

In the Home District the wheat and barley crops will not be completely housed before the 20th of the month. Spring wheat, rye, pease, oats, and barley are above an average crop. Taking the backward cold spring into consideration, we have abundant reason to be thankful, as it was thought at one time that the crops would not yield sufficient for the consumption of the country; whereas on the contrary, if the harvest hold fine, there will be a greater amount of produce of every description for exportation, of the present year's growth, than has been exported in any single year since the first settlement of the colony.

We would hope the husbandmen may receive remunerating prices for the produce of his farm; but from the report of the crops in Great Britain and the United States, we would not be justified in holding out anticipations which there would be a doubt of their realizing. Some of the American agricultural papers, have coolly calculated the number of surplus bushels of wheat, that the United States will have to export. The highest of these estimates that have come under our notice, is 36,000,000, of which the States of Michigan, Illinois, and Ohio will be able to spare one half of that quantity. We have not only witnessed, but felt the influence which the present mode of trade and intercourse between this country and the United States, have on Canadian agriculture; and have come to the conclusion, that unless a reciprocity of dealing be established between the two countries, and encouragement be given by the Home Government to colonial industry and enterprise, that farming in the Canadas will be a doubtful, and in many cases ruinous business. It is thought a disgrace in this country for an agriculturist to encumber his real estate for the purpose of entering into speculation, and take the country through there will not be found one farm in thirty mortgaged. Our American neighbours of "the plough" manage their business in a different style: almost every farmer makes it a point to mortgage his real estate to enter into some scheme or speculation, and hence four-fifths of the capital invested in agriculture is fictitious.

Supposing our neighbours transacted their business on as sure a footing as ourselves, still they have natural advantages in the new states of the Union, which act as powerful agents in depressing agricultural interests in the Canadas under existing laws—we mean the low prices which lands are brought into market, and the small outlay required to bring the same into cultivation. When all these circumstances are taken into consideration, we conceive the cause will be well understood which enables the Americans to sell their produce in our markets, at prices which would be ruinous to us. It may be said by some, why argue the question farther? by your own admission Canada must be a poor country for farming purposes. Can it be said that England is a poor country for agriculture, because bread stuffs and produce of every description can be raised in the South of France and on the borders of the Baltic, at prices that would be ruinous to the English farmer unless protected by laws? The same answer that will apply to the one case will be found equally applicable to the other.

It is obvious that the only thing the Canadian farmer can do to effect the desired change, is to petition our Provincial Legislature, and that body to the Imperial Parliament. There are the milling interests, the carrying trade interests, and a variety of other conflicting interests to be sustained by members of the Legislature; so that it would be well for the farmers to be wide-

awake to their own interests, and call meetings in their respective townships, previous to the opening of Parliament, so that the House may be fully aware of the nature of the protection they so much desire.

HOME DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF

His Excellency the Right Hon.
Sir Charles Bagot, &c. &c.

PURSUANT TO PUBLIC NOTICE,
the Officers of this Society met at the Court House, in the City of Toronto, on the 10th day of August, 1842, for the purpose of making the necessary arrangement for the Autumn Fair and Fat Cattle Show.

The President EDWARD W. THOMPSON, Esqr., Warden for the District, took the Chair, whereupon it was Resolved,—

That the Autumn Fair and Fat Cattle Show, be held at the City of Toronto, upon the piece of ground in front of the New Gaol and Court House, on WEDNESDAY, the twelfth day of October next, when the undermentioned Premiums are to be awarded for the following Stock:—

SHEEP.

Rams.	Best.	Second.	Third.
" One Shear,	£1. 10.	£1.	10s.
" Two Shear,	1. 10.	1.	10s.
" Aged,....	1. 10.	1.	10s.
" Lamb,....	0. 15.	10s.	5s.

EWES—PEN OF TWO.

Best £1. 10.	Second £1.	Third 10s.
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FEW LAMBS—PEN OF TWO.

Best 15s.	Second 10s.	Third 5s.
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YOUNG HORSES.

HORSES UNDER THREE YEARS OLD.

Best £1. 10.	Second £1.	Third 10s.
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MARES UNDER THREE YEARS OLD.

Best £1. 10.	Second £1.	Third 10s.
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HORSE OR MARE UNDER TWO YEARS OLD.

Best £1. 10.	Second £1.	Third 10s.
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SPRING FOAL OR FILLY.

Best £1. 0.	Second 15s.	Third 7s. 6.
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YOUNG CATTLE.

BULLS UNDER TWO YEARS OLD.

Best £1. 0.	Second 15s.	Third 10s.
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HEIFERS UNDER TWO YEARS OLD.

Best £1. 0.	Second 15s.	Third 10s.
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SPRING BULL CALF.

Best £1. 0.	Second 15s.	Third 10s.
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SPRING HEIFER CALF.

Best £1. 0.	Second 15s.	Third 10s.
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FAT CATTLE AND SHEEP.

PAIR OF FAT CATTLE REARED AND FED IN THE HOME DISTRICT.

Best £2. 0.	Second £1. 10.	Third £1.
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PEN OF THREE FAT SHEEP FED IN THE HOME DISTRICT.

Best £1. 10.	Second £1.	Third 15s.
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SWINE.

BOARS.

Best £1. 10.	Second £1.	Third 15s.
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SOWS.

Best £1. 10.	Second £1.	Third 15s.
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Persons intending to become competitors for Premiums, are informed that Pens have been constructed for the purpose of confining the different animals, so as to prevent their straggling or being unnecessarily driven about; for the temporary use of which the competitors will be charged one shilling and three pence each.

A piece of ground adjoining the Show Yard will be appropriated for the exhibition of Stock for sale, and an Auctioneer will be in attendance to offer the same for disposal.

As an encouragement to those enterprising farmers who have already imported Stock into this Province, and as an inducement to others to follow their example, it has been resolved that if any animal entered for competition be deemed, by the Judges, worthy of the first Prize, and if the owner of the same prove to the satisfaction of the Judges, that such specimen of Stock has been imported from Great Britain since the last Autumn Fair, he shall upon producing certificates of the age and breed of the animal, be entitled to the thanks of the Society, and receive double the amount of the Premium which would be otherwise awarded.

No person shall be allowed to compete for any of the above Premiums, unless he shall have been a member of this Society for at least four months previous to the day of the Fair, or pay the sum of fifteen shillings upon entering his Stock.

The Society have entered into such arrangements in the selection and appointment of Judges, as to prevent any idea of partiality.

No person or persons other than the Officers of the Society, are to interfere with the Judges when in the discharge of their duties, by conversation or otherwise.

In order to prevent any idea of partiality in awarding the Prizes, each competitor for a Premium shall be furnished by the Secretary, (George D. Wells, Esqr.), with a numerical ticket, to be fastened to each animal entered for a Prize.

The Stock in the Show Yard will not until the Premiums are awarded, be known to the Judges by the name of the owner's or graziers, but solely by the tickets and numbers corresponding with the Secretary's list.

The Stock to be on the ground by ten o'clock in the morning, and remain until three, P. M. At 12 o'clock noon, the Judges will commence their duties of inspection and decision.

The names of the successful candidates—the Premiums they shall have received—and for what adjudged—will be publicly announced by the President, at two o'clock, P. M., from the front steps of the old Court House, upon Church Street, and afterwards published.

The Fat Cattle and Sheep must be offered for sale to the Butchers, before the amount of any Premium for the same shall have been paid to their owners.

The Secretary will be in attendance at the Office of Messrs. Wells & Fitzgerald, 150 King Street, Toronto, at 10 o'clock, on the morning of the Exhibition, for the purpose of entering the names of, and issuing tickets to the various competitors. At 11 o'clock the Secretary's lists will be closed, after which hour no further entry can be made.

A Ploughing Match.

Instead of a Grain and Root Exhibition, the Society have ordered that a sum not exceeding fifteen pounds be appropriated for Prizes in a Ploughing Match, to take place on Thursday, the 13th day of October next; and that the following Gentlemen, Messrs. Torrance, George D. Wells, Gubb, D. Smilie, and N. Davis, be a Committee to obtain a field of Green sward, and make the necessary arrangements, of which due notice will be given to the public.

N. B. The above Committee will meet at the Office of Messrs. Wells & Fitzgerald, 150 King Street, upon Wednesday, the 7th day of September, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Any person having a suitable Green sward Field within five miles of the City, will have the goodness to give notice of the same to the Secretary, George D. Wells, Esqr., before the 7th day of September next.

GEORGE D. WELLS,

Secretary, H. D. A. &