

EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT.

TRIAL OF PLOUGHS AND PLOUGHING MATCH.

THIS grand trial, which has been so long looked forward to by "crack" ploughmen and agriculturists generally throughout the Province, came off yesterday on Logan's Farm, in presence of a large assemblage of farmers from all parts of the Province. The day was all that could be desired, and the ground, to our unsophisticated eye at least, in capital order. The field, during the operations of the various contestants, presented a beautiful sight, and must have delighted the hearts of the practical men present. The ploughing match was divided into two classes, viz:

1st Class—Open to all Ploughmen from all parts of the Province. Six Prizes. 1st, \$50; 2nd, \$40; 3rd, \$30; 4th, \$20; 5th, \$15; 6th, \$10.

2nd Class—Open to all Ploughmen from all parts of the Province under 21 years old. Six Prizes. 1st, \$40; 2nd, \$30; 3rd, \$20; 4th, \$15; 5th, \$10; 6th, \$5.

There were 34 entries for men, but only 25 came forward; of these two or three gave up soon. There were fifteen entries for young men under twenty-one, of whom two left on account of the unfavourable character of the ground on the ridges to which they were assigned by lot. The work done by both classes was very good, and some of it first-rate. There were entries from Chateauguay, St. Therese, St. Laurent, Pointe Claire, the vicinity of Granby, and other places far and near. Some of the teams were very heavy, others comparatively light, and others very unequal. The ploughs were all iron or steel, of the Scotch pattern, and one of them, belonging to Mr Logan, farmer, was furnished with a pair of wheels, a novelty in this part of the country, which attracted attention and remark. About a third of the entries were French Canadian names.

The following are the winners of the different prizes:

1ST CLASS.

- 1st Prize—Xavier Gauthier, Montreal.
- 2nd do A. Norman, Riviere St. Pierre.
- 3rd do J. Kennedy, Montreal.
- 4th do Thomas Hodge, St. Laurent.
- 5th do James Muir, St. Laurent.
- 6th do A. Vannier, Cote St. Paul.

2ND CLASS.

- 1st Prize—Geo. Miller, St. Eustache.
- 2nd do R. Muir, St. Laurent.
- 3rd do T. Smith, Montreal.
- 4th do Z. Prudhomme, Montreal.
- 5th do D. Smeall, St. Laurent.
- 6th do W. Scott, Cote St. Michel.

The trial of implements gave the following results:

Ploughs for Light Soils.

- 1st Prize—M. Gregoire, St. Ours.

Ploughs for Heavy Soils.

- 1st Prize—Frs. Irving, Montreal.
- 2nd do Wm. Martin, Lachine.
- 3rd do Wm. McGrath, Chateauguay.

Threshing Machines.

- 1st Prize—M. Moodie, Terrebonne.

Cultivator.

- 1st Prize—M. Moodie, Terrebonne.

ADVICE TO NEW BEGINNERS.

IN the first place, spare no pains to establish for yourself a good character for honesty, punctually, industry and economy. If a man's credit is good, and he is in want of the loan of a few dollars, to carry on his business to a better advantage, he can readily get it; but if otherwise, the lender will keep his money and the borrower may do as he can. Never make a positive promise to pay money, or do anything else on a certain day, without some proviso. Use all endeavors to meet every engagement punctually at the time. Avoid as much as possible all jarring or differences with others; if they do arise, compromise the matter, even at some sacrifice, if it can be done; if not, leave it to a reference, and there let it end. Be particularly careful to guard against being concerned in law-suits; in most cases it is better to give up the claim than to go to law about it. It is easy to get into law, but oftentimes very hard and expensive to get out of it.

If your capital is small, begin business on a moderate scale, and as your gains and experience increase, your business may also be increased. Let speculating very much alone, and be contented with the slower but more certain profits of regular business. Avoid entirely all visionary speculative schemes, that, like the *morus multicaulis*, hold out a prospect of rapid accumulations,