

## Our Agricultural Exchanges.

NEARLY all the agricultural journals with which we exchange, begin the year with new volumes, and we ought in courtesy to have presented our compliments to them in an earlier issue. The *Country Gentleman* which, without meaning anything invidious, we put at the head of the list, has entered on its twenty fifth semi-annual volume, and is as usual replete with life, vigour and first-class talent. It is issued weekly, and contains a digest of news beside agricultural matter. The *Rural New Yorker* is also a weekly, very ably conducted, and has in addition to its agricultural contents, not only a summary of news, but a well chosen variety of family reading. The *Genesee Farmer* a monthly, holds on its way, and is full of solid, valuable, practical information. The *American Agriculturist*, also a monthly, is almost an encyclopædia of useful hints. The *Maine Farmer* combines the general newspaper with agricultural and family reading. So does the *New England Farmer*, which we are glad to see revived, after a period of suspended animation. The *West Weekly Herald* has a valuable page devoted to the farm and garden, under the editorial charge of X. A. Willard, Esq. The *Working Farmer*, *Rural American*, *Colonial Farmer*, *Sargo Journal*, *Ohio Farmer*, and last but not least, the *Prairie Farmer*, are also valued exchanges. The *Michigan Farmer*, a monthly magazine, was superseded five months ago by the *Western Rural*, an able, spicy weekly, and the *Valley Farmer*, also a monthly, published at St. Lewis, Mo., has given place to *Columbia's Rural World*, a semi-monthly. They are all welcome visitors to our sanctum.

## The U. C. Fruit Growers' Association.

THIS Association held its annual meeting at the City of Hamilton, on the 18th January, 1865. The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year. President, His Honour, Judge Logie, Hamilton; 1st Vice-President, T. H. Graydon, Esq., St. Catharines; 2nd Vice-President, Chas. Whitlaw, Esq., Paris; Fruit Committee, Rev. A. Dixon, Port Dalhousie; Robt. N. Ball, Esq., Niagara; A. M. Smith, Esq., Grimsby; W. Holton, Esq., Hamilton; Chas. Arnold, Esq., Paris. Publication Committee, the Secretary, W. F. Clarke, and J. A. Bruce, Esq.

The President was requested to call a special meeting on the 23rd day of June next, for the purpose of examining and discussing strawberries and cherries, such meeting to be held in the County Council Chamber, in the City of Hamilton.

Some discussion was had upon the propriety of offering a prize of a silver fruit basket, for any new seedling fruit that should prove worthy of general cultivation in Canada, but the matter was laid over to the next meeting.

Some excellent Diana grapes were exhibited by Mr. Arnold, and a choice collection of apples. It was decided to hold the fall meeting of the Association at Paris.

## Flax Movement at Norwood.

AFTER the routine business of the Asphodel, Belmont and Dummer Agricultural Society had been transacted, a discussion took place on the subject of Flax Culture, which issued in the passage of the following resolutions:—

"That in the event of any one deciding to erect the necessary machinery within the bounds of the Society, the members individually pledge themselves to grow from 2 to 5 acres each, for three successive years.

"That the following gentlemen be appointed a Committee to carry out the views of this Society by agitating the subject, holding meetings, and enlisting the interest of the community, and obtaining the consent of others to join with them in introducing its general cultivation, viz: Messrs. P. M. Grover, T. Birdsall, R. E. Birdsall, Job Hamphries, Robt. Harrison, Thomas Howson, John Pettigrew, Jas. Greenbanks, Wm. E. Roxburgh, and Donald Cameron."

OLD Mr. Booth has left the world-renowned Warlaby Estate to his nephew, Mr. Thomas Booth, of Killerby.

WE beg to call attention to an interesting letter in another column, on Salmon Breeding.—Australia is being stocked for the first time with salmon. Why should not Canada be re-stocked?

A Universal Horticultural Exhibition is announced to be held next spring at Amsterdam, under the patronage of the Queen of the Netherlands, opening towards the middle of April; and an International Congress of Botanists and Horticulturists will be convoked at the same place and time.

THE HAMILTON AGRICULTURAL CONVENTION.—Action condemnatory of the proceedings of this Convention has been taken by the North Riding of Oxford, Weland County, and other Agricultural Societies. Especial disapprobation is expressed of the attempt to oust Hon. D. Christie.

FLAX PULLER.—We are informed that a party is bringing out a machine this season for pulling the flax plant. It is warranted to do the work of 4 men. The price will be moderate. Should this invention succeed it will reduce the labour of pulling to a small affair. Two neighbouring farmers could combine and purchase one for their joint use.

SALE OF THOROUGH-BRED STOCK.—We beg to call attention to the advertisement of Mr. John Snell, in another column, announcing a sale of stock to take place at his residence near Brampton, on Wednesday the 15th inst. A number of valuable cattle and sheep are to be offered, and all who wish to improve their herds and flocks will do well to avail themselves of this opportunity of doing so.

CHOPPING MILL.—Messrs. C. H. Waterous, & Co., of Brantford, advertise elsewhere in this issue, a Patent "Champion" Chopping Mill of their manufacture. It is intended for grinding corn-meal, corn-cobs, oats and all kinds of feed, and also for crushing and pulverizing bones. Every farmer who can afford the outlay should have a mill of this description. Ground feed is far more economical than whole grain. The saving thus effected, added to the value of the time consumed in going to and from a grist mill, and the toll taken, would soon pay for a chopping mill, the cost of which is \$10.

## Agricultural Intelligence.

### Officers of Agricultural Societies for 1865.

We give below lists of the Officers of Agricultural Societies for the current year, so far as they have come to hand, and shall be glad to publish more so soon as we obtain them:—

CITY OF TORONTO ELECTORAL DIVISION.—Jas. Fleming, President; Col. Denison, 1st Vice-President; Alderman Strachan, 2nd Vice-President; William Edwards, Secretary.

WELLAND.—J. H. Price, President; Edward Jones, 1st Vice-President; Samuel Clark, 2nd Vice-President; Alexander Reid, Secretary; John Rannie, Treasurer.

PELHAM.—Samuel Beckett, President; Samuel Rice, Vice-President; Zachariah Wilson, Secretary; W. A. VanEvery, Treasurer.

EAST MIDDLESEX.—James Johnson, President; G. Watkin, 1st Vice-President; Mr. Evans, of Missouri, 2nd Vice-President; J. Stills, Treasurer; J. W. Lester, Prototype, Secretary.

DARLINGTON.—M. Jones, President; M. Porter, Vice-President; R. Windatt, Secretary-Treasurer.

BLANSHARD.—John Robertson, President; D. A. Robertson, Vice-President; W. N. Ford, Secretary; E. Long, Treasurer.

FRONTENAC.—Jas. Gibson, President; Jas. O'Reilly, 1st Vice-President; John Wilmot, 2nd Vice-President; Isaac Simpson, Secretary and Treasurer.

GEELPH.—John Pipe, President; Wm. Benham, jr., Vice-President; James Laidlaw, Secretary and Treasurer.

PRINCE EDWARD.—W. Ross, President; D. Barker, Vice-President; Mr. Cavin, 2nd Vice-President.

DERBY.—E. V. Bodwell, President; Malcolm Smith, Vice-President; R. T. Williams, Secretary and Treasurer.

SOUTH ONTARIO.—John Shier, President; Mr. Elliott, of Pickering, 1st Vice-President; John McGill, 2nd

Vice-President; George Robson, Secretary; Charles Roberts, Treasurer.

WHITBY AND EAST WHITBY UNION.—J. B. Bickel, President; John Ratcliff, Vice-President. The Secretary and Treasurer re-elected.

HEXTINGDON.—Mr. Schuyler, President; Mr. Henderson, Vice-President; Peter Macfarlane, Secretary-Treasurer.

NORTH RIDING OF OXFORD.—S. W. Sawtell, President; John Dunlop, 1st Vice-President; Hon. Geo. Alexander, 2nd Vice-President; William Grey, Secretary and Treasurer.

EAST ZORRA.—A. B. Cook, President; Grafton Smith, Vice-President; Robert Campbell, jr., Secretary and Treasurer.

YORK TOWNSHIP.—William Jackes, President; Wm. Lea, Vice-President; Phillip Armstrong, Secretary-Treasurer.

GARAFRAXA.—John Dobbin, President; Jas. Milne, Vice-President; John Dixon, Secretary and Treasurer.

MOUNT FOREST.—Peter J. Bell, President; J. J. Carson, Vice-President; William Bentley, Secretary and Treasurer.

EMILY.—W. Cottingham, President; John Bailey, Vice-President; A. McQuade, Treasurer; J. Cooper, Secretary.

ASPHODEL, BELMONT, AND DUMMER.—P. M. Grover, President; Francis Birdsall, Vice-President; W. E. Roxburgh, Secretary; John A. Johnstone, Treasurer.

CORNTY OF GREY.—Samuel Saunders, President; G. Harkness, 1st Vice-President; Jas. Brown, 2nd Vice-President; Thomas Gordon, Secretary; Robert Patterson, Treasurer.

GRANTHAM.—Joseph Depotty, President; Chauncey Yale, Vice-President; Thomas Keys, Secretary; Geo. May, Treasurer.

COUNTY OF HALDIMAND.—David Thompson, President; E. S. Martin, 1st Vice-President; William Kellam, 2nd Vice-President; Jacob Young, Secretary and Treasurer.

BRANT.—Richard Rivers, President; James Eckford, Vice-President.

HAMILTON, TOWNSHIP OF.—John Baptist, President. John Eagleson, Vice-President; Wm. Alcorn, Secretary; A. J. Burnham, Treasurer.

ORS.—J. H. Hopkins, President; William Thorne Vice-President; William Boynton, Secretary and Treasurer.

ST. VINCENT.—W. F. Livingstone, President; W. Whitelaw, 1st Vice-President; E. Clarke, 2nd Vice-President; John Albery, Secretary; D. L. Layton Treasurer.

GREENVILLE.—James Miller, President; Charles Rowe, 1st Vice-President; Wm. Byers, 2nd Vice-President; Samuel Reynolds, Jr., Secretary; Walter D. Dickinson, Treasurer.

HALDIMAND (WEST BRANCH).—Jacob Young, President; Alex. W. Thompson, 1st Vice-President; Wm. Hursell, Secretary; C. L. Hudson, Treasurer.

WELLINGTON (SOUTH RIDING).—W. Whitelaw, President; Wm. Phin, 1st Vice-President; Joseph Parkinson, 2nd Vice-President; George Murton, Secretary and Treasurer.

## Crop Items.

We find in some of the Annual Reports of Agricultural Societies, brief references to the crops of the past year which are of no little interest. Below are some extracts of this kind.

GEELPH.—In taking a retrospective glance at the past year you will call to mind the very unfavourable opening of the season, cold, wet weather prevailing up to about the middle of May, and the severe drouth that followed could not but have a very damaging effect upon the crops, which will no doubt fall short of an average yield. Your directors would submit the following estimate of the yield of the crops for the past year: Fall Wheat is not extensively grown but will yield about an average of 25 bushels per acre, Spring Wheat not yielding more than about 12 or 14 bushels. A much greater breadth of Fall Wheat has been sown last fall. Barley has been grown to a considerable extent during the past year, with a yield of say 25 bushels per acre, and when the high prices that ruled for that grain during the fall is taken into consideration, will render it probably the most remunerative crop of the season. Oats and Peas may be considered below an average. The ravages of the midge are still felt, but not to such an extent as last year (1863). Potatoes may be considered rather above an average crop, but after being stored away in some cases the rot appeared. The breadth of turnips sown in the Township is on the increase, but the season has not been generally favourable, the dry weather having prevented a sufficient plant from being obtained in a number of cases, and when an early plant was obtained a blight