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THE COURIER.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 1851.

Being rather barren of political and local matter this morning, we gladly turn to a subject which we think of surpassing interest to the Province in general. We mean that of Agriculture, that which there are few subjects in the prospective relationship of Canada of more importance to her worldly interests.

To till the ground in the sweat of his brow was a part of the primeval curse pronounced against man for his disobedience to the command of his Maker; and by the benevolent care of an Almighty Providence, the tillage of the ground has become the chief source of worldly enjoyment and domestic happiness to the wandering toil-worn sons of Adam. The Agricultural holds both in peace and war, the keys of national resources in his hands, and to his intelligence in the arts of cultivation must the treasures of every country be attributed. The Missionary may push his adventurous and self-denying way into the wilderness, carrying the blessings of civilization among savage tribes and roving barbarians; the Legislature may bind hitherto insulated bodies of men together by wise laws and enlightened institutions—the Physician may adopt sanitary measures for defence against disease, and for the preservation of human life;—and the Merchant may pour the riches of a hundred foreign countries into our markets; but it is to the Agriculturist alone that we must ultimately look for the conservation and strength of the State—for the real prosperity of the Province, and the almost exclusive source of that native riches, by which nations can possibly exist for any length of time independent and prosperous. Nor need we look far to find numerous instances of agricultural influences everywhere around us. The various groups of complicated machinery which decorate the margins of our streams and rivers, one their property—any, their existence, is agriculture. The towns and villages rising in strength and populous amid the shades of the forest, have their origin in the labors of the husbandman, and but for his numerous stores, manufactures, and workshops, would have no existence. It is not a very distant period of time, amid these boundless wastes, spring had no seed time, autumn no harvest, and the summer sun shone upon a matured no field of cultivation; or all but impenetrable forest, or unproductive morass, extended over its whole surface. No wilderness had then begun, as it now has, to blossom at the root, and the head of industry and generation.

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"Oh, may it please your Royal Highness," replied the housekeeper, "she is a soldier's wife, and these people are generally bad characters."

"A soldier's wife—bad characters!" exclaimed the Prince, indignantly; "and pray, madam, what is your misfortune—engage the woman instantly."

The question to whom we referred will not surely find fault with us, if we call him a soldier, and bid him remember, that a soldier should always have a kind and soldierly feeling for a soldier's fortune; but of all should he grudge those poor men a peaceful asylum for the evening of their days, in the vicinity of Toronto, where, we have no doubt, they will become useful and industrious citizens."

WEARABLES—We would remind our readers that they will be on exhibition, as well as an evening exhibition this day.

SOFT CLOTHES OR UGLY CLOTHES—This just issue of the Inspector-General is apparently doomed already to a natural death. It is no doubt necessary and proper that, as the several Districts become more and more densely populated, certain subdivisions should necessarily take place, and that such representatives in the Assembly should, as far as possible, have about the same number of constituents to whom to accommodate for his public conduct. But where no such constitution arises, rearranged, and cut down, in the most ridiculous manner, it is certainly high time for the press on notice to step in and, if possible, rescue the community at large from so wanton an aggression. Mr. Hinde, in his speech, while he spoke of some semi-political, semi-religious, semi-social, &c., in plain language, the Bill of Mr. Hinde evidently opposed such a course, and, indeed, more than the usual and popular one of giving the King's minorities at the best advantage. Consequently our editors, and, indeed, our friends, who have no other sufficient purpose than to gratify their sense of Hinde and his friends. The result, in spite of all his efforts, is, that, in his knowledge of politics, which is no secret, he may be called, probably, a jocund, blithe, and gay character, but his head aches under a load, and he thought himself back into a purple, forgetting what a long tail behind

is understood this. Inconveniences contained the militia of Paris with all the military of Northern Europe. Its forests are incalculable, and in extent it reaches from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific, while its Southern boundary is on the 45th degree of North latitude. Yet much advantage, extensive as they manifestly are, will not, of themselves, make a great nation; they must be, of necessity, formed until brought into productive service by the energy and enterprise of the agriculturist; and there is no possible degree of improvement at which he may not arrive, if he will only assert his own dignity, look to his own interests, and move himself out of the hands of interested individuals of other professions and occupations, and claim that place for himself in the community, in the Legislature, and Councils of the country, which the practical farmer occupies in the Imperial Parliament, and in the eyes of the British nation.

The **Toronto Patriot**, with a singular want of generosity, publishes a lengthy article upon the quarter-acre allotment of the Military Reserve in the immediate vicinity of the city. One would have thought that land set apart by the Government for Military purposes, might have been appropriated by any party, more particularly since the Government seem to have taken care to send out men of good character, their qualifications or certificates of character, and to his intelligence in the arts of cultivation must the treasures of every country be attributed. The Missionary may push his adventurous and self-denying way into the wilderness, carrying the blessings of civilization among savage tribes and roving barbarians; the Legislature may bind hitherto insulated bodies of men together by wise laws and enlightened institutions—the Physician may adopt sanitary measures for defence against disease, and for the preservation of human life;—and the Merchant may pour the riches of a hundred foreign countries into our markets; but it is to the Agriculturist alone that we must ultimately look for the conservation and strength of the State—for the real prosperity of the Province, and the almost exclusive source of that native riches, by which nations can possibly exist for any length of time independent and prosperous. Nor need we look far to find numerous instances of agricultural influences everywhere around us. The various groups of complicated machinery which decorate the margins of our streams and rivers, one their property—any, their existence, is agriculture. The towns and villages rising in strength and populous amid the shades of the forest, have their origin in the labors of the husbandman, and but for his numerous stores, manufactures, and workshops, would have no existence. It is not a very distant period of time, amid these boundless wastes, spring had no seed time, autumn no harvest, and the summer sun shone upon a matured no field of cultivation; or all but impenetrable forest, or unproductive morass, extended over its whole surface. No wilderness had then begun, as it now has, to blossom at the root, and the head of industry and generation.

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The **Canada Gazette**—This publication seems to excite a growing distaste among the Canadian Press. The carelessness with which it is printed, the limited circulation which it possesses, mark it out as one of those excrements which ought to be swept away as soon as possible. We are told it costs the Province several thousand pounds annually, while all it performs might as well, at least, if not better, be done by any other journal. We shall make further inquiries upon this subject.

HARDY'S NEW MONTREAL—This Magazine, for June, just received, through the Agent, Mr. W. L. Way. We think this month's issue rather more than justifies the high character which it has already obtained, with the reading public. The continued article is well sustained, except perhaps "My Novel," let us hope, not unacquainted with Military life, and might have been pardoned for even an undue leaning towards a service in which he himself held rank. We submit, therefore, if it is not a little too hard to indiscriminately brand these poor fellows, who have served their country the best part of their lives, and whose characters, for honesty and sobriety, are unimpeachable! We are the more surprised at this, because we happen to know that, at least one of the proprietors of the *Patriot*, and also a frequent and effective writer in it, is himself not unacquainted with Military life, and might have been pardoned for even an undue leaning towards a service in which he himself held rank. We submit, therefore, if it is not a little too hard to indiscriminately brand these poor fellows, who have served their country the best part of their lives, and whose characters, for honesty and sobriety, are unimpeachable!

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The **LITERARY GARDEN**—The fine number of this interesting periodical has just reached us. It contains the usual quantum of original matter, and the interest of the tales already begun are well sustained.

JOHN HINDE—That the **CAPTAIN COLEMAN**, and **JAMES MILLER**, Esq., were then moved by **JOHN HINDE**, Esq., and seconded by Mr. E. Davis, Esq.:

That the Annual Report of the affairs of the Bank, now submitted to the Meeting, be received, adopted, and Printed, for the information of the Shareholders.

It was then moved by **CAPTAIN COLEMAN**, and **JAMES MILLER**, Esq., and seconded by Mr. E. Davis, Esq.:

That the **Thirteenth** of Captain Coleman, and **James Miller**, Esq., be removed to accept the **Postmaster-General**, in consequence of his valuable services during the late war.

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