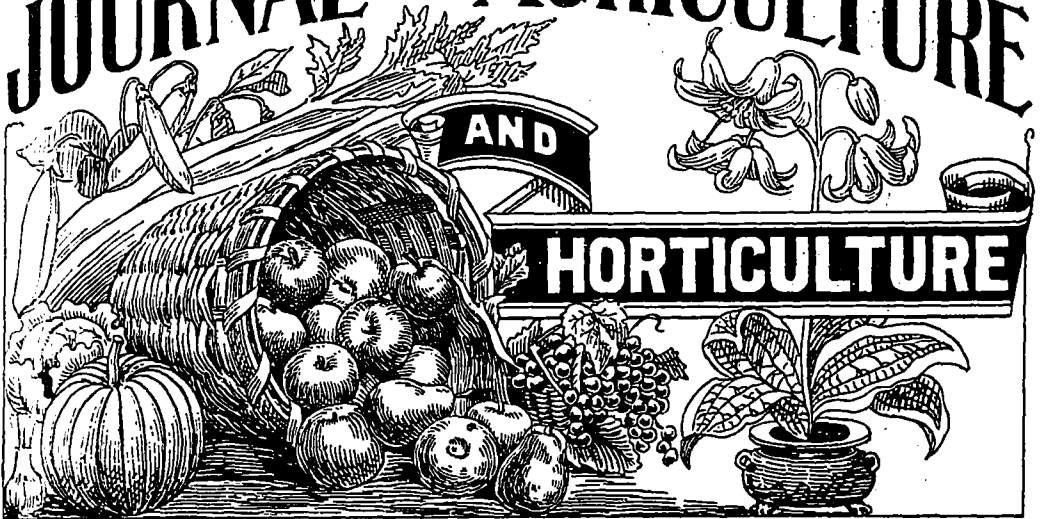


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No 6: J. E. ROBERGE.

The farm of M. J. E. Roberge we visited on the 7th September. It is situated at St. Vital de Lambton.

The rotation is a good one:

1st year.—Hoed-crops;

2nd year—Wheat or barley, with timothy and plenty of clover;

3rd year—Meadow;

4th year—Meadow;

5th and 6th years—Pasture and fodder-crops.

Very little oats are sown, as the land is very heavily manured. As M. Roberge winters from 40 to 50 head of cattle and from 25 to 30 hogs, &c., he has as much dung as is needed for a good system of rotation, and for this he is indebted to an excellent silo. He is building another this season, as he sees its value. The farm is only 75 arpents in extent (64 acres).

All the buildings are in good order and perfectly suited to the occupation.

The accounts are fairly well kept, though not perfect, for want of a special set of books.

Permanent improvements are very considerable already; the stones from the land are utilized for wall-fences.

We accorded 11 marks out of 15 for the stock, which will very soon be thoroughly "graded up."