

## Editors' Notices, &c.

**PROVINCIAL ASSOCIATION.**—We have much pleasure in observing that the finance committee are at length enabled, by the receipt of the government grant, to meet the outstanding claims against the association. They have announced their intention of paying the Hamilton premiums on Wednesday, January 16th, at the Farmers' Arms, in Toronto, and on the following Wednesday, the 23d instant, at the City Hotel, in Hamilton. All parties having claims must attend personally, or by properly authorized deputy. Persons having claims for premiums, at Kingston, should apply to the local treasurer there, Wm. Ferguson, Esq. We hope this valuable institution will now get free of debt, and that by judicious management, and the liberal support of the legislature and the public, it will continue to keep so.

**GOLD MEDAL FOR CANADIAN INGENUITY.**—His Excellency the Governor General has, with his wonted discriminating liberality, offered through the Toronto Mechanics' Institute, a gold medal for the best specimen of mechanical ingenuity, open to the whole province. Any article, we understand, coming within the wide range of practical mechanics will be considered within the scope of the competition. Ingenuity in the design, as well as skill in the execution, is to be regarded in the decision. Full particulars, we presume, will shortly be made public.

**W. B.**—We shall receive your proffered assistance with thanks. Our limits require that all articles should be short. When a subject requires more length for its treatment, it may be broken up into parts. We find it necessary to have *variety* in our papers.

**T. H. S.**—Thanks for your suggestion, and more for the interest you evince in the circulation of our paper. If every township had but one or two that could catch a portion of your spirit, our enterprise would soon be remunerating to ourselves, and of ten fold value to the country.

**A YOUNG FARMER, Markham**—Will find several things serviceable to him in Mr. Dougall's valuable paper in the present number; and in our volume for 1849, he will meet with some excellent advice from our Canadian horticultural correspondents. We can now only say, don't plant fruit trees on low wet land; choose high ground, and if the soil contain lime, or rest on a gravelly limestone, so much the better. The ground well drained and prepared, the trees properly selected and planted, and afterwards *carefully protected*, manured and pruned, success may with certainty be depended on.

**TO CORRESPONDENTS.**—There is no occasion to acknowledge, through the paper, the receipt of letters containing merely an order and price of subscription. It would consume a large space to do so, in every case, and as we send no paper unless ordered and *paid* for, the fact of its receipt will sufficiently show that the letter has reached this office. Where any thing special requires notice, we will refer to it in this place.

**OUR ILLUSTRATED PROSPECTUS**—We send to each of our subscribers a copy of this prospectus. Will they do us the favour to cause it to be put up in the nearest tavern, store, or other place of public resort? We have already sent three copies to each Post Master in Canada, and paid the postage thereon. Will they also be kind enough to place them where they may be seen?

## THE FARMER'S PAPER THE CANADIAN AGRICULTURIST;

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Great care will be taken in the selection of matter, whether relating to Agriculture, Horticulture, Mechanics, Domestic Economy, Education, or general Science. Several intelligent practical farmers and gardeners have promised correspondence, and the editors will be happy to receive communications from all their subscribers. Such as are of interest will be freely published. Two or three gentlemen of high scientific attainments [one of whom is connected with the University,] have agreed to contribute to the columns of the Agriculturist.

Farmers, subscribe and pay for your paper, and then write for it: all parties will thus be pleased and benefited.

The Agriculturist is devoted to the development and advancement of the real interests of Canada. Much good has already been done by this paper, and those which preceded it, and of which it is a continuation. But the proprietors of the *Cultivator*, and the other papers alluded to, suffered great loss; and the proprietors of the Agriculturist have, so far, been out of pocket, besides the time, labour and anxiety spent in its publication. Is the reproach that the farmers of Canada will not support an agricultural paper of any kind, to continue? We hope not. Let those who love their country, and desire its improvement, make a little more effort this year, and the reproach may be wiped out forever.

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Agricultural Societies, and those persons who obtain the paper through their society, are excluded from the above. As we have no travelling agents, the offers are open, and accessible to all, with the exception just mentioned. No papers will be sent unless the subscription accompanies the order, until the smallest number [60] is realized: after that *one-half* the price may be retained by the competitor, till the completion of the list which he intends to forward. Who will try? Where is the township in Canada West, in which no young man can be found willing to spend two or three weeks this winter to win at least the \$25 prize?

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GEORGE BUCKLAND, Secretary Agricultural Association, *Principal Editor*, assisted by WILLIAM McDougall, *Proprietor*.

All letters should be post-paid, and addressed "To the Editors of the Agriculturist, Toronto."