

away with the County Societies altogether, and to grant their monies: 1st. to increase the amounts granted to the District Societies, and, 2ndly., for the establishment of an Annual Lower Canada Provincial Show.

The grounds on which I would support this petition, are, that the counties do not contain, within themselves, persons competent to conduct a society, the total absence of the requisite number of judges, and that these societies are too local, and too much under the influence of party, to be of much public advantage. In the preparation required between the Farmer and the Provincial Show, it is necessary he should have an opportunity of trying his strength somewhere, this would be afforded him by the District Shows, and by an increase of their grants, there would be greater competition and greater difficulties in putting in force the dishonest practices, too often seen at the County Shows.

The Provincial Show to be alternately at Sherbrooke, Montreal, Three Rivers and Quebec, would act as a model of good management for the District Societies, and would be a means of instructing young judges in the merits of the different breeds, and thereby enable them to form and mature their judgment in a matter in which they must necessarily be very ill-informed.

Unless some means of this kind are adopted, I can see no probability of any very rapid agricultural improvement in Lower Canada, the great improvements in farming have been induced principally by well conducted Exhibitions, and so long as this branch of High Farming is neglected I have no hopes for the future. I cannot believe the publication of the Journal is the best and only course to be adopted by the Directors of the Lower Canada Agricultural Society; book farming is very well in conjunction with practice, but book farming alone can never make a habitant a judge of Lincolnshire Long Wools or South Downs, and without judges you can have no Exhibitions of any value, and without Exhibitions you can have no permanent Agricultural Improvement. Let the Agricultural Society of Lower Canada arise from its lethargy, show symptoms of vitality and by the aid of an influential body of such a nature, much may be done, but the want of means is no excuse for the

want of energy, *aide toi, Dieu t'aidera* is good French at Paris, and not bad advice on the present occasion.

I have the honor to be,

Mr. Editor,

Your most obedient servant,

QUEBEC.

December, 23rd, 1850.

*To the Editor of the Agricultural Journal.*

SIR,—I have long wished to obtain a Stump Extractor of strength, simple construction and at small cost. At page 87 for 1849, a description of one is given, but it appears to be complicated and the cost too great for small farmers. At page 377, same year, another description is given of an extirpator, which is said to be simple and the cost only £5. I imagine this latter is the one which was awarded the first prize at the late Industrial Exhibition in Montreal, made by N. St. Onge, St. Leon. Can you or any of your correspondents inform me if this last or any other equally simple and low priced machine for extracting stumps is for sale in Montreal?

I am, Sir,

Your obedt. servt.

AN ENQUIRER.

W. Evans, Esq.

In reply to "An Enquirer" we beg to state that the Stump Extractor of Mr. St. Onge, which obtained the prize at the Montreal Exhibition, is the only one we have seen in Montreal and may be had at Mr. Hagar's Hardware store. The one we referred to in the Journal in 1849, we have no doubt, is very superior, from the description given of it by Mr. Taché, M. P. P., but we have not seen it, nor do we believe it is to be had in Montreal. The price of Mr. St. Onge's machine is twenty dollars.

#### **THE JERSEY OR ALDERNEY COW.**

The young cow-keeper, especially if he is of the middle or upper classes of the community, and his land or other facilities for cow-keeping are of small extent, will naturally remember the Jersey, or, as it is improperly called, the Alderney cow—so small, so docile, so beautiful—and yielding such delicious milk and cream. The best of these