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STE-ANNE DE BELLEVUE.

MR. REFORD'S FARM.

Any one who has "stopped off" at the G. T. R. station of Ste-Anne de Bellevue, one of the loveliest spots on the West-end of the Island of Montreal, must, if he have an eye for farm-crops have been mightily struck with the appearance of a piece of silage-corn, about 16 acres (18 arpents) in extent. Considering the general quality of the land in this district, the crop is marvellously fine; quite equal, in fact, to the great field, grown by the Messrs. Dawes, of Lachine, in 1889, after the hops that had been cultivated there, and continuously manured, for 20 years.

The corn was sown on a broken-up clover-lay, the second cut of the year having been ploughed in. Mr. BODEN, the manager of the farm, explained to us that, though he can easily conceive that, in many cases, our idea that ploughing in clover is an extravagant operation is correct, still that, in this district, vegetable matter is so much needed by the soil that he holds it to be better to utilise the second cut this way than to mow it for hay; particularly, considering the risk of the "catching" weather not infrequently encountered at the season when the second cut is ready. Mr. Boden, thus, finds it pay to inter that crop, and buy external food to take its place.

The farm contains about 324 acres (383 arpents), and is worked on a rotation of five members. Some few acres, at the Northern end of the farm, have not yet undergone the last touch of the improver's hand, but, with this exception, the entire farm may be said to be in a perfect state of cultivation.