public body in the Province; and to secure the efficient services of the gentlemen who may be elected to the Board, something more than mere honorary compensation will have to be granted to them.

It might not be out of place to particularise some of the duties that should occupy the attention of the Provincial Board.

1st. *The Management of the Provincial Agricultural Society.*—The control which the Board would exercise over this Association, would secure to it a general patronage, and the benefits, as has already been stated, would be of the greatest importance to the country. It would be premature, and probably out of place, for us to submit our views in relation to the management of the Provincial Agricultural Society, at this period, as the Board of Agriculture will in all probability hold its first session before the close of the present winter, and especially as the members of that Board will doubtless be prepared with well-digested rules and regulations for the future guidance of the Institute.