

importance in an economical point of view than many may suppose, I may give the following figures from the Parliamentary statistical returns.

Quantity of maple sugar made in
U. Canada in 1842, - - - 3,699,859 lbs.
" " 1848, - - - 3,764,243 "

To these figures might safely be added 10 or 12 per cent. for omissions in returns, making say 5 or 6 lbs. for every inhabitant of the country, at the dates given, and amounting in value, at 4½d. per lb.—that being about the rate at which it is taken in exchange for goods at the country stores—to no less a sum than say about £75,000 each year; and this is, besides, the molasses, of which a considerable quantity is always made and which is well known to be a very pleasant article for family use.

There is at the present moment, growing in Upper Canada, a sufficient quantity of sugar maple upon uncleared land and in the, as yet, unsettled regions, to afford for many years, if the business were entered into with that object and with sufficient skill in the manufacture, a supply of sugar equal to the entire amount required by the Province. I have known a single settler, with the assistance only of four or five sons and daughters, none of them grown up, make as much as 1000 lbs. of good maple sugar in one season. It is not, of course, as generally made, an article that will easily sell for money, but it is used in the family, and exchanged at the country stores for goods, which is in effect the same thing to the settler as money. Suppose a settler has 500 lbs. to use and dispose of in one season; this, at 4½d. per lb., will amount to £9 7s. 6d., a sum which, though not very large, yet as it only requires the work of a week or two, and that at a season when often not much else can be done, is well worthy the attention of a poor settler, "scant o' cash"—this latter article being seldom over plenty in new settlements and to be *economised* as much as possible.

But, Mr. Editor, though I intended to have alluded to one or two other things incidental to farming in spring, I have already exceeded my proposed limits, and must leave the other matters to the abler management of yourself and other contributors.

R. L. D.

Township of York, }
February 27th, 1852. }

FARMER'S APPLE PUDDING.—Stew some tender apples; if the apples are juicy, they will require very little water to cook them; add to one pound of the mashed apple, whilst it is hot, a quarter of a pound of butter, and sugar to the taste. Beat four eggs and stir in when the apple is cold. Butter the bottom and sides of a deep pudding dish, strew it very thickly with bread crumbs, put in the mixture, and stew bread crumbs plentifully over the top. Set it in a tolerably hot oven, and when baked, sift sugar over.

This is good with a glass of rich milk.

It is a good substitute for pie, and can be eaten by those who cannot partake of pastry.—*National Cook Book.*

Agricultural Association of Upper Canada.

The first meeting of the Local Committee for making preparations for the Annual Exhibition, which is to take place in this city in September next, was held yesterday in the Mayor's office, and was fully attended, (there being only two members absent,) His Worship, the Mayor, in the chair.

The following gentlemen compose the Local Committee:—The Mayor of Toronto; the Sheriff of the United counties of York, Ontario and Peel; John Gamble, Esq., M.P.P., Warden; Mr. Commissioner Widder; Professor Croft; Franklin Jackes; T. D. Harris; Alex Shaw; Wm. McDougall; Geo. Denison; F. W. Cumberland; H. Y. Hind; Dr. Melville; E. F. Whittemore; and Samuel Thompson, Esquires.

It was Resolved, 1st. That the Mayor of Toronto be Chairman of the Local Committee.

2. That the sum of £25 be awarded for the services of the Local Secretary; and that Mr. W. B. Crew be requested to fill that office.

3. That R. L. Denison, Esq., be appointed Local Treasurer.

4. That the following gentlemen be Committees for raising subscriptions in the city of Toronto, towards the funds of the Association, with power to add to their number:

St. George's Ward.—F. Widder and S. Thompson, Esquires.

St. James'.—Professor Croft and E. F. Whittemore, Esq.

St. Lawrence.—W. McDougall and H. Y. Hind, Esquires.

St. Patrick's.—George Denison and A. Shaw, Esquires.

St. Andrew's.—Sheriff Jarvis and Dr. Melville.

St. David's.—T. D. Harris and F. W. Cumberland, Esquires.

5. Resolved—That the Secretary be directed to supply the Sub-Committees appointed for canvassing the Wards with subscription books, and to request the Committees to report upon the sums collected or subscribed at the next meeting of this Committee.

6. Resolved—That the following gentlemen be requested to form Sub-Committees, with power to add to their number, and if necessary to form Sub-Divisions.

1. Buildings and Grounds—F. W. Cumberland, F. Jackes, and E. F. Whittemore, Esqrs.

2. Fine Arts and Ladies' Work—F. Widder, Esq., and Dr. Melville.

3. Horticulture—Professor Croft, and S. Thompson, Esq.

4. Implements and Mechanics—Wm. McDougall and T. D. Harris, Esqrs.

5. Agricultural and Dairy Products—H. Y. Hind and A. Shaw, Esqrs.

6. Live Stock—Mr. Sheriff Jarvis and Geo. Denison, Esq.

7. Manufactures—J. G. Bowes, Mayor, and John Gamble, M.P.P., Warden.