

New-Brunswick has voted £10,000 for its Roads and Internal Communications, besides 4000*l.* for Fish Bounties, 1000*l.* to meet the expenses of a Survey of a Route for a Canal from the Bay of Fundy to the Gulph of the St. Lawrence, and other sums for purposes of Education, Agriculture, the establishing of Light-houses, &c. &c.

Banks, Marine and Fire Insurance Companies, Mechanics Libraries, Agricultural Societies, Associations to improve the Navigation of Rivers, for Hospitals, for Steam Navigation, and for numerous other public or benevolent purposes have been established or formed; and indeed as ardent a spirit for improvement exists as any where else, or as can be desired. The only doubt is as to the best and most economical manner, and the opportuneness of time, for carrying the improvements contemplated into effect.

MONTREAL.

AGRICULTURAL REPORT FOR APRIL 1825.

Come gentle Spring, ethereal mildness come;
And from the bosom of yon dropping cloud,
While music walks around, viol'd in a shower
Of shadowing roses, on our plains descend — THOMPSON.

The early breaking up of the ice, in the River St. Lawrence and mild weather of the last month, gave a hope of an early seed time, but experience might teach those biased by such opinions, that they were fallacious. It is very rare that any operations in Agriculture take place in this District before the 15th, and with the favourable appearance of the last, and part of the present month, no operations took place before the 18th. Wheat was then sowed, but the frosty nights prevented the soil being harrowed until late in each day, and little labour was done until the 23d. On the 27, 29th and 30th the weather became wet, and prevented the working of the harrows, therefore perhaps there is not two thirds of the seed wheat under cover. — The ploughs have been well employed to the close of the month. Some sanguine minds anticipate, that more wheat than usual might be raised this year, on account no doubt, of the Bill before the Imperial Parliament, being favourable to the exportation of that grain. Indeed were the Canadian Merchants to refuse to purchase the Canadian Farmers dirty wheat, that hope might be indulged, and a good sample would then be produced on the market, but such is the want of discrimination, that they receive it full of seeds of weeds, and its character is thereby depreciated, in the foreign market. There is no doubt but good clean Canadian wheat would find a ready sale in the Scotch market, on account of its dry quality, as also in the low Counties of England, the Millers of those places find an advantage to mix it with their wheat, in order to enliven their flour, the Bakers find it makes a more handsome loaf when applied in that way. However the advantage of a home market should not be overlooked. For some years past the Brewers and Distillers have done much for the farmers and it would not be amiss to provide a full supply for those establishments. It is evident the West India market will have a greater latitude, therefrom less rum may be expected here, which will create a greater demand for native spirits. There is reason to believe that mills will be erected to manufacture oat-meal, which will increase the demand for Poland Oats, the growth of which, has been greatly extended of late years, and the meal from that description of grain, will be so superior to that imported from the States, that it cannot come in competition with it. The feeding of Cattle for the market, was largely entered into the past winter, the market was never better supplied with fine beef than the present spring, but the low price, has not remunerated the feeders, for their trouble. The winter has caused full six months feeding at the home stud, and there is little prospect of a full bite in the field, for some time to come, therefore stock is generally thin through the District. Grass fed beef, cannot be expected until late in the season, as vegetation is progressing very slow. There has been very little maple sugar made this season, from the weather being mild, and cloudy during the period for its manufacture. The price of labour continues very high and that for the productions of the soil very low if may be excepted.