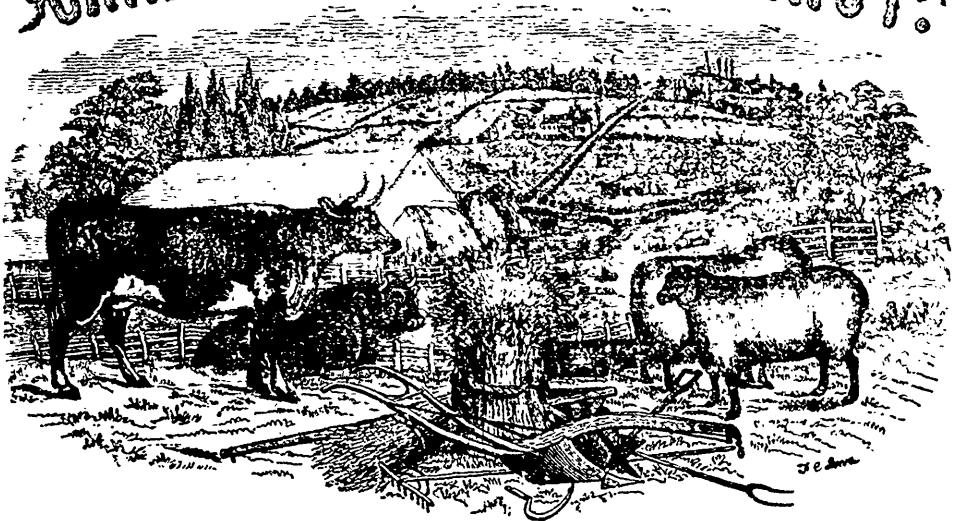


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Though it is much to be regretted that there is so little known of the wants of agriculture and so little interest taken in promoting its success by our legislators, we are encouraged to believe that by slow degrees we shall in a few years obtain a recognition of the just demands of the Canadian agriculturist. The Bill drawn up by a committee of the Agricultural Association for the establishment of a Board of Agriculture and for organizing Agricultural Societies on a better

system than the present, which is no system at all, was presented to the Government at the commencement of the session. It was read by the Attorney General West and the Inspector General, and they were both understood to approve of the measure, and promised to introduce it into Parliament. It was however entirely overlooked till within a few days of the close of the session. Finding that it was likely to be slurred over as a matter of no importance compared with bills to establish monopolies and to compel people to employ a particular class of doctors, which occupied so large a share of the attention of Parliament, Mr. McDougall, (proprietor of this paper) who drafted the Bill, determined to bring it under the notice of other members. Hon. Mr. Ross promised at once to introduce it in the Upper House. But upon his consulting with some members of the ministry they agreed to take charge of the measure in earnest, and accordingly Hon. Mr. Lesslie introduced the Bill and it was printed. At this stage a member of the Lower House who entirely misconceived the provisions of the Bill relating to the Government grant, threatened his opposition, which although at any other part of the session would have had