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We feel it a matter of some difficulty to conduct this Journal so as to give satisfaction to all parties who may read it. We have constantly invited Correspondents in order that the views and opinions of others, in regard to the best means of promoting agricultural improvement, should be brought before the public for consideration, and we have given insertion generally to communications addressed to us for the Journal, and would have been always happy to have published letters from any other parties who would entertain different views from those that have appeared in the Journal. This publication is not that of a party, or intended to advocate party or sectional views, but to promote as much as possible the general improvement of agriculture, and, if it is not considered to be conducted suitably for that purpose, its columns are at all times open to the friends of agriculture to make it more useful, and also to correct or refute any errors or erroneous statements it may contain from time to time. We often submit our own ideas in order to elicit the views and opinions of others, and we conceive this publication to be a very proper medium for discussing subjects connected with agricultural improvement. The Directors of the Lower Canada Agricultural Society have done all, that could reasonably be expected of them, to obtain the friendly and hearty co-operation of the County Agricultural Societies and other parties interested in Agriculture in Lower Canada. Last year they had about sixty letters, of which there was an equal number in the English and French language, addressed to Presidents of Agricultural Societies, and to other respectable parties throughout the country, requesting information

and their opinion and advice on various subjects connected with agriculture. To several of these letters there was no reply, but all the replies that were received were placed before the Provincial Parliament last Session, without note or comment, and they are now published in pamphlet form by order of the Legislative Assembly, together with the Report of the Special Committee of the Legislative Assembly on agriculture, and the Report of the Lower Canada and Beauharnois Agricultural Societies. The Directors of the Society have this year elected the several Presidents of the County Agricultural Societies Honorary Members of the Lower Canada Agricultural Society, and invited them to an Agricultural Congress, which took place at Montreal in February last, in order that they might give their opinion and advice as to the best means to be adopted to promote agricultural improvement. The two last numbers of this Journal, which contained the proceedings of the Congress and other interesting reports, have been sent to the Presidents of County Agricultural Societies, with a respectful request that they would communicate their views and opinions on these several subjects. It must, therefore, be manifest, that the Lower Canada Agricultural Society have made the most friendly advances to the County Societies, and to other influential parties, to unite with them in promoting the general improvement of agriculture, by such means as might be considered best calculated to accomplish that object. The Society, as a provincial one, have adopted the only means in their power of communicating with every section of Lower Canada by the publication of this Journal, which has been sent to every parish in the country. If