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The weather during this month, has been remarkably fine, and very favourable to the early sown wheat; indeed much that was sown in the latter part of August, will be too gross if the weather, during the months of October and November, should prove as propitious in forwarding vegetation, as is frequently the case in this country. In our opinion, it is as dangerous to sow wheat before the 1st. of September, as it would be after the 20th of that month.

Prices have been gradually tending downwards, and we are apprehensive that when navigation closes it will fall to three shillings per bushel, at which price it will be apt to remain about stationary, through the winter and spring months up to the opening of navigation. Canadian farmers have no right to complain of the present low prices in the article of bread-stuffs, as every advantage is given them in their own, and the markets of their

mother country, but they should rather rejoice that their fellow-subjects in the British Isles have the inestimable advantage of procuring bread, made from wheaten-flour, at a price within their reach.

The policy which we would recommend the Canadian agriculturist to adopt in future, is to look upon his wheat crop—as a surplus crop—as one which would bread his family, and leave a balance of some few hundred bushels in his garner, which might, very appropriately, be styled a sort of bank deposit. At present, far too many are depending exclusively upon the profits of this one crop. They little think that there are other sources of wealth for Canadian husbandmen. Experience is the best teacher of wisdom, and we fear that many in Canada learn their wisdom by dear bought experience.

We feel morally certain that a system of managing lands, may be brought into successful practice, which will enable the Canadian wheat grower, in six cases out of ten, to afford his wheat for 3s. per bushel,—this being a desideratum, above all others, most desirable for the success of the Canadian farmer, we shall frequently recur to it, and give our views in detail on this important subject.

Since writing the above, the news by the steam-ship *Great Western*, makes mention of a rise of 2s. per quarter, on wheat. We anticipate, however, that the conclusions we have come to on the subject, will be pretty nearly realized. We are of opinion that, at the opening of navigation, in the spring, an important rise in the article of bread-stuffs will take place.

AGRICULTURAL AGENCY, AND COMMISSION OFFICE.

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DEAR SIR,

I take this opportunity to drop you a line, begging you will send me another copy or two of the *Cultivator*, as it is now much enquired after in England. I am glad to find it is making head so well. Put me down in your list of Agents; and also state, that it is regularly filed at my office. This may do some good; as it will inform parties where they can see it and order it.

Yours truly,

P. L. SIMMONDS.

It gives us much pleasure to notice that our magazine is so favourably received in England, and proves incontestably, that correct information regarding the natural and artificial character of this colony, is highly prized in that country. We intend, in future, to store our columns with information that will be highly conducive to give a healthy flow of emigration to our shores, and, at the same time, be useful and interesting to Canadian agriculturists.

If the circulation of the *Cultivator* were three times as great as at present, it would be worth, at least, six times as much to each person who read it. Those who doubt our word, would do well to make the experiment of exerting their influence in extending its circulation.

The best apology we have to offer for the disappointment, which we may have occasioned to many of our subscribers, in promising them this number by the 30th of September, is that the delay was not occasioned by any neglect on our part; but to causes over which we have no control. Our printer is pledged to publish the three remaining numbers of the current volume by the 10th of December next.