

up, in the next round or *bout* he took care to make the plough run so deep as to turn up a sufficient quantity of earth, both for the present furrow, and to cover the part he had previously leaped over. This was a very common occurrence with him, and he seemed to exult in the execution of the deception, for on its completion he was known frequently to exclaim, "That *haps* that." His master had, in consequence, suffered considerable detriment. He had tried every means he could think of for reclaiming his servant from the error of his ways, but all in vain, and at last he resolved to dismiss him. Before putting this *ultimatum* into execution, however, he wished to make trial of an experiment which had not hitherto occurred to him. One day, while the servant was ploughing, and pursuing his usual practice of happing, or covering, his master quietly followed him down one of the furrows. He had not proceeded far when several minor *jumps* occurred. At last, the raising and downfall of a great quantity of earth, which extended over a large scar, caused the servant to exclaim, with much emphases, "That *haps* that." His master immediately seized him by the collar, took his bonnet from his head, and, with a cane, inflicted a smart blow on the cerebellum. The thunderstruck culprit stood amazed, and it was sometime before either opened their lips. At last, the master placed the bonnet on the poor fellow's bruised head, and staring him in the face, said, "That *haps* that." This practical lesson had the desired effect, and reclaimed the servant from his besetting sin." Highland Cure, *versus* Canadiam Implement! Of any matches I have ever witnessed, (and I've seen not a few,) competitors have not all equal chance—always a something—a hollow to go through—a hill to go over—a *gaw* to cross—a side-lying ridge—a steep *furrow*—a *flanked ridge*—and an ill *fur* to *fur* in. In the face of such, which will occur in almost any lands that can be abated, it is, to say the least, ridiculous, the exactions in question. But with restriction to *time*, a sufficient allowance to do the work well, and no more, almost all restrictions besides may be laid aside, as the precedents of the old country demonstrate that any means used allows ample time to finish the lots in and within the specified time, as *the*

*time* is the best incentive to ingenuity for the proficiency and perfection of the art.

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*To the Editor of the Agricultural Journal.*

SIR,—I willingly avail myself of your kind permission, to discuss in the columns of the Journal, "The best means to adopt, in order to promote the improvement of Agriculture in Lower Canada." The publication of a Journal such as the present, is, no doubt, one means, and it is good in proportion to the extent of its circulation; but the question is, are there no other means and of a more popular nature? I pass over Agricultural Schools and Model Farms, as experiments, of which we do not possess sufficient information, to justify us in recommending them to such a country as Lower Canada, and I will confine my remarks entirely to Exhibitions. An Annual Agricultural Exhibition, conducted under the auspices of the Lower Canada Agricultural Society, appears to me, to be more required than anything else, and to which there would be no difficulty in obtaining support, as I suppose the character of the Society would be considered a sufficient guarantee of good management, and that the judges would be selected from persons competent to fill the office.

We certainly have our County and District Exhibitions, but it is too well known these Shows are conducted in a most ignorant and inefficient manner; in this neighbourhood, I can answer for this, and according to the report of the Journal for November, the District of Montreal appears to be in an equally benighted condition. The *London Economist* of the 23d November last, in reference to the last District Show of St. Johns, describes your account of it as bespeaking "a very rude "state of Agriculture in the District," and instances the Exhibition as a proof that "backward as our own husbandry is in "many wide Districts, we have nothing so "slow as that which prevails abroad."

This is all true. Our Agricultural Exhibitions, as at present conducted, are a source of very slight advantage to the country, and afford little more than another proof of our total want of knowledge, in connection with Modern Farming. The plan I therefore advocate, is to petition the Legislature to do