

receiving unquestionable testimony of the great interest created throughout the country for the improvement of Agriculture. There is a most anxious desire manifested for the establishment of Agricultural Schools and Model Farms, where the youth of the country would receive a suitable and useful education, and be instructed in the practical art of Agriculture. From every section of the country where the *Agricultural Journal* is sent, the most encouraging letters are received of the good it is producing, by creating a spirit for enquiry, and an anxiety to introduce a better and more profitable system of farming. This is exactly the object of publishing the *Journal*, and we confidently hope that the Society, at whose instance it is published, will not be disappointed, but will ultimately have the satisfaction to see their laudable and disinterested efforts for the good of the country successful beyond their most sanguine expectations.

We have to apologize to our subscribers and the members of the Lower Canada Agricultural Society, for our neglect in not referring to the Rules and Regulations of the Society, before we gave notice, in the last number of the *Journal*, for the Annual General Meeting of the Society, to take place on the 15th of March last. We had forgotten that the Annual Meeting was only to take place during the Session of the Provincial Parliament. This Rule was made in order to have the benefit of the presence and advice of the members of the Legislature at the Annual Meeting. There was no idea at that time of the changes that have subsequently taken place. The meeting did not, of course, proceed to any business. When Parliament meets, notice will be given for the Annual Meeting of the Society, and then the Rule may be altered so as to admit of the Annual Meeting taking place whenever the Society may think proper. The Directors and Officers elected at the last Annual Meeting remain in office for the present.

We have been much disappointed by not being able to procure a satisfactory translation of two or three valuable communications, which appeared in the March number of the *French Agricultural Journal*, and which we expected should appear in the April number of the *English Journal*. We find it much more difficult to make a good translation of French into English, than of English into French. We hope our respected correspondents will write to us in English the next time, and we shall have no difficulty in translating into French. We still expect to be able to have a good translation, in English, of some of the correspondence which appeared in the last *French Journal*.

We have received a letter from a Subscriber at Eaton, respecting the Course of Agricultural Lectures delivered at Albany, in January last, by Professor Johnson. We beg to acquaint him, that we have requested copies of those Lectures, when published, and when we receive them, we shall be better prepared to reply to his further enquiry. In the meantime we shall see what would be the charge for 100 copies of the Lectures, by the publishers at Albany or New York. They could not fail to be most valuable for circulation.

Common, or the most inferior oil, is said to be a good top dressing for heavy clay land under meadow—40 gallons is mixed with 120 bushels of screened soil, and the mixture is allowed to remain for one month before it is applied. It is said to be equal to 40 bushels of bones and 80 bushels of burned soil, as top-dressing for an acre.

TO DRIVE AWAY RATS.—Mix one shilling's worth of Spanish flies in a bottle of the best French brandy; cork it well, and after shaking deposit the brandy in smocking dung; let it remain six weeks, and it will be fit for use. A few drops of this liquid is said to entice them from their holes into any kind of trap you may choose to employ. I have not used the remedy myself, but it is well worth a trial.—*A Subscriber.*