

do that. If it were not for our meadows, which are annually overflowed, we should have but a sorry crop, I assure you. The old crop is all gone, and as there will be none left over, hay will command a good price. Those who are fortunate enough to have a few loads left on hand, will do well to hold on to it. Our other crops are from fair to middling.—*Conn. Cor. of Brooklyn Gazette.*

The Canadian Agricultural Journal.

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We beg to remind the Montreal Agricultural Society, that they can obtain, by application to our publisher, twenty-five copies of our Journal for this year, to be distributed by them to farmers in the county who do not subscribe to any Agricultural Paper. We give these copies without any charge, and hope the Society will distribute them as we suggest.

We offer our best thanks to John Harland Esq., of Guelph, Canada West, for his remittance for eighty copies of our Journal for this year, ordered by that gentleman for the Wellington Agricultural Society. We shall continue to forward the Journal to the Society to the end of the year, for which we acknowledge payment in full.

Several Agricultural Societies, in Canada West, take a number of copies of our Journal for distribution. We trust it will, in future, be regularly published the first week of each month.

It appears that wheat has been very much injured by the fly both in England and Scotland this year. The potatoes are also complained of as being affected by rot in the ground, as with us. The cause of this disease, however, is not attempted to be accounted for.

Had farmers been more particular in making selection of seed wheat last spring, we should have had a much larger produce of wheat this harvest. We warned farmers that it was dangerous to sow any wheat except that which might be sown late, or after the 21st May, and of that variety that is known not to rust. There was abundance of such wheat in the country, and we had a considerable quantity ourselves, but had no demand for it. We know the fly is still in the country, and we believe only wants sufficient food to make them numerous as ever, and we may be satisfied that if our wheat is sown at such periods as to bring it into ear any time between the 25th of June and 15th of July, we will not be safe from the ravages of the fly, unless it is a variety

of wheat which the fly cannot injure, and we suppose there is none such yet in Canada, though such wheat may be had. We wonder that efforts were not made long ago to provide suitable seed for farmers. The country has been allowed to become impoverished for the last ten years, and no public means are yet adopted to remedy an evil that has caused a loss to Canada of at least six million pounds currency. We have, during the whole time that wheat has failed here, suggested and urged the expediency of providing the seed we have got now, and other varieties we have not got, but without effect. The Agricultural Societies would do well to apply some of the funds at their disposal to purchase seed, and distribute it to the farmers at a moderate price. It would be much better to encourage farmers, to produce good crops, and have their land well managed, and in good condition, than to give premiums for a few pampered animals exhibited at cattle shows, and particularly when these premiums generally go to a few individuals, favourably circumstanced as regards skill and capital, and who know so well the advantages of good farming, that they would not follow any other system, though they should get a premium for doing so. It does, indeed, appear an absurdity in such a country as this, to give money from the public revenue for the encouragement of improvement in agriculture, and allow those funds to be paid as premiums on cattle, instead of encouraging improvement of the land and crops, which should go before all other improvements. It is perfectly clear to all competent farmers, that the land must be in a good condition before good stock can be kept; should we not, therefore, apply all our efforts to encourage this improvement, by instruction and reward, to those who are not good farmers, rather than expend the funds by paying them away to persons who require no reward for doing what they know to be their interest to do? We are not aware which of the County Agricultural Societies in this District is the oldest, to entitle it to the public funds assigned by the new Agricultural Act, to enable it to give premiums as a District Society this year; but we hope that whatever Society may be entitled to these large funds, they will apply them so as to encourage improvement generally where most required, and so produce the greatest amount of benefit to the public.

The improvements in progress in Montreal, are