

Agricultural Report.

DISTRICT OF MONTREAL.

JULY.

THE first part of the month was occupied in dressing the potatoe fields; and since that operation has been gone through, much improvement has taken place in the general appearance of the root, where it was not destroyed by early rains. The hay harvest commenced about the 12th, since which time there have been frequent and heavy rains which have done much injury to the hay already cut, but have done much good to both the growing crops and pasture. The hay harvest has been conducted with much less expense than on former occasions; 1s 8d to 2s per arpent, being the common price for mowing. The hay of this year is not only greatly inferior to last year's crop, but much of it is not worth cutting.

Wheat, on good soil, well prepared, presents a very fine appearance; but on poor and ill prepared land, it looks miserable. Nine-tenths of the lands of Lower Canada are in the latter state; and many of the Canadian farmers sow wheat in soil not fit for the reception of oats. Barley presents a superior appearance to any crop on the ground. Considerable patches have been already cut and it is colouring very fast in general, into harvest. Oats look fresh, but short. Straw of all kinds will be one-third less in quantity this year than last.

The horrid state of our roads demands the attention of every public spirited man; and the duties of the road officers, are, in general, performed with a sluggishness which merits the severest reprehension. Our roads are the greatest disgrace of the country; and unless some radical change is effected in regard to them, agricultural spirit and improvement must soon wholly cease.

Horticulture.

The Society have awarded the following premiums since the Tulip Show, viz:—To Mr. E. Fresnoy, for producing, on the 9th June, the Second Early Melon, and Early Cauliflowers. To Mr. John King, Gardener, for the first Early Pease, to Mr. P. O'Connor, for the second Early Pease, and early Potatoes, on the 20th June; and to Mr. John Donnellan, for producing the third Early Pease, 27th June.

The Pink Show was held on the 8th July, when Mr. James Kippen, Gardener to Wm. Lunn, Esq. produced the first Pink Flower, named Sherbrooke Seedling, the second named Flora, and the third Pomona; with the third early Melon. At the same Show, the Society's premium for early Turnips was awarded to Mr. John King.

The Carnation, Ranunculus, and Anemone show, was held on the 18th July, when the finest Carnation, named Clydesdale, was produced by Mr. J. Kippen; who also produced the second finest, named Duchess of New-Castle; the third finest, named St. Ann's, was produced by H. Corse, Esq.—The finest Ranunculus, named Tom Tuff, was produced by Mr. R. Cleghorn, who also produced the second finest, named Elezann. The third, named Flower of Dunblane, was produced by Mr. Kippen. The finest Anemonies were also produced by Mr. Kippen, the first named Bessy Bell, the second, Mary Gray, and the third, Lord Duncan.