

secondary perhaps, that have prevented the Journal from being read, and consequently of meriting the sympathies of Canadians, in many of the Parishes.—Certain Post-Masters appropriate the Journals which are addressed to persons temporarily absent, as well as those which are sent to persons, who, according to them, take little interest in them. They satisfy themselves with this reasoning, and appropriate to themselves the Journals which do not belong to them, and which, if refused by the parties to whom they are addressed, should be returned to the Editor's office.

Another circumstance which prevents the dissemination of the Journal in some localities, which is so liberally offered to the agricultural class, is as follows: It is thought expedient to address, *gratis*, copies of the Journal to the School Commissioners in each Parish. In acknowledgement of this favor, and to meet the views of those interested in the publication, as well as to create a taste for the science in those who attend the schools, the Commissioners should read the Journal with care, cause it to be read by their neighbours, as well as circulate it in the schools. In this way parents and their children would become initiated and instructed; and it is the duty of those who are capable of doing so, to point out to them its very great importance; while they may shew them by familiar examples, how much their success as farmers will depend upon the acquisition of such knowledge as the Journal contains.

The course pursued, however, is very different from the above. In certain quarters, to which Journals are sent, addressed to the Commissioners of Schools, they are received by the Secretary, and by him *thrown aside*. Assuredly men who act in so negligent a manner, merit not only the animadversions of those interested in the publication, but the censure of the country at large.

In other parishes the parcel containing copies of the Journal has the misfortune to fall into the hands of one of the Commissioners, who appropriates them to himself, forgetting that they were addressed to the "Commissioners of Schools", and were not intended for his exclusive use, but for the use of his Colleagues as

well, and to be by them handed over to their successors in office.

Are they not greatly culpable, who, with a guilty indifference, or an interested view, deprive their Colleagues of the pleasure of reading an interesting publication, and families from receiving instruction, which is so liberally offered to them, from an independent source?

The interest which is shown every where on behalf of the Journal, and which has up to this time sustained it, will probably put an end to the employment of unfaithful public functionaries, whose conduct indicates an unscrupulous want of zeal, in the performance of their duties towards the public.

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*To the Editor of the AGRICULTURAL JOURNAL.*

SIR,—I am a practical farmer, who is desirous of improving himself and others, and have for some time been a regular subscriber to your valuable Journal, from which I have derived much information and benefit, both in the theory and practice of Agriculture, and it gave me no little uneasiness, when I read in one of your last numbers, that you would likely be constrained soon to discontinue its publication, for the want of support! This shews in too glaring a light to require comment, the apathy of the farmers of Canada East, and especially of the "Agricultural Societies," who should set the example to individuals by each of them subscribing for, from 50 to 100 copies, for distribution as prizes at their respective annual exhibitions, for the dissemination of that knowledge which is so necessary to practical farmers, and the encouragement and advancement of agriculture generally; but especially in the Lower Province, where the system, if system it can be called, is vicious beyond degree, not only among our "French brethren," but among most of those who are called—"Old Countrymen."

The Legislature should, in justice to the "Farming Interest" of Canada, grant a handsome annual aid to the *Agricultural Journal*; this would be a far more judicious and beneficial an appropriation of a portion of the "Public Moneys," for the encouragement of Agriculture, than the grant accorded to most of our Societies, when the manner the moneys are generally dis-