

their co-operation and assistance in the preparation of articles for the Exhibition, and assuring them that in addition to the pleasing satisfaction of being the successful competitors in the friendly strife we are desirous of provoking. The Association will undoubtedly fix their premiums on as liberal a scale as possible.

Impress upon them that in a competition where articles of manufacture and mechanical skill will be received from all parts of Canada and the United States upon equal terms,* it will be a proud pre-eminence on their part, should they be the successful competitors; that it will be for the credit of their Country, that every exertion should be used to exhibit her growth and improvement.

While the eyes of all Canada will be upon the United Counties where the Exhibition is to be held, it is confidently expected that they will not appear in the back ground in an object where, upon former occasions, others have shown so much enterprise. To give the Canadian Agriculturists an opportunity of presenting the public with some of the riches of their intellect, the Committee offer a Gold Medal, with suitable inscription for the best Essay upon Agriculture and its advantages as a pursuit, the response to which they confidently trust will be such as to do credit to Agriculturists as a body.

In conclusion the Committee beg to say that they will be most happy to receive suggestions from all parties who may feel an interest in the Exhibition.

On behalf of the Committee,
GEORGE S. McCLEAN,
Secretary.

Brockville, C. W., Feb. 21, 1851.

AGRICULTURAL PRIZE ESSAY.

A Gold Medal of the value of £10, will be given by the Directors of the Johnstown District Agricultural Society, for the best Essay upon Agriculture and its advantages as a pursuit, to be read before the Agricultural Association, at the Provincial Exhibition, to be held at Brockville in September next. The Essay to be written by a Canadian Agriculturist whose pursuits are wholly Agricultural, to be sent in to the Directors of the Society, before the 15th day of July next, under seal, with the name of the writer in a sealed note. The Directors reserve the right of deciding whether the Essay is worthy a premium or not. The Essay to be the property of the Society, and to be in such condensed form as to permit its delivery within the space of forty minutes.

GEORGE S. McCLEAN,
Secretary.

Brockville, 15th February, 1851.

* The rule of the Association, hitherto, has been to have a separate class for foreign productions, and we are not aware that any deviation from such regulation is contemplated by the Directors.—[EDITOR.]

EXTRACTS FROM HON. F. S. MARTIN'S ADDRESS BEFORE CATTARAUGUS AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, N. Y.

"There is one marked feature of our national character, which is often displayed in our country. I allude to the great desire of change. The often futile hope of bettering their condition by some lucky turn in the wheel of fortune, has induced many a farmer who was doing well, to abandon all, and seek a new home upon the rich prairies of the west. A large proportion of this class would be very glad if they could return to their old localities, and exchange the ague and chills—fevers imbibed in their land of promise, for the bracing air and pure water of Cattaraugus.

"The amount of capital invested in agricultural pursuits, is always safer than in mercantile operations; commercial revolutions, the hazards of floods and of fires, often destroy the earnings of a life spent in the latter pursuit. The success of a very few of this class of men, is not a proper criterion by which we are enabled to form a correct judgment. They are only the exceptions to the general rule. Of the numbers who have commenced in mercantile business, it has been estimated that ninety-five in every hundred have failed.

"In conclusion allow me to impress upon every young man, that the pursuits of the farmer are not incompatible with the character of a gentleman. He is in a position which enables him to feel a degree of independence which few, if any, professional or commercial men can arrive at, and an education is as important to him as to the professional man, and no substantial reason can be given why it is not. It may not be important for you to be able to conjugate the verbs, and trace out the roots of the dead languages, but it is important for you to know the chemical analysis of the different soils which are daily under your feet, and ascertain their adaptation to the various kinds of crops. Do all in your power to sustain your county society: its influence is humanizing and exalting. Instead of wishing things better, go to work and make them so. Instead of spending your time in vain regrets for some advantages in our neighboring counties, strive to equal and to excel them; and not five years will have passed until cold frosty Cattaraugus will take a rank among other counties of the State, to which her natural resources and wealth justly entitle her."

AN EXAMPLE TO YOUNG FARMERS.

The following interesting fact is related by John Delafield, Esq., in the annual report of the Seneca Agricultural Society, of which he was President. It affords another illustration of the old proverb, "Where there is a *will*, there will soon be found out a *way*."

The President then called the attention of the