

pay every expense of publishing between three and four thousand of the Journal annually for distribution. This amount could scarcely be felt as a sacrifice by the poorest farmer in Canada. If only 2000 farmers were to subscribe (out of the vast number) one dollar annually it would support the Journal, and enable the Society to distribute gratuitously, 1000 copies to country schools and in any other way that might be thought expedient. If this appeal to the agricultural population and their friends is not responded to, there is little hope of being able to effect much good by the Journal, however well it may be got up. The farmer who would not contribute five shillings annually to such an object, whether he might benefit by it or not, cannot feel much interest in the general improvement of Canadian agriculture; indeed we very much doubt whether he would desire to improve his own system of husbandry, but would rather practice a defective system, than introduce an improvement at any other's suggestion than his own. To any other class than the agricultural, it would appear an absurdity, if they were to forego the advantage of subscribing to a Journal that would contain much useful information referring to their business or profession at the small sum of five shillings annually. We know perfectly well, that much of what is termed "Book Farming" is worthless, and only calculated to lead inexperienced farmers into error—but we are equally certain that much good may be derived from the perusal of agricultural works, and that the best instructed farmers are the most likely to perceive these advantages and profit by them—chiefly because they are able to appreciate at once, any suggestions or information, which they know by their experience to be reasonable, and entitled to a fair trial. If only one farmer in a parish will have the good sense to do this, it will lead others to inquiry and experiment, and thus improvement would probably extend where most required. We have great hopes from the

interest manifested by the clergy for the publication of this Journal, that through their support and recommendation to their parishioners, a large amount of good will be effected. So long as we are connected with the Journal, we trust not one sentence will be inserted in its columns, that would prevent the support of this most respectable class of the community. We shall be equally careful to avoid all party or political questions. Our aim shall be to recommend Agriculture in the strongest terms we can employ, as the chief basis of all the wealth and prosperity this country can attain to, and therefore that it should be improved to the uttermost it is capable of, by every possible means. To effect this improvement we shall submit our own humble suggestions, and collect all the useful information in our power from every source at our disposal. If we are not able by this means, and the assistance of our Correspondents, to make a Journal of nearly 400 pages, worth five shillings annually to any man engaged or interested in Agriculture, we shall be very little satisfied with our fitness to act in the capacity of Editor to it. We now appeal to all who approve to give the most satisfactory proof of their approbation by subscribing to the Journal for this year. This will be the unmistakable standard by which to ascertain the estimation in which the Journal is held by all who take it or read it. We certainly cannot flatter ourselves that it will be estimated very highly, if much more than a sufficient number of paying subscribers will not be found to support it, and not allow the Society to suffer one shilling loss in its publication. It is very disagreeable to us to occupy so much space on this subject, but what is the advantage of publishing this periodical, at a considerable expense, if those proposed to be benefited by it, will not think it worth paying the small amount of five shillings annually for it. We expect not to have occasion again to write one sentence on this subject, but on the contrary, to have the satisfaction of thankfully acknowledging the favour