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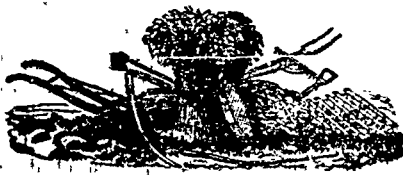
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*Loyal Agricultural Clubs—District Boards of Agriculture—A Provincial Board of Agriculture—A Journal of Canadian Agriculture—and Provincial Shows.*

The friends of Canadian Agricultural improvement, who have carefully read *The British American Cultivator*, during the past two years, will not be taken by surprise, when we announce to them that a most unprecedented and important agricultural movement is at hand, in Canada. The leading features of this movement is indicated at the head of this article, and we confidently give it as our opinion, that more will be accomplished for Canadian Agriculture in the course of a twelve month, than has been brought about for the past ten years. It would occupy a number of pages to give a full and lucid outline of the several grades of associations, which we intend, if we be spared, shall be organized and brought into vigorous and useful exercise, within a very short space of time. The first steps necessary to be taken to consummate the scheme, are the

formation of an Agricultural Club in each township,—the officers and members of which should meet once per month, to discuss agricultural topics, report experiments, and elicit such other practical information, as the intelligence and patriotism of the parties assembled can advance. The substance of these proceedings to be prepared by the Secretary of the club, and submitted through its representative to the District Board of Agriculture.

The District Board would be composed of a talented and practical representative from each Township Club, who should meet once in three months to prepare the information for publication that might be collected by the Township Clubs, and to take the lead in managing agricultural shows, and such other matters as come directly under the control of the present District Agricultural Associations.

A Provincial Board would be composed of a certain number of representatives from each District Board, whose duties would be of a higher order than the District Boards, inasmuch as they would have the management of the Provincial Journal of Agriculture, and the supervision of the funds expended in the Provincial Agricultural Show, which would be held each and every year, in agreement with the manner and form pointed out in their constitution.

In forming Clubs and District Boards of Agriculture, many difficulties will, no doubt, present themselves to the view of the parties who engage in their formation. These difficulties may easily be surmounted, if the agri-

culturalists themselves would only unite for their mutual and general benefit. We have every reason to believe that they will thus unite, and by this union and sound policy that the profession of Canadian agriculture will be placed on the exalted footing that it so highly merits.

Further information on these topics will be given through our next number, which will be before the public by the 20th of November.

Owing to a press of business, altogether unconnected with the management of our journal, and the short period in which this number has been printed, we have not that variety of original information in the October number, that we intended to have prepared. The selections will, we trust, be both interesting and useful, and at the same time calculated to inspire the minds of the youth with proper sentiments, and a due regard to the importance of cherishing a desire to make themselves thoroughly acquainted with the science and practice of agriculture. There are many articles in this number that we would particularly recommend to the favourable notice of the juvenile readers of this journal. Heads of families are highly culpable for being indifferent in regard to the parental duties, which they too often neglect to perform,—in our humble opinion, one of the most important of these duties is the formation of a valuable family library. Such of our readers who have means and a desire, would perform a most commendable act by taxing themselves one, two, or three pounds a-year, in furnishing their rising families with a useful variety of reading.