

encounter the expense of land drainage. The question is of but very inferior interest to the skillful agriculturists of the Norfolk sands, the Suffolk crag, and of the great southern chalk formation of Surrey, Hants, and Dorset; but it is of great and enduring importance to the farmers of our extensive clay lands.

It will, we may all very easily discern, be long of increasing importance to the cultivators of such retentive soils. It is to them, in fact, that we must now look for that supply of animal food needed to support a rapidly increasing population; and the greater the advances are made in converting such heavy-soil holdings into stock farms, the more desirable it becomes to render their drainage more complete.—*Farmer's Magazine*.

Agricultural Intelligence.

Agricultural Exhibitions this Autumn.

PROVINCIAL AND STATE.

Upper Canada, at Toronto, September 22nd—26th.

Lower Canada, at Sherbrooke, September 17th, 18th, 19th.

New Y. State, at Rochester, September 30 to October 3.

Illinois State, at Peoria, Sept. 30 to Oct. 4.

Ohio, at Cleveland, Sept. 16 to 19.

Vermont, at Rutland, Sept. 9 to 12.

COUNTIES.

Stormont, at Cornwall, Oct. 8th and 9th.

North Simcoe, at Barrie, Oct. 1st.

Brockville, at Brockville, Sept. 18th and 19th.

South Simcoe, at Bradford, Oct. 2nd.

Durham West, at Bowmanville, Oct. 9 and 10.

North Lanark, at Almonte, Sept. 16th.

Russell, at Osborne, Sept. 30.

Peel, at Brampton, Sept. 17th and 18th.

North Leeds & Grenville, at Frankville, Oct. 1.

North Ontario, at Prince Albert, Oct. 7th.

East York, at Markham Village, Oct. 9th.

South Wellington, at Guelph, Oct. 10.

North Wellington, at Fergus, Oct. 14.

South Grenville, at Prescott, Oct. 8th and 9th.

West Northumberland, at Grafton, Oct. 15.

Addington, at Newburgh, Oct. 23.

Dundas, at Morrisburgh, Oct. 2, 3.

Niagara, at Niagara, Oct. 9.

TOWNSHIPS.

Paslinch, at Aberfoyle, Oct. 8th.

Hamilton Township, at Baltimore, Oct. 9.

Barton and Glanford, at Ryckman's Corners Oct. 2nd.

Camden, at Centreville, Oct. 18.

Vaughan, at Burwick, Oct. 30.

Norwich, at Otterville, Oct. 11.

Portland, at Harrowamith, Oct. 17th.

The Royal Agricultural Society of Ireland

The annual Exhibition of this national association was held in Limerick, August 6 and 7; and we are indebted to that excellent journal,—the *Irish Farmers' Gazette* for the following report, which will no doubt interest our readers generally:—

It is just sixteen years since the Royal Agricultural Society of Ireland held its annual Show at Limerick; and when we look back to the period, and open a volume of our journal which contains the record of the proceedings, or thoughts revert to the amazing changes which have taken place in this country since that record was written. The first pressure consequent on the appearance of the disease in the potato had been felt, and unmistakable symptoms were even at that season to be found shadowing forth the fearful "coming event" which were to follow, though no one, probably anticipated the full extent of the appalling calamities which actually ensued. Nevertheless there were those present at the meeting who warned their auditors that a very serious peril hung over the country, and the urgent advice tendered by the writer of the report which appeared in the columns of the *Gazette* was "employ the people," for "the poor man's crop was gone," gone indeed—"gone with vengeance;" and those who had the power were assured that to give employment at that juncture would be found profitable to "themselves, the people, and the nation."

This is not the place, nor is it our intention to review the history of our country since the date of the former Royal Show at Limerick. But, occurring as it did just at the commencement of the second chapter of that sad history, would have been almost impossible to avoid alluding to it, when we are now called upon to record the events which have taken place at the very next meeting of the same society held at the same place. And there are other recollections stirred up when we turn back to the report given in our fifth volume. The place which once knew many of those present at the meeting now knows them no more forever; and though might easily name several to whom this is applicable, we shall content ourselves with mentioning two individuals who were present, whose opinions were listened to with the profoundest respect, and whose men will be revered so long as British farming command an historian. We allude to the Professor Johnston and James Smith of Dromon, both of whom attended the Royal Show in '46, and in whom the agricultural man "Science with Practice," was so brilliantly presented. But, on the other hand, we allude to the names still amongst us who were present at Limerick on the occasion, to whom we allude, and who took a prominent part