

TOWNSHIP OF WHITBY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

This society now numbers 230 members, each of whom receive the *British American Cultivator*. The list of members to this association in 1843 did not exceed 50. In the early part of 1844 the society was re-organized, and the plan of supplying each member with a copy of the *Cultivator* was adopted; by the new plan the list of members soon amounted to 150, and it is confidently expected that before the close of the present year the list of members will exceed 300. In the village of *Oshawa* alone, upwards of 80 members have been added to the society, which speaks volumes for the merchants, millers, mechanics, and professional men of this country village. Well may the farmers engage in this great enterprise, when such a spirit is exhibited in the matter by persons who are not directly interested in the prosperity of agriculture. The officers of this society drew up a chart of their township, dividing it into sections, and appointed two collectors to each, whose duties were to canvass their several divisions for members; by this means every individual was called upon and solicited to patronize the institution.

There are in Western Canada upwards of 300 townships, and if each of those townships were to adopt the system which has been so successfully practiced in Whitby, they might be made to average at least 50 members to either district, county, riding, or township agricultural societies, which would secure a circulation of 15,000 subscribers to the *Cultivator*, at the low price of 2s. 6d. per copy. By being thus tolerably patronised, its editor could afford to occupy his whole attention in conducting the Journal, and its columns could be illustrated with

valuable engravings, and in fact it might be made the most useful agricultural magazine published on this continent.—The *Cultivator* is already pretty liberally supported, but at the low price at which it is afforded, it is essential that its list equals 10,000 paying subscribers to remunerate the proprietors for the expenditure of time, trouble, and money that they are subjected to in managing it.—That number of copies might be sold if the farmers generally were to evince the same lively interest in the matter as is done in Whitby and some other localities.

The monthly meeting of the Township of York Agricultural Society will take place on the 15th inst. at James Nightingale's Inn, Yonge Street, at six o'clock, p. m. precisely. The subject for the evening's discussion is, "*The best variety of Spring Grain, and the best mode of Draining.*"

GOVERNMENT AGRICULTURAL PATRONAGE.—The friends of agricultural improvement will no doubt be rejoiced to learn that the Government Bounty for the encouragement of agriculture, has been encreased to the very handsome sum of £250 to each District Agricultural Society in Canada West, £150 to each County Society in Canada East, and £500 each to the Districts of Montreal, Three Rivers, and Quebec Agricultural Societies. We have not seen the Agricultural Societies Bill, but we hope to be able to give further particulars in the May number.

Worms and Grubs.—A mixture of salt and saltpetre (nitre) in the proportion of eight parts of the former to one of the latter, applied about the roots, will, it is said, destroy the worms, and greatly promote the health and thrift of the tree.