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### AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES.

THE importance and value of the Societies can only be estimated by a reference to similar societies in other countries, and if there is nothing in the climate or soil of New Brunswick which would prevent agriculturists from applying the same means which are acknowledged by all who are engaged in the like pursuit, we cannot suppose that they would be less likely to endeavour to render their lands productive.

With a very superficial knowledge of the modes of clearing land, we can safely say that in that particular, the people of this Province need neither assistance nor advice; but after it is cleared and brought into cultivation they are generally wanting in a proper and just appreciation of what is due to the soil. Land, like every thing else which God has permitted us to enjoy, must be cultivated, and the labor which is expended on the soil will repay not only to the uttermost farthing, but will leave the laborer his hire.

Taking this for granted (which no farmer will dispute), we can hardly offer to our readers any better advice than, that all who are interested in the Agricultural interests of this Province should meet and discuss the matters relating to their pursuits at such times as they may find most convenient

to the inhabitants of their district. County Agricultural Societies are already established in this Province, and they have been productive of much good; but were District Societies convened and identified with them, information would be elicited which would be made useful, not only to the part of the Province in which it originated, but to the country generally.

It does not require any stretch of imagination to say, that New Brunswick is capable of producing all the necessaries and some of the luxuries which are required in civilized life, and surely the cultivators of the soil ought for their own sake, and for the sake of those upon whom depend their daily bread, to adopt the measures most likely to benefit the Province and themselves.

The want of system in cropping lands is one of the most obvious and perhaps the greatest error committed by the farmer in this Province, and the remedy for this evil would be best ascertained by their meeting together and comparing the results of their experiments with those which have been tested in other parts of the world. We, in our next number, will endeavour to *prove* that such means of information and advice have been used with success in the best agricultural districts in Europe.

☞ We publish in our present number a report of the proceedings of the Sunbury Agricultural Society, and our readers will perceive that the Society complain of want of information regarding the culture of Red Clover Seed. This is an additional argument in favour of local Societies being established, and matters of this sort inquired into and discussed.

To the Editor of the Farmer's Manual.

Dear Sir,—As this is a time in which we can neither plant nor gather in the fruits of the earth, it may not be amiss for us to employ ourselves in gathering up such information connected with our business, as may enable us to prosecute it with more advantage when the proper season comes round. I would, therefore, like to put a few ques-