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THE Council of the Lower Canada Agricultural Society having determined to publish their Journal, in conformity with the Resolution adopted at the General Meeting in June last, conceive that the present is a suitable time to commence, as farmers will have more leisure now, and during the winter, to devote to reading and study, than when occupied in the work of spring, summer, and harvest. The Society will endeavour by means of this Journal to supply useful information for the farmer's reading and entertainment; and it shall be enlarged in size, in proportion to the encouragement given by the number of subscribers, as the Society have no desire to make a profit by the publication. There is abundance of useful matter on Agricultural subjects to select from, to fill a sheet of double this size, monthly, provided adequate support is obtained. The sole object of the publication will be to promote the interest and prosperity of the farmers, and the country generally. Political subjects are to be strictly excluded, and all subjects that are not of a useful character. The degree of support, therefore, which the Journal obtains, will show clearly how the improvement and prosperity of Canadian Agriculture is generally estimated. If the trifling subscription of five shillings annually is withheld for a publication of this description, and the only one in Lower Canada, Agriculture cannot be very highly estimated by the Canadian community, or its improvement considered of any importance. We know that few will deny, in words, the importance of Agriculture to this country, but this admission

alone will never produce the improvement required to make our Agriculture of real importance to every class of this community. It is only when our Agriculture is in such a healthy and flourishing condition as to produce a large surplus beyond the consumption of those engaged in it, that it becomes beneficial to the country generally. The best means to ensure this surplus should be an interesting subject to every resident in Canada. A country yielding a large produce will have more to expend in every way than one which yields only a scanty produce. At no former period was there so great an inducement to improve the system of husbandry, and augment the quantity of human food. Indeed we might say there is an obligation upon us to improve to the uttermost the advantages of climate and soil we possess, in order that we may have a surplus for our fellow subjects who may need it. In almost all other countries, great efforts are now being made to advance the improvement of husbandry, and there is no good reason that we should not follow this general example. The population of the world is rapidly augmenting, and if food is not augmented in the same proportion, other countries thickly populated, may be subjected to the same dreadful calamity that was brought upon the Irish people last year for the want of sufficient food. No modes of cultivation or farm management shall be recommended in this Journal, that every farmer may not adopt, so far as his capital will admit, and those of limited capital will be able to adopt such improvement as their means will