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BOARD OF AGRICULTURE FOR LOWER CANADA.

To the Secretary of the County Agricultural Society.

SIR,—I have the honor to inform you that, in conformity with the law, the Annual Meeting of your Society must be held in December instead of January. At the said Meeting you will have to elect four persons, to be Members of the Board, in place of those who retire by rotation, viz; Hon. U. Archambault, B. Pomroy, Dr. J. C. Taché, and Dr. J. Beaubien. These gentlemen are nevertheless eligible to be re-elected. The report of election of the four Members to the Board is to be sent at once to the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture, at Ottawa.

I am also directed to remind you that your Society must be re-organized at the same time, and a copy of the proceedings of the re-organization, with the name of every office-bearer, must be sent early to this Board, to ensure publication in the Official Journal of the Board.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obdt. servant,

GEORGES LECLERE.

Montreal, November, 1865.

EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT.

OUR AGRICULTURAL AGENCY.

WE have just established, in connection with the "Lower Canada Agriculturist," and "Revue Agricole," a general agency, for the purchase and sale of everything connected with farming. Already demands have been made for stock, implements, produce and property. To these we will attend, to the best of our abilities, having secured the aid of one of our successful produce merchants in Montreal, M. Rambeau, as a partner. His store, on Commissioners street, will receive the goods, when storage will be found necessary to secure a better market. All transactions will be made on commission at a general charge of 2½ per cent. Special agreements being entered into according to circumstances, and the commission being in no case less than 50 cents. Thus, farmers from all parts of the Province will have the opportunity of consigning to us their productions, without being put to the expense of coming to the market themselves, and with the certainty of obtaining the highest price; our connections in Canada and with the States enabling us to dispose of every article to the best advantage. We advise every farmer to avail himself of our agency at once, and to send us samples of the produce, or a detailed description of the stock for sale, for we are sure to find a ready buyer at a reasonable price. Also parties wishing to purchase thorough-bred animals, or farming property, will have the fullest information from our

office with the utmost despatch. Please address the "Lower Canada Agriculturist," Montreal.

FARMER SLACK.

WE have a word to say to you, Farmer Slack—but so many of you answer to this name, that we shall have to speak quite loud to make you all hear. Well, we will talk to one of you, and the rest will then understand what we would say to all.

You say that it is hard times, and that you can't afford to subscribe for an agricultural paper. Now, you know, or ought to know, better than that. Money has never before been so plenty among farmers, since the landing of our forefathers at Plymouth Rock, and it is nothing but sheer laziness and slackness in your business that keeps you so poor. You are constantly behind time in all you attempt to do. Last spring, your neighbors' oat crops were growing fresh and green, before your oat land was plowed. It was about the same with your potatoes and corn; and how can you expect a good crop with such management?

But you are not only too late in planting—you don't half cultivate your crops, when they are up and growing. We took a look at your corn yesterday, and we found the weeds the tallest and the most thrifty. Your hired man was under the fence asleep, with his hoe by his side, and he said that you had gone off to a horse race!