

In reading the proceedings of the Royal English Agricultural Society, we cannot but be struck with the contrast between the conduct of the leading men of England, and those of Canada. In the former country, from the highest in rank, talent, and station, all are united in their endeavours to promote the good of their common country; but how is it in Canada? We must all see how great is the necessity for Agricultural improvement with us—there cannot be any difference of opinion on that subject, and yet with what perfect apathy it is regarded. The most trifling political subject appears to possess infinitely more interest for our best educated men, than Agricultural improvement, which is of vastly more importance to the inhabitants of the country, than all political questions put together. We appear to have different views and estimates of things here from any other people on earth. Perhaps it is not proper that we should refer here to what our own exertions have been to promote Agricultural improvement, but as we have become responsible for a considerable amount in the expenses of publishing this Journal in English and French for a year, we hope we may be pardoned, for expressing our regret at the deficient support we have received. We may safely state that we have expended more money, and time, on Agricultural publications than any other individual in the province, and we commenced this Journal in both languages with the sole motive of creating some interest, for Agricultural improvement, and certainly with the hope that we should not be at a loss, but would obtain ample subscriptions to cover all expenses. We find, however, that in the latter expectation we are likely to be disappointed. We have received the most flattering letters of approval from Roman Catholic Clergymen in all parts of Eastern Canada, but this will not be sufficient to remunerate our expenditure of time, and money. Had our means been more adequate, we would not regret the sacrifice of a few hundred pounds to promote the object we have so much at heart since we came to the country. Had we only ten or a dozen subscribers in each parish in Canada East, it would cover all expenses, and amongst seventy or eighty thousand proprietors of farms one would suppose we could not want support for the only Agricultural Journal published at the low subscription of one dollar annually. If our original matter is deficient in merit, we can state that our selections are made from the best publications in circulation, on agricultural improvements. Generous support to our humble exertions would encourage us to write what might be more useful to the public and more satisfactory to ourselves.

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF ENGLAND.

MEETING AT SOUTHAMPTON.

Another great era has occurred in the agricultural world in the past week—a week which has proved fertile in pleasurable reminiscences; a week in which we have had the inexpressible satisfaction of giving to, and receiving from, the British yeomen—the honest propellers and supporters of England's greatness, her agriculture—the most hearty, the most heartfelt congratulations that we have been again permitted to meet together to celebrate another annual meeting of the Royal Agricultural Society of England. Without wishing to be prolix in our introductory notice, we cannot refrain from taking a slight glance at the past progress and present position of this truly national, this highly important Society. Looking then to the period of its formation, we honestly confess—assured, as we are, that all our readers will join us in the opinion—that its progress has been such, that its position is now placed on so firm, so solid a basis, as to produce in the minds of many no little astonishment. Thanks, then, to the increasing exertions of its supporters, whose numbers, though not quite so numerous as the particles of sand upon the sea shore, have swelled to those exceeding by far the expectations of even the most sanguine. Carefully—aye, most studiously, divested of all political bias—the improvement of agriculture, in the strictest sense of the word, being the great object in view—noblemen and gentlemen of all opinions have joined together to accomplish that important end. Who is there, then, but will hereafter revert with pride and satisfaction to this union? Who is there, then, that does not at once see that it is demonstrative of a future improvement of that science—though a primitive one—the agriculture of the united kingdom? That such a Society has now become indispensable, is evident; and that it is now the great centre from which may, henceforth, be directed human energy and skill, by the chemical and mechanical appliances of modern times to agricultural improvement, is equally apparent. Some may, perchance, be disposed to consider these observations superfluous; but we conceive it to be the duty of every person, whatever may be his station in society, to endeavour by all means, however humble, to support and carry out the principles of such a Society as that now claiming our attention.

The business of the day may be said to have been commenced by the opening of

THE IMPLEMENT YARD

to the public at eight o'clock. The portion of the ground appropriated to the implements was about half of the whole inclosure, which was much larger than on any previous occasion; hence, as may be inferred, the most ample accommodation was provided for the various exhibitors, and a good opportunity given to the visitors to inspect the ploughs, &c. This large square was occupied by open sheds, arranged in parallel lines, and beneath, the implements properly numbered and deposited. Viewing these sheds from any part, a most pleasing effect was produced; indeed, everything had a most pleasing, most unique appearance. As to the various implements of husbandry, we may venture to