

may not have seen them. It is rather a dull task to be forever confined to writing or reading on one subject, and we hope subscribers will not find fault with us for changing the subject in this instance. We find we have forgotten to state, that a carriage road has been cut from the Clifton Hotel down to the lowest shore of the river, at the Ferry, that answers the purpose extremely well at that point for gaining access to the lowest bank of the river.

We beg to thank a correspondent for the list about inserting in our January number, a list of the different District Agricultural Societies in Lower Canada, with the number of Members, and the amount of the Parliamentary Grant received by them, as the simplest way of shewing what interest is actually taken by the inhabitants in so wide a source of prosperity to the country. With a view to conveying out this idea, we should be glad to be timely informed by the Secretaries of local Associations what minor or *Branch* Societies have sprung from each district or present stock and are successfully co-operating therewith.—

We have much interest in reading the Report, published in the Mark Lane Express, of the County of Rutland great Ploughing match, which took place at Great Casterton near Stamford in that county, on the 8th of October last. Such a ploughing match would be worth looking at. We give a short extract of the proceedings, with a speech of the manufacturer of the Rutland wheel plough; Allen Ransome Esq., of Ipswich. Ploughing matches are calculated to produce much good, but there should be trials of the various ploughs in common use, and if possible, on various qualities of soil. Some ploughs that would be well adapted to light soil, might not be so suitable on heavy soil. While light soil might readily be ploughed with a light plough, and two horses of moderate size, it might require two larger sized horses, or perhaps more power, and a stronger plough, to plough heavy strong soil. There is generally

a trial on light and heavy soil in the Old Country at ploughing matches, and it should be so in Canada, if it was possible, to show in the most satisfactory manner, the best implements, and the necessary power of draught, on various qualities of soil. When a farmer sees a ploughing match on light and easy ploughed land, who knows that he has land of quite a different quality, requiring much greater animal power to plough it, he concludes that such ploughing matches are no example to him, and returns home with the conviction that he cannot make any alteration in his mode of ploughing, as a light plough and two moderate sized horses, could not work his strong soil. Whatever may be done by County Agricultural Societies, if there should be a District or Provincial ploughing match, there should be a trial with all sorts of ploughs in general use, as they are generally used and on at least light soils, and heavy clay lands, and if farmers could not bring their ploughs, there should be means adopted to have the ploughs brought there and worked at the expense of the District or Provincial Societies. The best, and most suitable implements are of the greatest consequence to agriculturists, and to the country, and every means should be adopted to discover which are the best and most suitable ploughs in various situations and circumstances, where they may be employed. If one plough is better than another let it be fairly proved in open competition and not upon the interested recommendation of the party who recommends it. There is another circumstance of great importance, that implements should be easy to keep in good order, and that the farmers should not be subjected to high bills of tradesmen, for annual repairs, as they frequently are in Canada. In a late Report of an English Farm, of 740 acres of land, and more than 500 acres of it in tillage—28 work-horses kept, 12 ploughs, and a large number of carts, waggons, and other implements, the contract made with the blacksmith for several years past to keep up the whole establishment, was only £50 annually, and the far-