

improvements are *attempted* by parties who do not carry them out properly to give any chance of their succeeding, and then when they fail, the parties who only *attempted* what was proposed, turn upon those who suggested the changes, and abuse them as "Book Farmers," "Theorists," &c., when the fault is altogether in themselves, for not executing properly the improvements recommended. We have seen this frequently—parties complaining of their want of success in raising crops according to plans proposed to them, when they neglected the most essential things. Thus it is in reporting the results of experiments, we scarcely ever see such reports of any value as a precedent or guide to us, because most essential circumstances are not mentioned. This must proceed either from ignorance of practical agriculture, or a design to withhold the information that would make such reports useful. Agriculture is an art that requires the most diligent application, long experience, extensive practice, and an ardent desire to be a good farmer, to understand it perfectly. We submit these observations to the subscribers to this Journal. We respectfully solicit their confidence. We can assure them we are most anxious that the Journal should be useful—many who receive it are capable of assisting to make it much more valuable than it is, and we beg they will afford us their aid. The improvement of agriculture is the sole object of publishing this Journal by the Lower Canada Agricultural Society, and they have incurred a considerable responsibility for this purpose. All who are favourable to this object should render their assistance and give the benefit of their skill and experience to forward it. Their practice will be the best instruction for others, and it will afford us the greatest satisfaction to have our own "Theory" corrected where we may be in error, as we have no desire to recommend faulty systems of agriculture to farmers, and shall never consider ourselves too old to learn.

We learn from the *Gaspé Gazette*, that at a recent meeting of the Agricultural Society of the County of Bonaventure, the Council awarded a premium of 20s. to Mr. Kell, for introducing into the District a Subsoil Grubber and an improved Drill Plough, made by A. Fleck, agricultural machinist of Montreal, the President regretting that the funds of the Society did not enable them to give further encouragement for the importation of improved implements. The 20s. was immediately handed back to the Treasurer, as a subscription from Mr. Fleck, who is now a member.

We are glad to perceive that the Agricultural Association of Upper Canada, have, at a late meeting, resolved to offer premiums for several articles of Canadian produce and manufacture, with a view that the articles awarded these premiums should be forwarded by the parties exhibiting them, to the grand Exhibition of the industry of all nations to be held in England next year. This is what might be expected but we believe it requires more consideration in order that sufficient inducement may be held out to those who succeed in obtaining premiums to forward those articles for exhibition in England. Perhaps this could be better accomplished by the Association, as it would not be reasonable to expect that a party who might have one of these articles would send it to the Exhibition or go with it. If any parties undertook to forward their own articles to England, and to take their chance at the Exhibition, it would be well, provided they were sure to do so, or if they did not, that they should refund the premiums to the Association. We conceive the best plan would be, that all articles obtaining premiums for the English Exhibition, should be given in charge to the Association with the names and residence of the owners of each article appended to them, and that they should all be forwarded to England at the proper time by the Association, under the charge of a suitable deputation, and that the owners of