

none so sure, so easy, and so soon ripe as the parsnip; so that any farmer may raise his own seed. A few roots planted early in the spring will ensure him good seed for an acre of land next year. The sum to tell of this, is, I think, Sir, you will agree with me, that the parsnip is decreed by a kind Providence as the Canadian farmer's friend in every respect, as much as the turnip has been the English farmer's friend or help in improving and preparing his ground.

I am, Sir, yours, &c.,

P. N.

*To the Editor of the AGRICULTURAL JOURNAL.*

SIR,—In pursuance of advertisement, a Public Meeting was held in the Parliamentary buildings in this City, on Monday, the 19th instant, Sir H. Caldwell in the Chair. The following Resolutions were unanimously adopted.

1st. It is the opinion of this meeting that an Agricultural Society be established, to be called "The Quebec Agricultural Society."

2nd. That an annual subscription of five shillings do constitute a Member of the Society—all members, however, to be resident within the District of Quebec.

3rd. That a Committee of twenty-four members be now appointed, with power to add to their number, to form a Managing Committee of this Society, who shall elect from their number a President and three Vice-Presidents, two of the latter to act as Secretary and Treasurer; also be empowered to form a code of Rules and Regulations, to be submitted for approval and adoption at a general meeting of subscribers.

The meeting then proceeded to ballot for the Committee of Management, when the following members were elected, viz. :—

QUEBEC.—Messrs. N. Aubin, H. Burstall, R. Coles, R. Middleton, Dr. G. M. Douglas.

ST. FORT ROAD.—Sir H. J. Caldwell, Bart., Messrs. Davidson, R. Cassels, F. G. Webb, A. Hamel, W. West.

LITTLE RIVER ROAD.—Messrs. J. Dinning, W. Bell, P. Langlois.

ST. LOUIS ROAD.—Colonel Sewell, Captain Rhodes, A. Young, J. Gilmour, A. B. Hamel, J. Wright, J. Porter, J. Ross, P. Wilson.

BEAUFORT ROAD.—Mr. J. Mussen.

At a subsequent meeting of the Committee, Sir H. J. Caldwell, Bart., was elected President of the Society, Captain Rhodes, First Vice-President and Secretary, R. Coles, Esq., Second Vice-President and Treasurer, M. W. West, Esq., Third Vice-President.

Orders have been sent to Guernsey to import an Alderney Bull and Cow, about three years old.

The following order for seeds was agreed upon, to be sent for to Scotland :—

Oats, (Hopetown,) 25 bushels; barley, (chevalier, bright,) ditto; wheat, (black sea,) one quarter; do. (golden drop,) ditto; pea, (large gray field,) 4 bushels; early horse beans, ditto.

A letter was read from A. C. Webster, Esq., of Meadowbanks, near Montreal, enclosing samples of a very fine variety of wheat, and of the mazajan horse bean, which were highly approved of, and orders have been forwarded for a small quantity of both seeds. The Lower Canada Agricultural Journal having been recommended to the favourable notice of the Society, several members enrolled themselves subscribers, and it was resolved that a copy of these proceedings be forwarded to that Journal.

W. RHODES,

Vice-President and Secretary.

Beremore, March 24th, 1849.

GROWTH OF FLAX.

SIR,—The importance of the cultivation of Flax, as regards Canada, having been frequently adverted to and advocated in your Journal, it may be interesting to many of your readers to know the exertions that have been made in New Zealand by the new settlers there, to introduce the regular cultivation of that article for export to Europe, and for that purpose I transcribe a passage from a new work of Mr. Petre's, written in 1841, embracing this and other subjects relative to the Colony of New Zealand:

"The native hemp, or *phomium tenax*, is the article of local produce, which of all others can, with least delay, and least capital, be rendered fit for export in large quantities. It can be procured in a state fit for making cordage within six months from the present time, if an adequate capital be immediately raised, and proper machinery be erected and set to work.

"It can be prepared in any required quantity