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AGRICULTURAL MUSEUM.

We again request the attention of our readers and all others interested in the promotion of agriculture in this Province to the proposed Agricultural Museum, for the accommodation of which the Board has set apart a very extensive and suitable room in their new Hall, on the corner of Yonge and Queen Streets, in this city. Some progress has already been made in procuring specimens of grain, &c., chiefly from abroad, with a few implements and machines:— As it is most desirable that arrangements should be commenced in earnest this summer, for carrying into practical effect this interesting and important object, the earnest attention of our farming and mechanical friends is herein called to the following explanatory observations.

What is sought to be obtained by the establishment of a museum, which the statute appointing the Board lays down as one of its principal objects, is the collecting and arranging in a suitable building, the characteristic productions of Canadian agriculture, including farm implements and machines, dairy utensils, and in fact whatever relates to, or illustrates our rural life in this country. Specimens of foreign growth or manufacture, whether from Great Britain and our sister Colonies in all parts of the world, the United States, or the continent of Europe, will be procured as opportunity may offer; and the Board will always feel happy to make exchanges as far as practicable either with individuals or Societies in all countries. Cana-

dian productions, however, are those which are primarily desired, and with this view we make a direct appeal for co-operation and aid to Societies and enterprising individuals, who share a common feeling in promoting the important interests of our native agricultural and mechanical industry. It is desirable also to bear in mind in connection with this object, that the beautiful and truly valuable sister art of *Horticulture*, in all its branches, is associated.

It must be obvious upon a little reflection that in order to collect materials for a museum which will represent the state and result of the rural industry of Canada, in particular, and of our sister Colonies in British North America, in general, very much will depend upon the disposition of farmers, mechanics, and the lovers of gardening, however widely cast asunder, to aid the enterprise by forwarding suitable and characteristic specimens. With such aid, under proper and efficient management, a collection would in a few years be formed that would be highly useful and instructive, and would give the visitor, whether a stranger or otherwise, a much clearer idea of the industrial condition and capabilities of this magnificent portion of Her Majesty's dominions, than could possibly be otherwise obtained, except by extensive travel and careful observation.

As the season for maturing the productions of the earth is at hand, the co-operation of all such as can aid this object is respectfully and earnestly solicited. The cultivated cereals, both in the grain and straw, good characteristic