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The Lower Canada Agricultural Society have been organized with the object of advancing the prosperity of the country, and as the means of effecting this, they endeavour to promote the improvement that is necessary in our general system of Agriculture. As a commencement, they have, at considerable expense, published an Agricultural Journal for the past year, and this second number for this year. There is no desire in publishing this Journal to do away the present system of Agriculture, and propose an entirely new one that is unknown and unproved here by farmers. The Journal shall only propose improvements in the present system of husbandry, where they are manifestly required, and recommend these improvements by stating the results that have been obtained from certain systems of cultivation in other countries. Any farmers who are satisfied with their own modes of farming, and that no improvements are required, should, by all means, continue their present system, and we can assure them they can very well afford to pay for this Journal, if only to prove to their own satisfaction, that they already understand and practice a superior system of Agriculture to any we could propose to them. We may give insertion to selections from Agricultural publications, but if these selections are good, we know they will not be rejected by sensible men. This Journal is purely Agricultural, and does not contain any political matter; it cannot, therefore, be objectionable on this ground. It would appear most extraordinary why any publication of this nature should want for the

unanimous support of every farmer in Canada. It is exclusively devoted to their interest, and open to their communications on any subject connected with Agriculture, and all this for five shillings per annum. We are not so very modest as not to say that we know some single numbers of the Journal to be worth more than five shillings to any farmer who was not under a particular vow not to be instructed by anything he ever sees in print. We cannot understand why farmers do not unite together to promote improvement, and support the general interests of Agriculture. Experienced farmers, if they feel convinced that they are perfect in the art and practice of Agriculture, cannot reasonably object to this Journal, if it is not all they would think necessary to make it useful, because we have constantly invited them to contribute to its columns to make it useful to their brother farmers, if they desire the general improvement of Canadian Agriculture. No one can for a moment suppose there is any other object in publishing this Journal, but that we have stated—the improvement and prosperity of Agriculture. It is the medium of communication and means of connection between the Lower Canada Agricultural Society and the Agricultural classes. Why, then, we would beg to inquire, should it not be made a useful publication, and obtain the support of every farmer in Lower Canada, if there is only one individual in the family who can read it? We can promise it shall not, while under the present management, ever contain a line on politics, or that will interfere with religious opinions.