

Prevention is Better than Cure.

We procured this engraving to show the ridiculous state agricultural exhibitions have become in the States where racing is allowed. Can you look at the picture and imagine the curses, the fighting & gambling that is done? Has the race course a moralizing or demoralizing influence? Do the fastest horses win? Do they tend to the advancement of our agricultural prosperity? Look at nine-tenths of the race-horses, and judge if they are calculated to increase the yield of our land or our export receipts? How many blanks are there to every prize animal that is raised, where untold wealth is expended on them? Canada is too poor a country to risk money in raising such stock. I never met a real farmer yet but was disgusted with them; long back slim, light stock are totally unfit for any purpose that a farmer wants a horse. We must not have that class placed pre-eminently before all others, unless we are satisfied they are in every respect the most valuable. A few citizens that care nothing about agriculture may fancy them and be fond of gambling with them. We do not say they are to be put down, but we say do not let us have our agricultural exhibitions made a cloak for them.



If allowed they will monopolize the attention, that should be given to agriculture.

Boys, we do not want to marry again, being quite satisfied with our choice, & if you wish to say the same thing after twenty years experience, never go to a race stand to select a wife. Take one that is not ashamed to show you the nice butter she took the prize with, or the quiet she adorned the agricultural hall with, having cultivated the plants herself.

We considered this subject of so much importance that we issued a supplement in January to our subscribers. It is for the purpose of checking an attempt now powerfully raised, that we deem would be injurious to agriculture, and it would very soon spread throughout the Dominion.

We hope this may have the desired effect, & that the farmers universally will give no support or countenance to a system which is radically wrong, whose tendency is to distract attention from the main point at issue, corrupt the morals of our youth, and lead the mind from that which is high and ennobling to that which is base & demoralizing. A word to the wise.

Agricultural Societies are said to be going into decay in Maine. The Boston Advertiser says that horse-trots have destroyed interest in genuine agricultural exhibitions, and bad management has done the rest.