

AGRICULTURE IN CANADA.

It appears, from an article in the September of the *Genesee Farmer*, that the Editor of that paper has been on a tour through Canada, and has embraced the occasion as he terms it, "in watching the want of progress in agriculture with considerable interest;" and among other things, has taken the freedom of dictating to the Canadian farmer *what will have to be done* before much progress will be made. He also states, that more thorough and successful efforts must be made to circulate intelligence, by means of *spirited and interesting agricultural papers*; and for this purpose their papers must be better conducted, as well as better patronized.

We are at all times willing to receive counsel and advice from such of our fellow countrymen as are qualified for the task, but for foreigners to take upon themselves the office of dictating to us, how we shall proceed in the management of our own affairs, is more than we can conveniently brook—to be plain, we do not thank Mr. Bateham for his freedom, and we consider the hasty manner in which he has passed judgment upon Canadian agriculture, and his style of jumping at conclusions, a downright insult upon the Canadian farmers—a class to which we have the honor to belong. Although we have no desire to assume the honour of being "leader," of the agricultural classes, still we have faith in our own ability and experience, to conduct an Agricultural Journal, as well as any other person on this continent, notwithstanding Mr. Bateham's opinions to the contrary. As long as the Canadian public are satisfied with the character of our magazine, so long shall we publish it, if we be spared; and we doubt not but that agricultural improvement will progress as rapidly in this country, in proportion to the intelligence and wealth of the people, as it will do, or has done in the United States, under such leaders as Mr. Bateham, who has been very justly styled, by the sagacious Editor of the *central New York Farmer*, 'a gentleman of leisure,' or, in other words, a farmer in theory. We assure Mr. B. that our removal to our farm, need not create any uneasiness in his breast, so far as the well-management of the *Cultivator* is concerned, as every discriminating mind must be sensible of the advantages that must accrue from the arrangement that we have lately made. We fancy that the columns of the *Cultivator* will afford evidence of the benefits that must follow from having so closely connected ourselves with the farming interests and operations. We shall, in future sustain no pecuniary loss, and our mind will be so completely unshackled from the bustle of a city life, that entire freedom will be given to our pen, in communicating to others practical advice upon husbandry.

Mr. Bateham very justly complains of our neglecting to give him credit for the excellent article we copied from his journal *The Agricultural Society of the*

Midland District, at a late meeting, had their attention drawn to Mr. Bateham's remarks upon Canadian Agriculture, and publicly noticed the very unbecoming manner in which he expressed himself towards us, for not having given him credit "for three whole pages of his Editorial articles." They judged rightly of the cause which led to that omission, which was an oversight on the part of the printer, the Editor being at a distance at the time of publishing, and had not therefore the opportunity of reading the proof sheet.

HOME DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SHOW.

The public, through the medium of this Journal, have been informed, on various occasions, that on the 8th and 9th instant an Agricultural Show would be held, at the West End of this City, to be conducted on a more magnificent scale than anything of the kind that has heretofore taken place in British America. The pertinent information to the Agriculturists of this District was published by us upon the good faith of certain proceedings of the Home District Society, which transpired last winter and in the spring, which proceedings went forth to the public through the columns of the *Cultivator* as Editorial remarks, and not in the shape of official documents emanating from the District Society. Through some cause unknown to us, the Secretary of the Home District Agricultural Society has not been in attendance at any of the annual quarterly or other meetings of the Society for the past twelve months, and, probably, through this circumstance alone may be attributed the total absence of officially-published proceedings of the Society during that period.

The most important parts of those proceedings were, the establishment of Township Branch Societies, and the appropriation of a large sum of money for a General Autumn Show. Township Societies were formed upon the plan proposed, and the President and Vice-President of the District Societies assisted in their organization, and entered into a full explanation of the nature and objects of the plan, that the District and Township Societies should be connected, to the entire satisfaction of the respectable assemblage of farmers, who had met to organize themselves, as they supposed, into Branch Societies. At a general meeting of the Society a quorum of directors being present, and also the President, Vice-President, and Treasurer, it was resolved "That on the 8th and 9th of September next, a grand District Show shall be held on the St. Leger Race Course, west end of Toronto, and the members of the Township Branch Societies shall be competitors in common with the members of District Society." This announcement was published by us, together with a list of prizes, amounting in all to £150, which list was made out by the President of the Society, W. B. Jarvis, Esq., the Vice-President, Edward W. Thompson, Esq., Warden of the District, and the Treasurer, W. Atkinson, Esq., and by others subsequently submitted to a meeting of the Directors, which received their approval and hearty concurrence. Circumstances having rendered it necessary that we should remove to our farm, in the early part of last summer, and consequently could not make it convenient to attend to any Agricultural meeting or watch over their proceedings in any form, unless assisted by written documents, sent to our address. Our readers may form some idea of our surprise when we were presented with a Show Bill, printed only a few days before the day appointed for the great display, in which Bill or Advertisement, many

of the most important items were omitted and only about one half of the amount of premiums published, that were agreed upon by the Directors of the Society. In reading the regulations for the day, this astonishment was considerably increased when perusing the following paragraph:—

"No person shall be allowed to compete for any of the above Premiums unless he shall have been a member of this Society at least four months previous to the day of the Fair, or pay the sum of fifteen shillings on entering his stock, &c."

We leave this matter, for the present, without further comment, trusting that the farmers of this old and wealthy District will not allow any irregularities that may have taken place in the management of the District Society, to damp their zeal in the furtherance of the progress of Agricultural improvement. It is clear that an explanation must be made by those who instigated the change, and we trust that it may be done to the satisfaction of all parties concerned.

WHITBY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE FAIR AND SHOW OF THE WHITBY BRANCH OF THE HOME DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY will be held on WEDNESDAY, the 16th of October, 1844, at OSHAWA, when the following prizes will be awarded:—

For the best Ram	£0 15 0
2nd best do.	0 10 0
3rd best do.	0 10 0
Best Ram Lamb	0 15 0
2nd best do.	0 10 0
3rd best do.	0 5 0
Best bred Ewe	0 12 6
Best pen of three Ewes, not thorough-bred	0 12 6
2nd do.	0 7 6
Best Bull Calf	1 0 0
2nd do.	0 10 0
Best Heifer Calf	0 15 0
2nd do. do.	0 10 0
3rd do. do.	0 5 0
Best Fat Ox, Cow, Steer, or Heifer	0 15 0
2nd do.	0 10 0
Best Boar	0 15 0
2nd do.	0 10 0
3rd do.	0 5 0
Best Sow	0 10 0
2nd do.	0 7 6
3rd do.	0 5 0
Best sample Winter Wheat, not less than one bushel	0 15 0
2nd do.	0 10 0
Best sample Spring do.	0 15 0
2nd do.	0 10 0
Best do. of Oats	0 10 0
2nd do.	0 5 0
Best home-manufactured Coverlet	0 15 0
2nd do.	0 10 0
Best Piece of home-spun Fulsed Cloth, not less than 20 yards	0 15 0
2nd best do.	0 10 0
Best Piece of home-spun Flannel, plain or coloured, not less than twenty yards	0 10 0
2nd best do.	0 5 0
Best twenty pounds of butter	0 10 0
2nd best do.	0 5 0
Best twenty pounds of cheese	0 10 0
2nd do. do.	0 5 0
Best dozen of Corn Brooms grown and manufactured in the township	0 10 0
2nd do. do.	0 5 0
Best piece of Turnips, not less than half an acre	0 10 0
2nd do. do.	0 7 6
3rd do. do.	0 5 0

*. All Persons who are not Members of the Society offering any of the above articles for Competition are required to pay 10s Entrance.

JOHN KITSON, Secretary.