

in so doing, its financial resources must be ample.

All that is now required, on the part of the friends of the Association is a concentration and unity of action among all classes of the people throughout the various districts of the country. This purpose, we are told, will be aimed at by Mr. George Buckland, the secretary of the Association, who will personally visit every district in Western Canada, for the purpose of laying before the friends of agricultural improvement, the real objects and benefits to be gained by "a long pull, a strong pull, and a pull altogether." in this, the only national institution that has for its object the development of the agricultural, mechanical, and general productive resources of the country. As an advocate of every real improvement, we shall feel it a pleasure as well as a duty, in promoting, to the best of our editorial ability, not only the welfare of the Provincial Agricultural Association, but likewise the best interests of the District and Township Societies scattered throughout the country.

To return to the exhibition at Cobourg. In our strolls about the well arranged grounds we saw much to admire, of which a bare mention here would occupy more space than can be bestowed on this article; therefore some of the most important articles only can be noticed at this time.

HORNED CATTLE.

Of Durhams we noticed that there was a large collection, and the outer districts contributed largely to the value of this department of the show. The thorough-bred Durham Bulls on the ground, got by the imported stock of Mr. Thomas Mairs, of Vespra, Simcoe District, were noble animals, and the grade animals of the same stock, gave indubitable evidence of the value of this breed over many others, in improving the fattening properties of the native stock. Indeed the propensity of the Durham breed of cattle to fatten is so great, that care must be employed in making judicious crossings,

or else the milking and breeding properties of the cows will be almost entirely destroyed. The Hon. Adam Fergusson, of Woodhill, the President of the Association, is one of the most spirited breeders of this improved race of British cattle, and in a number of instances, we have seen heifers of his stock at the local shows of the country, so-far that they were utterly useless for breeding purposes. An animal of this kind, belonging to that gentleman, was sent down to Toronto on the week previous to the show, with a view of sending it forward to Cobourg, but owing to the boisterous state of the weather it was left in that city, and sold to some one of the butchers for a high price, and will doubtless be exhibited at the Christmas Holidays, on the shambles. This heifer is the most perfect picture, in point of symmetry, that ever fell to our lot to behold, and her size is certainly equal to the largest ox of the native breed. Those who breed Durhams must bear in mind that they require abundant pastures, and a rich and liberal supply of food to carry them in good condition through our long winters. For illustration a simile may be used, in showing the cost of keeping this, over some of the smaller races of improved cattle, which will give the reader a better idea of what is meant, than if any other mode was employed. The Lower Canadian horses are a distinct breed; they are small, hardy, and require but little care, and cost but little to keep them in good working condition, and in many respects are the most valuable race of animals that could be employed on the farm. On the other hand, they are too small for dray horses, or roadsters, and are not equal to the famous English black cart horse for heavy work, nor would they compare with the Cleveland bays, or some of the other improved carriage horses that partake of a dash of the high-mettled blood horse, as an animal for all work. Their form, symmetry, and action, in a general point of view, though in many instances of an unexceptionable character, would not entitle them