

Again, the formation of an agricultural library is another step which will in no small measure contribute to illustrate the use and design of the different forms and uses of these implements. The Board does not neither intend only to have a museum at Montreal, but has also voted a sufficient sum of money for a similar museum at St. Anne's, where the neighbouring counties can obtain a similar advantage to those in the district of Montreal.

The importation of animals has formed an important object of discussion by the Board, and this to the profit of the local and country societies, evinces the great interest shewn by the Board in this desirable movement. Up to the present time both individuals and societies adopted the ruinous practice of importing animals by agents, which caused a large

expenditure of their funds without any corresponding advantage. The Board have now decided to purchase any animal desired, the cost to be repaid in three years, so that the difficulty is now on the point of being surmounted, and will form one of the best means of improving the native breed of cattle.

The stallion will be with few exceptions of the Normand "Percheron" breed, which our readers may have had occasion to admire on the Armstrong battery. The engraving just given is a fair model of the breed.

Many county societies have already intimated their intention of devoting from \$600 to \$2,000 each, for this important purpose, and if the lower part of the Province is quite as sensible to the good results to be obtained, as the district of Montreal, we believe the



Stallion of the Normand "Percheron" breed.

following will be about the number of the different animals which will be imported.

Stallion Horses	30
Horned Cattle.....	30
Sheep.....	50
Swine	50

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Societies who wish to profit by this offer of the Board, should at once hasten to send in their "resolutions," and at once collect the amount of their subscriptions, so as to obtain the Government allowance in the month of May next.

The next Provincial Exhibition which will be held at Sherbrooke in the month of September, will certainly offer the best collection of animals that has yet been shown in Canada,

and will be worthy of the admiration of the numerous visitors which will no doubt visit that locality.

The importation of improved stock was not the only point discussed at the late meeting, but the importation of flax and hemp seeds furnished also an important subject of consideration, and is worthy the attention and encouragement of farmers generally. Already the government has ordered 6 machines which have to arrive on board the Montreal ocean steamer "Norwegian." The distribution of those machines ought to be equal in the two Provinces, that is if our farmers will only cultivate these plants with the same zeal as are cultivated in Upper Canada; we shall again refer to the culture of flax and hemp. The Board of Agriculture so as to encourage the