

we are certain there is nothing to prevent our having as good butter here as in any part of the world, with suitable dairies and judicious management. We shall advert to this subject in our next.—*February, 29.*

In the leading article of this number we have endeavoured to submit the claims of Agriculture for encouragement, and attention to its interests and prosperous condition. We have advocated these claims upon the principle, that, by encouraging Agriculture, and promoting its improvement and prosperity, we would best provide for the prosperity of commerce, manufactures, revenue, and all other Canadian interests. If we have failed to convince our readers of the correctness of our proposition, we shall regret it; we would not advance such a proposition if we were not persuaded of its truth. The Lower Canada Agricultural Society was organized last year, and incorporated by Act of Provincial Legislature. They have published an address in September last, fully setting forth the object of the Society; they have commenced in January to publish an *Agricultural Journal*, both in the English and French language, and have circulated them extensively throughout the Province; they have done this in furtherance of the object stated in their address to the public; they have another object yet to accomplish, that is, the establishment of Agricultural schools, model farms, a library and museum. To enable the Society to do this, funds are requisite, and are not attainable under the present circumstances of the country, unless by public aid. The Society do not apply for such an aid upon any other grounds but those set forth in the address; they are convinced that the establishment of Agricultural schools and model farms, conducted on judicious principles, would be the best means that could be adopted to advance Agricultural improvement. In the *Journal* for January, a long article on this subject has been published, which renders it unnecessary now to explain the plan proposed. The Society hope

for an aid to carry out their views, upon the broad principle of public utility, and as calculated to produce general benefit to the Canadian community. It will be in the power of the Legislature to fix the terms upon which any assistance will be granted, and the mode of expenditure to be adopted. The Society only desire to have it in their power to adopt effectual measures to insure the instruction of young farmers, in the science and practice of Agriculture, and to promote the general improvement of husbandry. The Society advocate measures that may claim the unanimous support of men of all parties, and of all ranks and professions. The products of Agriculture are necessary to all men, of whatever party, rank, or profession, and it is of the greatest consequence to the inhabitants of every country, that these products should be abundant in quantity and excellent in quality. The fearful evils brought upon a country by the want of sufficient food, we are bound to guard against as much as possible. This country will probably, very soon, lose all preference in the British markets, and the only means we shall then have to make up the loss of this protection and preference, will be the increase and improvement of our products. In all other countries, the most active measures are being adopted to advance the improvement of Agriculture, and there never was a more favourable opportunity than the present to commence the same good work in Canada, as the people have become interested, and will almost unanimously support whatever action the Legislature may be pleased to take for the encouragement of Agriculture. A library for reading, and reference, is as necessary for the agriculturist as for any other class; also, a museum that would contain seeds, implements and models. It is the want of all these means of instruction that has been the true cause of the backward state of Agriculture in Canada. There is not any reasonable excuse that such a state of things should remain any longer without remedy. It is a matter of vital importance, and interesting to every inhabitant of the country, that Agriculture should