

To bring about a uniform system of organization in the various branches of Agricultural Societies, throughout all the Districts of the Province, is a work that would not only require a special act of the Legislature to effect, but the people themselves must thoroughly understand the principles of the improved system, and be impressed with the importance of carrying it out in all its practical bearings.

It is difficult to determine, whether the people of Canada are prepared to act in concert in building up a character, which would place both the country and its inhabitants in a position that they would favorably compare with those of any other portion of this continent. At all events it can do no harm, and probably may do much good, for us to point out from time to time, what we conceive would be calculated to bring about that result. Agricultural Societies, if properly constituted, may be made instrumental in accomplishing much good in developing the productive resources of the country. These, as has already been so frequently stated, should consist of Township, District, and Provincial Societies. The basis of this organization is Township Agricultural Societies, which should be governed by a Board of Directors chosen at their annual meetings. The appropriations made by government for the aid of Agricultural Societies, should be divided between the District and Township Societies in nearly equal proportions. In some districts it might be desirable to retain £100 of the government grant in the hands of the District Society, and the remaining £150 might be divided among the Township Societies, in proportion to the amount of subscriptions they annually raise; and in other instances, the grant might be divided equally between the Township Societies and the District Society. The premiums awarded by the Township Societies cannot be expected to be very large, but to create a general interest in the success of those local institutions, it would be wise to award small premiums for a great variety of articles, embracing in fact all the princi-

pal agricultural, mechanical, and household goods that are produced in the Township. In many instances it would be wise for two or more Township Societies to connect their operations, so that a greater degree of interest might be produced from their meetings. The great object to be attained from the influence of Agricultural Societies upon society at large, is the improvements that will thus be effected in agriculture and the various other industrial pursuits of our country. Any measure that will effect that object, should be embraced and encouraged by those institutions, and in our judgment, no steps could be taken that would become so efficient in creating a stimulus for agricultural and general improvement, as the one of awarding one of the premiums usually given for the three best specimens of each article, a practical work on agriculture, mechanics,—or horticulture,—to suit the character of the article entered for competition, as the case may be. The value of those books would range from five to twenty shillings, and the average would probably be ten shillings each. If Agricultural Societies were established in the principal Townships of Western Canada, and the principle here laid down generally acknowledged, it would be a means of scattering broad-cast through our land a fund of information, which would very soon be apparent in the agricultural, mechanical, and horticultural pursuits, and likewise in the literature applicable to those subjects of the country.

District Agricultural Societies should, by an act of the legislature, be placed under the control of the Presidents and Secretaries of the Township Agricultural Societies in the District. One meeting, or exhibition annually, is quite sufficient for practical purposes, which should take place about the middle of September. The plan that we would suggest for the practical working of the District Associations, may be understood by the following brief outline:—

The Directors or Governors of the Association, should be the Presidents and Secretaries of Township Societies. The Pres-