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**Reports.**

**COMPETITION OF AGRICULTURAL MERIT.**

*Report of the Judges.*

To the Hon. the Commissioner of Agriculture,  
 Quebec.

SIR,

We, the undersigned, the judges of the provincial Competition of Agricultural Merit, have the honour to present to you our annual report.

Our tour of inspection through the fourth region, comprising the counties of Pontiac, Ottawa, Argensteuil Nord, L'Assomption, Montcalm, Joliette, Berthier, Maskinongé, St-Maurice, Trois-Rivières, and Champlain, was highly interesting.

The weather, throughout the whole of our tour, was charming.

Hilarity reigned over the entire population; the crops were abundant, and every one was actively occupied in getting them in.

We are delighted to be able to say with truth that much skill and intelligence were manifested in the work done. Agricultural information is widely spread, and has borne good fruit; and a system of cultivation suited to the seasons, the land, the markets, etc., is being carried out with much sagacity and foresight. There is, therefore, evidence of a considerable amount of progress, both intellectual and material.

Still, the greater the improvement in farming, the greater were the demands we made, and we may truly say here that the same prizes to-day require the manifestation of more excellence than they required formerly.

The scale of 100 marks, which serves as a basis