

that are forced by manure are not in any case so good for the table, and are much more subject to the disease. There are some varieties of the potato less liable to the rot than others, and those who plant should endeavour to obtain such varieties as they can ascertain to have succeeded best. The variety known as the cup potato are one of these, and are excellent for the table. By careful management, the potato can still be raised in moderate quantity, and we should be satisfied with that. Carrots and parsnips should be sown as early as the soil will be in a proper state to receive the seed. In a former number, we gave the mode recommended in Ireland for growing these useful roots, and we consider the same mode of cultivation may be adopted here. Mangel-wurtzel should be early sown; indeed all crops should be put in as early as possible, with the exception of wheat and Indian corn—the first should not be sown before the 20th May, and the latter not previous to the 15th of the same month. We need not observe that these works should be executed in the best manner, if good crops be expected. Top-dressing of meadows should not be neglected the moment the snow is gone. It is the opinion of many that the spring is the best time for the work. We would be disposed to prefer doing it in the fall; but, at any period, top-dressing grass land will have a good effect, and there is no way of applying manure that will pay better, where manure can be spared from cultivated crops. The farm-yard dung will be more usefully applied in this way, and to summer fallows, than to the potato crop; and should the grass land be subsequently ploughed up for grain, we believe the manure will have a better effect, put on previously, than directly applying it to the grain crop on the surface.

With pleasure we give insertion to the communication of Syllabus, and shall be glad to hear from him again. We have been most anxious for communications on Agricultural subjects, and have constantly solicited them.

We were unwilling to give a large portion of original matter, unless from correspondents. If in any part of British America, able correspondents on Agricultural subjects could be expected, we should think it would be in Montreal; but the contrary has been the fact, from some cause we do not comprehend. We trust we shall no longer have this complaint to make. We have not hitherto adverted much to the breeding of cattle, because we imagined our first attention should be directed to the better cultivation of the soil, and preparing it so as to be suitable for keeping superior stock. The improvement of our land, crops, pasturage, and cattle, may proceed together, but the improvement of cattle and sheep cannot be well accomplished, generally, unless our crops and pasturage are also improved.

*To the Editor of the AGRICULTURAL JOURNAL.*

SIR,—Being a subscriber to and reader of the Agricultural Journal, I have been somewhat surprised to find so little original matter contained in its pages. Compilations and extracts from popular works of the same kind, are certainly all very well and very proper, showing the opinions and practical experience of those whose knowledge may be of the greatest value to depend upon, in guiding and directing the operations of inexperienced farmers, or even those who may wish to study Agriculture, either as amateurs or with the view of becoming professional farmers at some future day; for every farmer who wishes to become acquainted with the whole *modus operandi* of Agriculture will be thankful for information upon any subjects, when deduced from knowledge and experience.

But what I wish to observe is that I am astonished that few or none of our practical farmers, in this quarter of the Province, have yet come forward to give the Journal the benefit of their support, by contributing practical information to its pages. It is only by information gained from experience that a perfect knowledge can be obtained upon any subject, and those who have had the most favourable opportunities of acquiring their knowledge, ought to come forward, from time to time, with something which might be both new and interesting to many who have