

Lower Canada Agricultural Society.

At the formation of the above national Association, for Lower Canada, we took a prominent notice of it in the columns of the *Cultivator*, and it gives us additional pleasure to observe that its managers are determined to prosecute the good work so auspiciously begun, and to make, if possible, this Association the happy instrument of bringing about a complete reform in the agriculture of Lower Canada. A prospectus of the Association is before us, which clearly expounds its objects and intentions. They may be summed up in the following: 1st, The holding an annual exhibition, for the encouragement of agriculture and general improvement; 2nd, To establish an agricultural and mechanical museum; 3rd, To encourage the establishment of agricultural libraries; 4th, The establishment of an agricultural college; 5th, To cement a bond of union between the local societies and the general one; 6th, To collect and publish correct statistical information relative to the agriculture of Lower Canada.

The Lower Canada Agricultural Society has our warmest sympathies, and we heartily wish that its managers may succeed in accomplishing the exceedingly patriotic and arduous duties they have so zealously undertaken.

The objects contemplated by the society under notice, are precisely those that are intended to be carried into being by its sister society in Upper Canada, and we shall rejoice to see a laudable spirit of emulation existing between them, in carrying their patriotic designs into operation.

On proposing one of the resolutions at a late meeting, Major Campbell made the following observations, which very forcibly illustrate the importance of agricultural schools, where both the practice and science of agriculture may be taught the youth of our land.

"In moving this resolution, I would make a few remarks on a subject to which I have given much attention. The great advantage to be derived by the country at large, from a good system of Agriculture is so obvious that I need not dwell upon it; the means to be employed to introduce and carry out such a system are what we are called upon to consider. I know of none so efficient for this purpose as the giving to our rural population a sound practical education; in vain shall we offer prizes for good stock and well tilled farms, unless we teach the competitors the art of rearing the one and cultivating the other; let us

commence with the rudiments of the science, and by and by we may attempt the higher branches. I am speaking now, not in the capacity of a public officer, but in that of an inhabitant of this Province, identified with all its interests, bound to it by the tie of property, and to one race of its occupants by the nearest and dearest tie that man can form; on more occasions than one, a habitant has come to me and expressed a desire to give his son, who appeared to have some talent, a good education; the question has then been asked how is this to be obtained? either the lad must go to the common school, where at the present moment, I fear, he would learn but little, or he must be sent to a College, where he will be instructed in Mathematics, Latin and Greek; and when he has finished his course of studies, he will return to his father's house, to be spoiled and petted by his too indulgent parents proud of their well educated boy. Does he now aid his father in the cultivation of his farm? No such an occupation is beneath the dignity of his learned youth. He must be a lawyer, or a doctor, and thus add another to one of these already over stocked professions; the home of his childhood is despised; the coat of *etaffe du pays* is exchanged for one of superfine Saxony; he takes up his residence in a village, administers law or physic to any habitant who will trust his case to him, and spouts politics whenever he can collect two or three neighbors together. I appeal to the many gentlemen born and brought up in the country who now hear me, if this picture is overdrawn? One of the chief objects of this Society is to remedy the evil by establishing a school and model farm where the rising generation may learn practically and theoretically the science of Agriculture; the youth from this school will be firmly persuaded, return to their homes, to be assistants to their parents, and useful members of society; and the occupation of cultivating the soil be raised, thereby, in the estimation of the community. I trust my life may be spared long enough to see such a school established in every parish of the Province."

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION OF UPPER CANADA.

The premiums in money and books awarded at the late Provincial Show at Hamilton, were equal the very large sum of £750. To this may be added printing and contingent expenses