

The Canadian Agriculturist for 1852.

We are happy to inform our readers and the public, that arrangements have been made by the Proprietor of this journal with the Board of Agriculture, which will ensure its continuance in an enlarged and much improved form, without enhancing its price. The prize essays received by the Board, with a condensed statement of all the Reports sent in by the Agricultural Societies of Upper Canada, will form a novel, and it is believed, most useful feature of this work. We shall confidently look for such an increased circulation, as will render the *Agriculturist* profitable for the future, whatever it may have been in the past. Upon the Farmers themselves will mainly depend the result. Full particulars will be given in our next.

Library of the Board of Agriculture.

The Secretary acknowledges the receipt of a donation of books, consisting of 3 vols. of *British Husbandry*, English Edition, from Wm. McDougall, Esq. As the formation of an Agricultural Library is a matter of much convenience and utility, any works having reference to Agriculture or its cognate branches, whether new or old, will be thankfully received.

The New Agricultural Statute will be found on another page, and should be closely examined by Officers of Agricultural Societies, previous to the annual meetings of Township and County Societies, which must now be held, pursuant to law, in the months of January and February respectively.

✂ We request the particular attention of our readers to the two papers which occupy a prominent place in our present number. Mr. Treadwell's article presents a pleasing and truthful picture of the general progress of Canada; inspiring yet brighter hopes for the future. Mr. Ruttan's paper embraces a subject in which man, and indeed, domesticated animals in general, have a deep concernment. No animal breathing by lungs, can live out healthfully the natural span of its existence, without a constant supply of pure, and sufficient air; and the public are largely indebted to Mr. Ruttan for the close and long attention which he has paid, and we believe, in a great measure, successfully, to the most economical and efficient system of warming and ventilating buildings suited to the climate of this country. We hope shortly to be able to lay before our readers a description of Mr. Ruttan's patent apparatus, illustrated by engravings.

Canada; Past, Present, and Future. Toronto, THOMAS MACLEAR, 45, Yonge Street.

The fifth and sixth parts of this truly valuable publication are lying before us, and well do they sustain the high character for utility and correctness that has been deservedly earned by their predecessors. Part fifth is embellished with an engraved title page to Vol. I; containing a well executed vignette, representing that stupendous phenomenon of nature—Niagara Falls. This part comprises the remaining

description of the County of York, and the whole of Simcoe; with the continuation of a copious business Directory, which, when completed, will embrace the whole Province; and cannot fail to be exceedingly useful to other classes of the community, as well as the commercial. Part sixth, contains, of the neatly executed series of maps illustrating the work, one for the Counties of York and Simcoe, in which the Township lines and principal places are clearly defined. The letterpress embraces a description of the Counties of Waterloo, Huron, Perth and Bruce—a portion of Canada, enjoying a mild, salubrious climate, and possessing a soil of almost inexhaustible fertility. While this publication abounds in facts, amounting to absolute demonstration of the rapid progress and immense resources of this young and extensive country; we regard the scrupulous care and ability evinced in the descriptive and statistical portions of the work, and the style in which it is "got up," as highly creditable to Canadian art. We would urge on our readers to purchase and read the book themselves, assuring them that there is more to be learned about this rising country than the most sanguine can imagine; and when they have done this, we would advise them to send the book to their friends in Old Fatherland, to enlighten the darkness and remove the doubts, which unhappily prevail there to an extent, as astonishing as it is unpardonable, with regard to the climate, natural capabilities, and social progress of this portion of Her Majesty's dominions.

Adelaide Academy.

This Seminary for the Education of Young Ladies, under the direction of Mr. & Mrs. Hurlburt, has just been removed to the capacious residence, for many years occupied by the Hon. Robt. Baldwin, in this City. The house being large and the situation pleasant and salubrious are circumstances highly favorable to the important department of physical Education; a department most intimately connected with, if not absolutely essential to, the intellectual and moral. The number of Teachers, we learn, has been increased, and other arrangements made for improving the system of Education pursued, and the reception of a larger number of pupils. The services of Mr. Carpendale, whose talents as an artist are now acknowledged by the public to be of a superior order, have been secured for Drawing, &c.; and the French language and literature are taught by a resident Parisian Lady, of undoubted attainments. What strikes us as constituting the chief recommendation of the routine of study pursued in this Seminary is the judicious blending of the useful with the ornamental. While Music, Drawing, &c., receive due attention, the more substantial and particularly useful branches of knowledge, that explain the phenomena of nature and of civil and domestic life are equally cared for; History, both civil and ecclesiastical; with the elements of chemistry and natural philosophy, and the more useful and interesting portions of the wide field of Natural History are very properly included in the course of instruction. And we cannot augur otherwise than well for the mental and moral habits induced by a system of Education—applicable equally to both sexes—which embraces the evidences of Natural and Revealed Religion under such guides as Butler and Paley.