

calculated to encourage *Roguary*, which I shall prove. The honest and industrious farmers have no chance of competing under such regulations. I have seen at several of these grain exhibitions great numbers of the prizes carried off by farmers whose farms were under the most wretched system of cultivation. The plan usually resorted to by these *prize catchers* is handpicking, rubbing, tramping, keeping grain from one year to another, buying, and borrowing, and many other malpractices. The same may be said of green crops, a person may cultivate a small piece of turnips and reserve a few of them for a show and cut out a farmer who has probably 10 acres. The same may be said of the potato crop. I wish it to be understood I have no objections to cattle shows conducted in a proper maner. The way in which I have seen cattle at several of the County Exhibitions, it was impossible for Judges, to form a correct opinion of these several merits. I have witnessed cattle of every age breed and size, brought and mixed up together. Such a state of things should not be suffered to exist. Unless cattle are brought to these places in a proper manner they had better not be there at all.

I cannot conclude without congratulating the commettee of management of the county of Montreal Agricultural Society on the judicious measures they have adopted for the advancement of Agriculture. By this system of inspection it is seen were improvement is carried on from year to year. In this country improvement in farming is not to be arrived at by cattle shows altogether, as we see attempted in several counties.

Mr. Editor I humbely submit the above to your consideration, in the hope that all county Societys will follow the excellent example set by the County of Montreal Agricultural Society, in having a yearly inspection of the farms and crops and the Report published.

I remains yours,

MATTHEW DAVIDSON.

St Foy's, District of Quebec, 21st October, 1851,

We give insertion to the letter of Mr. Davidson, and agree with him that the annual inspection of crops, farms, and stock, reporting the result, and publishing it, is an excellent means of promoting improvement. We have for a long time deprecated the system of giving premiums for grain in small samples, aware that great frauds may be practice by this plan. By seeing the crops growing in the fields, the management of the farm will be best understood, and it is only where merit is due

that farmers will have the credit of being awarded premiums. There cannot be any deception practised when the farm is seen.

The communication of our friends Dr. Smallwood and Mrs. Boa in our next.

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