

him on his arrival at Hamilton. The same amount of mismanagement was never before equalled in so large and respectable an assemblage, and we are not prepared to attach blame to any party, inasmuch as but few of the managers were acquainted with the best systems of arrangement required to give a wholesome and popular effect to so large a collection of the choicest products of the country. As we propose to take a more extensive notice of the various articles that were on the show ground, under their different departments, in the future numbers of the *Cultivator*, we shall for the present draw these remarks to a close, by giving a brief outline of what we deem requisite to ensure the well-working of the future exhibitions, under the patronage of the Provincial Agricultural Association of Upper Canada.

It was palpably evident to all who attended the exhibition under notice, that the machinery by which it was governed was very badly constructed and arranged; and indeed the thorough want of arrangement and system that appeared to pervade every department, called forth, on the part of the friends of the Association, the loudest terms of disapprobation. To prevent the recurrence of a similar piece of mismanagement, the Association have appointed a special committee, consisting of the President, Vice Presidents, and Secretary, for the purpose of re-modelling the constitution, so that the laws or rules by which the Association will be governed in future will be clearly and fully expressed, and by which means much misunderstanding as to the real objects and intentions of the Association will be prevented. As a member of that important committee, we feel anxious to see a well-digested and comprehensive constitution adopted; and as there are doubtless many friends of the cause who could give useful hints or suggestions, from which the committee could compile a constitution for the future government of the Association, which would secure the confidence of all classes and ranks of society in our noble province; we feel in hopes that those who consider themselves competent to render the above service, will avail themselves of the earliest opportunity of doing so. On former occasions, the subject under consideration has been very liberally discussed in the columns of the *Cultivator* and at the various agricultural meetings we have had the honour of attending, and what we have now to recommend to the notice of the committee will be found to differ in a trifling degree with the suggestions made by us on the

former occasions alluded to. To set the ball in motion, so that the committee may be able to come to a decision and have their report in readiness, so as to be submitted to the Association at their February meeting, we shall embrace the present opportunity of submitting a few of the leading features of amendment we have to propose.

The Association, in our humble judgment, should be governed by the Presidents and Secretaries of the District and County Agricultural Societies of Canada West; and in the event of either of the above functionaries being prevented from attending the regular meetings of the Association, then an especial Director should be chosen for the occasion by the local society, to secure the full representation of each district at the meetings of the Provincial Board. The Presidents of District and County Societies should, by virtue of their office, be viewed in the light of Vice Presidents of the Provincial Association; and the Secretaries should also be viewed in the light of Assistant Secretaries. The Assistant Secretaries should be instructed to take all the entries for their respective districts, which should be forwarded to the Secretary of the Provincial Association at least two weeks previous to the exhibition, so that they might all be entered in the various class books some days before the exhibition. Instead of paying the premiums at the close of the exhibition, the money, books, diplomas and medals, drawn in each district, should be remitted to the District Secretaries; and the same should be duly advertised, so that the successful competitors would know when and to whom they should apply for their premiums. The Board of Directors, consisting, as previously mentioned, of the Presidents and Secretaries of District and County Agricultural Societies, should, during the exhibition, take up their quarters at one of the principal hotels, so that an appeal at all times could be made to them for a decision, upon the various matters of interest that would require to be brought under their notice. This duty would more particularly devolve upon the President and Vice Presidents of the Association, as the Secretaries should be appointed to take the superintendance of the arrangement of the several departments of the exhibition, so that each article would have its proper place, and the Judges thoroughly drilled in such matters connected with their duties, with which they are not to be supposed to be so well acquainted as would be the Secretaries of the Association: