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About one hundred volumes of books in the French language, on Agriculture, Horticulture, and Rural Economy, by the most celebrated authors, has been placed in the Rooms of the Lower Canada Agricultural Society. They form a very valuable collection, and with the books previously at these Rooms, the Society already possess, perhaps, as valuable and practical an Agricultural Library as any in North America. We do not estimate these books by the space they would occupy on the shelves of a library, but by the usefulness of their contents to farmers. The Lower Canada Agricultural Society have not yet followed the example of other Societies in holding Cattle Shows and distributing premiums amongst the best farmers in the country, but they have not been idle; nevertheless, they have endeavoured to send instruction and encouragement to improvement to every parish in Eastern Canada by this Journal, and we believe we are fully warranted in stating, that by this means they have excited a greater interest for improvement in husbandry, where it was required, than they could have effected by an annual cattle show. We do not say that cattle shows, on the plan of the great National Agricultural Societies of the British Isles, would not be desirable and useful, but we do conceive that the Journal may be productive of more usefulness where improvement is most required, without any cattle shows, than the cattle shows could produce without the Journal. If it could be accomplished to have both, as they have in the British Isles, and in the State of New York, it would undoubtedly be preferable, and

we cannot see why we should not. The Lower Canada Agricultural Society, however, have done much to awaken a spirit of improvement throughout every section of the country; and if the seed they have sown does not produce abundant fruit, it is not their fault; and paying premiums to our best farmers would not probably make the matter better, or effect the improvement where it is most required in our system of husbandry, which was the principal object of the Society's first organization. We maintain, that instruction in the science and art in agriculture—with encouragement to adopt an improved system of husbandry—is the most certain means in our power to promote the prosperity of the rural population of Lower Canada. This Journal may not be the very best mode of instruction and encouragement that could be adopted, but it is the best until there is a better, which Cattle Shows certainly would not be alone. The library of agricultural books and periodicals at the Society's Rooms contains the very best instruction in every branch of agriculture, and management of cattle, as now practiced by the best farmers on earth, and we endeavour to select the most suitable portions of their instruction for this Journal, and also the results obtained from certain modes of cultivation and management. What can be better calculated for instruction and encouragement? Nothing that we know of, except Model Farms properly conducted. This would be more practical than any Journal could be, and this we have constantly endeavoured to recommend. Let the true friends of agricultural improvement in Lower Canada