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This periodical, like its predecessor, the *Cultivator*, has now been before the Canadian public several years, and cannot, we think, have failed in effecting no inconsiderable amount of benefit to the staple interest of the country. The great improvements that have been made of late in our agriculture and its cognate arts, so patriotically encouraged by legislative aid and enactments, and ably seconded by the energetic efforts of enterprising individuals and societies, must have been materially expedited by a monthly journal expressly devoted to the recording of whatever is of importance to the agricultural interest, and to the diffusing of information relative to this indispensable pursuit throughout the Province. These efforts, we believe, have hitherto been far more beneficial to the public than remunerative to the proprietors of these journals. The amount of time and expense required in preparing and publishing a good monthly agricultural paper is much greater than people in general are aware.

Arrangements have recently been completed between the proprietor of the *Agriculturist* and the Board of Agriculture, by which that work will for the future be prepared and published by the latter body. It is to be regretted that owing to causes which could not well be obviated, a temporary suspension of the paper has taken place. The completion of the last sheets of the Transactions of the Board for 1857, for the press, has, among other things, been the cause of delaying for a short time the continuation of the *Agriculturist* in connection with the first sheets of Transactions for the present year. Subscribers, however, may rest assured that every effort will now be made to bring up arrears, and that after a short interval, the work will appear punctually on the first of each month.

As three numbers of the present volume had been issued before the arrangements for transferring the work to the Board of Agriculture were completed, it has been deemed most advisable to finish the volume in the same order of numbering and paging, and of a size to correspond with the Transactions of the Board.