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"AGRICULTURE NOT ONLY GIVES RICHES TO A NATION, BUT THE ONLY RICHES SHE CAN CALL HER OWN."—Dr. Johnson.

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THE ANNUAL AGRICULTURAL SHOW OF THE NIAGARA DISTRICT, was held on the 20th ult., in the village of Drummondville, and we are happy to say was numerously attended. Previous to the examination of the Stock, the assembly was ably addressed by GEO. ADAMS, Esq., the President of the Society, who said he was pleased to have it in his power to address such a respectable concourse of farmers, met together for a purpose so laudable and praiseworthy—namely, the advancement of the interests of agriculture. That at the first few exhibitions of Stock in the District, the competitors were but few, and consequently the premiums were divided among those who then stood foremost in introducing improved grades of Stock. He was happy to witness the change; a spirit of enterprize had gone forth among the farmers generally, and the very persons who took credit to themselves for importing into the District various breeds of Horned Cattle, Sheep, and Swine, were now literally almost ashamed to show their stock; and he was bound to acknowledge himself of the number. He would offer a word of advice to the Judges: that in awarding premiums for stock, they should be particular in paying due regard to the points and symmetry of the different animals, and most approve such as combined these qualifications with utility and fitness to the country.

Mr. Adams further said he would advise every farmer to have at least one Agricultural Paper in his possession, not only for his own benefit, but also that of his children; and was pleased to notice our Journal in flattering terms. He said it was the duty of every farmer to support it; that the subscription was so trifling as to place it within the reach of all: and each one would, by paying attention to the suggestions of its Editor, and numerous contributors, reap benefit to the amount of ten times his subscription.

After the address, the Judges and concourse retired to the ground allotted for the purpose, (that so celebrated in the annals of Canadian history, Lundy's Lane), where the Stallions and Carriage Horses were exhibited. A better collection of the latter we have never seen, at any show which we have had the honour of attending.

The collection of Horned Cattle, Sheep, and Swine were also excellent; and we can say, that on the whole, we were much delighted with the exhibition. The unanim-

ity and good feeling manifested on the occasion by all parties was truly admirable, and worthy of imitation in every other District in the Province. We will not close our article, without expressing a wish that the different Agricultural Societies would take some special means to render their annual meetings generally interesting. Much depends upon the interest that is excited in the minds of the community, and it is too true, that a lamentable indifference as to the proceedings of the Societies, prevails in some Districts. We do not hesitate to suggest the propriety of a plain, cheap, but substantial dinner, being prepared for the occasion, to be followed by appropriate speeches—and in order to secure attention and success, two or three of the intelligent yeomanry or gentlemen of the vicinity, should be duly warned to be prepared to express their views publicly; or otherwise a special address might be delivered upon the occasion. It would, however, be a fitting opportunity to discuss subjects of interest to practical farmers, and to gather matter for the consideration of the Legislature.

MR. JOHN HANNAM'S LETTER.

We beg to call attention to the excellent letter of Mr. JOHN HANNAM, which will be found in another page of this Number.—With a view to bring our paper, in some partial degree at least, under the notice of the British public, we dispatched some of our first numbers to various persons in England, and among others to Mr. Hannam, confident that in him at least—a gentleman of acknowledged zeal in the cause of agriculture—we should find a friendly advocate. The letter above alluded to is the result,—a letter which so sufficiently displays his truly British heart, liberal feeling, extensive research, and practical good sense, as to supersede the necessity of any remarks of ours to manifest them. We trust that though his first, it will not be his last appearance in our columns.

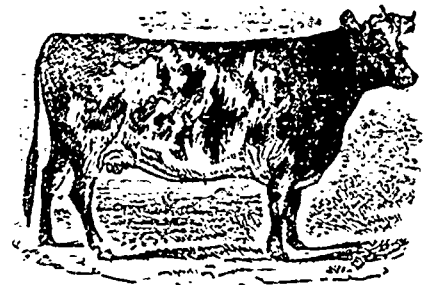
His remarks on Emigration, coming as they do at a time when the public mind at home and in the colonies, is so much directed to the subject, and his suggestions on a Central Agricultural Society for the promotion, amongst other things, of that great object, are well deserving of a more extensive circulation than the columns of our periodical can pretend to give them. If, however, our contemporaries should concur with us in opinion respecting their value, we doubt not that they will give them a place in their pa-

pers, and unite with us in extending them as generally as possible. We have already a number of Agricultural Societies throughout the Province, which have done and are doing much essential benefit. But how much more effective must be their influence when the energies of all are concentrated through a medium such as proposed by Mr. Hannam,

THE ST. CATHARINES' NURSERY.

On our tour through the Niagara District, we availed ourselves of the opportunity of calling upon Dr. C. BEADLE, the proprietor of this Nursery. The quantity of ground actually covered with trees of almost every sort and variety, is nearly 19 acres, and he anticipates extending his Nursery ground until it covers 40 acres. Eight years ago, the above site of ground was a complete thicket of forest. The soil, locality, and climate, are well adapted for the purpose, and the trees are of a bright complexion, and most thrifty growth. At a future day, we will bring it more fully to the notice of the public.

AN AYRSHIRE COW,



The above is a true likeness of an Ayrshire Cow. We will give, in our next, a detailed account of this celebrated breed of Cattle, by a gentleman who is fully competent to do the subject justice.

Our present Number has been unavoidably delayed over the usual time of publishing, in consequence of having ordered a better quality of paper, which did not arrive until the ordinary time of mailing it. For the future, our paper will have a more uniform appearance.

The advertisement of the Gore District Agricultural Shows has not been published in this Number owing to this above delay.

Advertisements of Shows should be forwarded at least two months in advance of the time of Publication, to secure them insertion.