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The following Circular will show the opinion entertained towards our journal by a gentleman who stands foremost in the ranks of the "social band" who are exerting their influence in promoting the agriculture of the Province. We take this favourable opportunity of assuring him, as well as all others, who have kindly lent us their aid, that nothing shall be left undone on our part, to make **THE BRITISH AMERICAN CULTIVATOR** the best practical agricultural paper on this continent. If, however, the support which we receive be of that character which will tend to cripple our exertions, and have for its end serious losses, both of money and time, the public need not expect that its pages will be embellished with costly engravings, or that its original matter will be characterized with as much spirit as though it had been handsomely patronized. It has been a little upwards of sixteen months since the first number of **THE CULTIVATOR** was ushered before the Canadian public, and during the whole of that period, the actual losses which we have individually sustained in publishing, travelling, and postage expenses, besides other trifling incidental expenses, have equalled no less a sum than seven shillings and sixpence per day, on an average. No selfish motive actuated us when we entered the field as an agricultural writer, and we still feel no desire to make a fortune out

of the business, and would have been satisfied were the profits equal to the losses which we have sustained, per day,—this, we would consider fair mechanical wages, and much less than we could obtain at other employment; but as practical and theoretical farming have ever been our hobby, we would employ our services in the business we are at present occupied, and be satisfied with fifty per cent. less than we could earn at other employments.

Since we commenced the present volume, many of our best friends have advised us to draw the publication to a close, and lose that which we have already lost, rather than make further sacrifices. Independent of this friendly advice, we have resolved to see the end of the second volume, and we may weather the storm, so as to be enabled to see the close of the third volume; if it should then prove a losing affair, we may safely take leave of the farmers, without leaving it in their power to say that a fair chance was not given them to support our enterprise:—

CIRCULAR.

Cobourg, March 8th, 1843.

SIR,

The agricultural paper accompanying this letter has been procured by the county of Northumberland Agricultural Society for gratuitous distribution, for one year, from the first of January last, and it is earnestly requested that you will read it as soon as possible, and send it to your neighbour, in order that it may have the greatest possible circulation, in the hope that it may induce many to become subscribers. If the names of such as may wish to become subscribers be left with John Steele, Esq., Vice-President, Colborne, or Donald McTavish, Esq., Secretary Grafton, or with the undersigned at Cobourg, and the sum of two shillings and sixpence currency in money, the paper may be had from the commencement of the present volume, on the credit of the society. If two or three neighbours would join, the expense would be so trifling that I anticipate every farmer and gardener in the county will procure the reading of it, if it be only for the benefit of the rising generation. I sincerely believe that a good agricultural paper, such as this is, attentively read, and the directions at-

tended to, is worth as much to a farmer who has fifty acres of improved land to till, as an extra labourer would be.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. RUTTAN,

One of the Vice-Presidents of the County Northumberland Agricultural Society.

To Mr. —

The above Circular was sent us for the purpose of being printed on a Circular sheet, but upon due consideration, we concluded that it would serve the object in view much better by being exhibited on the first page of our journal. It is only due to the above society to acknowledge the receipt of their subscription, which was sufficiently large to insure the advantage of the high premium which we offer societies and clubs. Other societies, we hope, will follow their example, and in future all receipts from agricultural bodies will be publicly acknowledged.

The Publisher of this journal has the painful announcement to make to his subscribers, that the services of its indefatigable and talented Editor, Mr. Evans, have been suspended, owing to the want of a sufficient support to warrant the payment of his salary, together with the disadvantage, inconvenience, and expense arising from the fact that all the manuscript and selected copy had to be sent from Montreal to Toronto by mail. Mr. Evans' talents and long experience as an agricultural writer are so well known to the Canadian public that it would be superfluous in us to dilate upon them; but we seriously lament that his name and talents could not have been coupled with **THE CULTIVATOR** so long as its continuance might prove an advantage to the Canadian farmer.

The humble individual who will in future take the whole charge of the conduct of this periodical, claims to be nothing more than a plain homespun Canadian farmer, whose interests in common with his brother farmers are inseparable, and by him shall be advocated with as much ability as his talents and experience are capable of showing.