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#### RAILROADS, CANALS, AND TURNPIKE ROADS.

Experience alone can show the vast benefit of Railroads, Canals, and Turnpike-Roads to a country. In most situations that are at any considerable distance from our principle cities and markets, they have the effect of doubling the value of property, and in some instances, even more than this. In a late visit to the rising village of Granby, we were assured by every party with whom we had communication that the advantage of the Turnpike-Road, constructed some time ago to that place, was immense, and every inhabitant in the neighborhood of the road, for a distance of over 50 miles, partakes of these advantages. The country surrounding Granby, as well as the village itself, have every appearance of rapid improvement. They have numerous saw and grist mills, and other machinery, propelled by water power. We can assure our readers there are not any symptoms of "ruin and decay," but, on the contrary, the most active industry. We found the country the whole distance interesting. The road from Longueuil to Chambly is in excellent order and undergoing repairs wherever necessary. It is studded with neat houses and barns the whole way, and the land is excellent, generally. The bridge constructed over the Richelieu, at Chambly, by John Yule, Esq., is not only highly creditable to that gentleman, but to the Province. We have never seen in any part of America so well constructed a bridge and one that is kept in such perfect order. It is not a rickety structure, put up at the least possible expense, to insure a large percentage upon the expenditure. On the contrary, no expense

appears to have been saved that was necessary to secure safety and permanency. Indeed every thing about the bridge is creditable to its owner, and is a pattern for bridge building.

The great Annual Exhibition of the Royal English Agricultural Society took place at Lewes in July last, and we copy that part of the Report of the Exhibition which we conceive may be instructive and interesting to Canadian Agriculturists. Both the live stock and implements were of very superior quality, though the attendance was not so numerous as at former Exhibitions, in consequence, it was thought, of the General Election being going on at the time. The English Society have done much for advancing agricultural improvement in England, and by following their good examples, the Provincial Society of Lower Canada might also do much good, and they have already made some progress in the work they have undertaken. We have a Society organized, and all that is necessary for their successful operation is the hearty co-operation of the members, and particularly the Directors. We cannot forego the opportunity of copying a part of the speech of Lord Palmerston at the annual dinner of the Society, and it may be read with profit by Agriculturists in Canada, if they will only act upon the excellent suggestions of the noble Lord.

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF ENGLAND.

(ABRIDGED FROM THE TIMES.)

LEWES, TUESDAY EVENING.—The annual county meeting of the Royal Agricultural Society commences at this place to-morrow. Before the prize lists of implements and stock overtake us, and while we are still fresh upon the ground, it