

tion of nearly thirty per cent., to correspond with the reduction in your staple (wheat). In plain prose, it will take two hundred bushels of wheat to pay for those commodities which you have been used to purchase with one hundred and fifty or less.

One of two things must follow,—we must either suffer the deprivation of the articles, or raise something more to pay for them. Our pride (perhaps) will not allow us to do without them, and it is certain that we have, in many instances, allowed superfluities to grow up into necessities, and thereby rendered our situation more critical, and our extrication more difficult; but “nil desperandum” must be our motto, and if at the present moment we know not how to make our land more productive, let us determine to make use of the head as well as the shoulder, and as we are never too old to learn, let us beware, that we are not too obstinate; that *there is much to be learned*, the man who knows the most, is most ready to acknowledge. Let then the farmers, and their sons, avail themselves to the utmost extent of the diffusion of agricultural information now, happily, getting so general, and it will be hard indeed if, from so small a sheet even as the *Newcastle Farmer*, the amount of the subscription be not returned fifty fold.

We hardly need to disclaim the idea of seeking any benefit or profit from the publication of the paper, *that is* quite out of the question; neither do we wish to set ourselves up as teachers and instructors above our friends the farmers; “we are but gatherers and disposers of other men’s stuff,” but being in possession of numerous British and American journals not available to the mass of agriculturists, we hope to make therefrom such selections as shall be found both useful and practical to our readers. We expect also to be enabled to render an account of the proceedings of the various Township Clubs, which we hope will come into effective operation now that the busiest season is gone past,—for, by the farmers’ comparing notes at those meetings, light will be thrown on many subjects, and much information be elicited.

We hope also to be furnished with contributions from some of the many intelligent farmers in the District, stating the result of experiments, and modes of proceeding in various farming operations, either as premonitory of danger, or assurance of success. In fact, as we have

said above, our motto is “never despair”—and, although our literary bantling is but a little one, and we, not being used to the office, are but rough wet nurses, still we believe, when the cub shall have been licked into shape, there will be found in it “*that which passeth show*.” Indeed, with the support we expect from our agricultural friends, we are inclined to think that we shall have something more than a sneaking partiality for, (and shall, when it can go alone, be absolutely proud of) the brat, and should we live to see it *inexpressible* (to coin a word,) and come out, in a coloured surtout, with engraved title-page and wood cuts, then shan’t we be “*mais nous verron*”?

We are much gratified to find, from a Circular just received, that a Provincial Agricultural Society and Board of Agriculture for Canada West, is in course of formation, from which we augur much good.

Our friends of the Home District Agricultural Society have taken the lead in this matter, and invite the co-operation of all the District and local Agricultural Societies, as it must eventually be of paramount importance to the Agriculturists as a body, to have one common bond of union, by which, not only their particular interests, but the interest of the whole Upper Province may be advanced; for it is an incontrovertible fact, that, in such a colony as Canada West, where the chief article of export is the produce of the Agriculturist; all classes will be either benefited by their prosperity, or suffer immensely by their depression, for, from the mechanic to the importing merchant and ship-owner, all are directly interested in agricultural prosperity, and we would call them to lend their assistance and support to a Society, whose beneficial operations in the collection and diffusion of information, and giving a stimulus to emulation and exertion, by offering Premiums for improvements of all kinds, either stock, crops, or articles of domestic manufacture, must be productive of an incalculable amount of benefit to the whole of Western Canada.

HOME DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

TORONTO, 16th July, 1846.

SIR,—I beg to acquaint you that, pursuant to Public Notice, an Adjourned Meeting of Members of the Home District Agricultural Society, and others, was held in the Court House, Toronto, on Wednesday, the 15th instant, E. W. Thompson, Esq., President of the H. D. A. S., in the Chair, for the purpose of forming a Provincial Agricultural Association; and that, after a lengthened discussion, the following Resolutions were adopted:—

1st.—That the Association be called the *Provincial Agricultural Association and Board of Agriculture for Canada West*.

2nd.—That the Members of the Association be composed of persons subscribing annually to the amount of Five Shillings and upwards.

3rd.—That those persons who shall subscribe to the amount of Two Pounds Ten Shillings and upwards, shall be constituted Life Members of the Association.

4th.—That the Association shall be governed by Delegates sent by the several Districts, who shall meet annually for the Election of Officers, and the transaction of the business of the Association.

5th.—Each regularly organized Agricultural Society shall be entitled to send Two Delegates, of their own selection; but, should no such selection be made, then the President and Secretary of such Society shall be Ex-officio Members of the Association; to meet at such time and place, after the first meeting, as shall then be determined upon.

6th.—That the Delegates shall elect their President, Vice-president, Secretary, and Treasurer, at their first meeting, which will be held in the Court House, at Hamilton, on Monday, the 16th day of August next, at Two o’Clock, P. M.

7th.—That the funds of the Association be raised by Subscription of the Members of the Association, Voluntary Subscriptions, and such Funds from the various Agricultural Societies as by them may be appropriated, and any Grant which may hereafter be obtained from the Government, by application through Parliament.

8th.—That Annual Fairs or Exhibitions be held at such time and at such place as shall be determined upon by the Delegates at their Annual Meeting, and such arrangements to be made by them as will most effectually tend to the advancement of the general interests of the country, and especially the Agricultural and the Manufacturing.

It was also resolved, with a view of furthering the interest of the Association, that a copy of the above be sent to the several Agricultural Societies in Canada West, and to request their co-operation.

I am, Sir,

Yours obediently,

W. W. CREW,

Assist. Secy. H.D.A. S

The time for wheat sowing having nearly arrived, we would advise the farmers to exercise all their discretion in the choice of seed wheat; for, having inspected with the microscope a great many samples of wheat, we are quite convinced that defects exist to an alarming extent from the ravages caused by various descriptions of insects, and where such is the case, it will be necessary to sow much more seed than is usual; even to the amount of one-third; or a very thin allowance of plants may be expected.