

The intelligent husbandman who takes an interest in the leading improvements of the day, is of himself an invaluable settler in a new country like Canada.—We want to see every farmer intelligible, and each vicing with his neighbor, in exercising a healthful influence upon the community. The means of doing this good are accessible to all; and we wish to see every farmer avail himself of the great and inestimable privilege of conferring a lasting benefit upon himself, the nation, and his fellow-man—the means of doing which is placed within his reach upon the most easy terms. Works on agriculture have not been encouraged to any great extent in this province; but we are glad to observe that the far-seeing farmer is of late duly appreciating such publications—an evidence of which we see exemplified in the additional interest which is manifested in behalf of the *Cultivator*. We flatter ourselves that with well directed efforts on the part of the five thousand subscribers which we now have to this journal, that its circulation might be increased to twenty thousand in the course of the present winter. The work in which we are engaged is a progressive one,—both conductors and supporters must not tire in their efforts. Assuredly as much depends upon the latter as the former; and while we resolve to put forth double diligence in preparing useful matter for our readers, we desire to see a corresponding degree of effort put forth in extending its circulation. A portion of this month might very profitably be employed in extending the circulation of this journal; indeed we know of no better method for the farmers spending their Christmas holidays than by exerting their influence in creating a zeal among their neighbours for agricultural improvement. While this interest-

ing department of operations are going on, due attention will also, we trust, be given to the interests of the Common Schools. The hints we gave in our last upon this important subject will no doubt have their desired effect upon all who feel an interest in the prosperity of this favoured Province. It is to be hoped that the hints we have here dropped will be well received by a discriminating public, and that none will allow themselves to settle down in supineness and indifference when subjects of such vast importance are placed before their notice. The present is probably the most important period that Canada ever witnessed. The capitalists of England, especially those belonging to the landed interests, have their attention closely fixed to this country, and our future prosperity depends greatly indeed upon the course which its present inhabitants pursues. They have done much the past year to gain the confidence of their brethren in the mother country; and we have good reason to believe that the work of improvement so well begun will progress with rapid strides.

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The four first numbers of this work have been received, for which favor we tender our grateful acknowledgements to its venerable and talented editor. Mr. J. S. Skinner must be considered the father of the American Agricultural press, being the founder of the *American Farmer*, *Baltimore*; and since his connection with that journal, the author of a number of able treatises on agriculture, and a steady and persevering advocate of the agricultural interests.

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