

APPENDIX No. 3

REPORT

Of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture, for the year 1858.

BUREAU OF AGRICULTURE AND STATISTICS,
February 1st, 1859.

To the Hon. CHAS. ALLEYN,
Provincial Secretary, &c., &c.

SIR,—The Minister of Agriculture has the honor to transmit herewith his Annual Report, in order that the same may be laid before Parliament.

In July and August last it was thought desirable to endeavor to procure reliable information with regard to the produce of the harvest just then housed. To effect this, circulars were issued by this Department to the Presidents of Agricultural Societies in both Provinces, and to very many others, requesting information as to the supply of cereals likely to be available for consumption or export. Up to the 1st October, 100 reports were received by this Department, and the result given to the public. Between that date and the 1st December twenty-nine more were received. These latter were probably more correct, as the farmers had threshed much of their grain, and had stored their potatoes.

The result of the whole may be thus stated in a few lines.

These 129 Reports are the united opinions of about six hundred of the most intelligent farmers. Very many of the queries being answered by the Municipal Councils whilst in Session.

They comprise nineteen from *Lower Canada* from thirteen Counties, and one hundred and ten from *Upper Canada* from thirty-eight Counties. Eight *E. C.* and four *U. C.* returns report that no Winter wheat, or very little, is grown.