

journal; and by adopting a fortnightly mode of publishing, much greater facilities will be afforded the Board of communicating with societies, and of inserting the communications, and answering the inquiries of correspondents. The latter, we trust, will soon become a more prominent and useful feature of the journal.

It is also intended to afford more space to Horticulture and the Mechanic and Manufacturing arts. Gardening and farming are most intimately related, —both being based on the same scientific principles—and in many ways they can be made mutually to assist each other. Our pages, therefore, will always be open to contributions of this character, and we earnestly invite our Horticulturists, and all who feel interested in the progress of this refining and important pursuit, to favour us with contributions.

With regard to the mechanical arts—particularly those which relate to the construction of Agricultural implements and machines—we shall devote considerable space, and give illustrative wood cuts. There are now in Canada several firms that manufacture agricultural tools, and other kinds of machinery of excellent workmanship, and we shall always be happy to render them any aid that our journal can afford. The same remarks, we wish our mechanics and manufacturers in general to understand, apply to them. Our agriculture and domestic manufactures are intimately connected and mutually dependant; and it is impossible for the farmer to over estimate the advantages of a good home market. It is by encouraging those great interests, and regarding them not as hostile to each other, but as forming the necessary parts of one harmonious whole, that we but seek to promote the true welfare and happiness of the country.

We shall not forget to keep our readers informed of the state of the markets, and, at the proper season, the prospects of the growing crops, both at home and abroad, together with all such matters as possess an interest or money value to our farmers and mechanics.

To carry out these objects as fully as is desirable, it must be obvious that the co-operation of the parties interested in them is absolutely necessary. We therefore earnestly invite contributions on the various subjects embraced by this journal, in order to make it a full and faithful record of the material and social progress of the country.

The *Agriculturist* will, as heretofore, consist of two parts, the “*Journal*” and the “*Transactions*” of the Board; printed, however, on the same sheet, but in such a way that they can be easily separated. The “*Transactions*” being a publication of an official character, and depending for its contents upon certain official proceedings which usually do not terminate till after the end of the year, cannot conveniently be brought to a close each year at the same time with the “*Journal*.” The conclusion of the volume of the “*Transactions*” will, therefore, have to overlap the commencement of the volume of the “*Journal*.” The concluding pages of the “*Transactions*” of 1859, will be issued to subscribers along with the early numbers of the “*Journal*” of 1860. But this will scarcely be any real inconvenience, as the great majority of subscribers will renew their names on the books each year, and those who wish to bind the two parts of the publication together will only have to wait a few week till the “*Transactions*” are completed.