

of Canadian Agriculture and Industry, worthy of the country and the occasion. We trust that the public will continue to extend to the Managers, a prompt and hearty support.

The premium list, contained in the present number, has been considerably enlarged, both as regards new prizes, and in some instances, the increase of old ones. The Governor General's prize for a Draining pipe machine will, we trust, be the means of introducing so necessary and powerful a means of Agricultural improvement into Canada; a circumstance that could not fail to be gratifying to His Excellency's feelings, as his Lordship has uniformly evinced in a manner worthy of his high station and great attainments, a most laudible desire to promote the best interests of this important section of the British Empire.

It is with peculiar pleasure that we direct the attention of the reader to the premiums offered by the highly esteemed President of the Association, amounting in all to the handsome sum of fifty pounds! It is true, Agriculture cannot strictly claim the President as one of her sons. Mr. Matthie, however, as an intelligent and enterprising Merchant, is well fitted by the nature of his pursuits, to appreciate correctly the importance and claims of Agriculture, and the intimate, we might say the indissoluble relation which subsists between the Cultivator of the soil, and the Dealers in merchandize. Agriculture and Commerce must in the long run, from the very necessity of things, wax or wane together. We earnestly hope that this additional effort to elicit Canadian enterprise and skill, will be successful, and that the President's prize for the Farm Essay, in particular, will be the means of awakening the intellectual energies of a large number of young farmers. True, only one can receive the prize, but every earnest attempt to win it, however unsuccessful it may prove, will be sure to receive its own proper measure of reward. To induce a young man to form accurate habits of thinking and observing, and to commit his thoughts clearly to paper, is to place wit in his power of application, the most efficient means of mental culture,—of enduring enjoyment, and of being useful to his country and his race.

The handsome prize again offered by the late President, T. C. Street, Esq., M.P.P. for the best Horse of the most suitable kind for general purposes in this country, will, we trust, be attended by practically beneficial results.

An edition of the Prize List will be immediately thrown off in a separate form, as an "*Agriculturist Extra*,"—which, thanks to our attentive and most efficient Post Master General,—will be transmitted by mail to every portion of the Province, free of charge.

#### THE BUREAU OF AGRICULTURE.

Since our last publication a somewhat singular discussion took place in the Legislative Assembly, on the question of a vote of money to the Agricultural Bureau. The Minister—Hon. Malcolm Cameron—was accused by certain members of doing nothing but what was of a petty character; he was strongly censured for not having produced an elaborate Report for submitting to Parliament, although the Department over which he presides had scarcely been in operation six months; and the sum asked for, £2000, was pronounced to be almost ridiculously insignificant to accomplish anything worth notice. The grant, however, was carried by a large majority.

Now, though we are neither the defenders nor apologists of Mr. Cameron, and very seldom even notice in these pages what takes place in Parliament is of a political nature,—yet the debate alluded to was of such a character, and so immediately connected with the important branch of industry which it is the duty of this Journal to promote, and, when necessary, to defend, that we cannot with any consistency refrain from expressing a few words in reference thereto.

With respect to the insignificance of the sum asked for the purposes of the Bureau, that is an objection, we think, very readily met. The difficulty,—if any members really thought it such,—can be easily removed. If the Minister of Agriculture was to ask for our advice on the matter, we would take upon ourselves the responsibility of chalking out a plan, and would assist, too, in its execution, on which might be expended as much money probably as the most