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THE CANADA FARMER.

The Publishers of THE CANADA FARMER have the pleasure of announcing the commencement of a New Series of this Journal, on a higher and more efficient scale than has yet been attempted in Canada.

The exhaustion going on in a large proportion of the farming lands of our country, from improvident culture, and the consequent inability to obtain crops equal to the average of past years; the increasing cost of labor; the exorbitant prices of all manufactured articles, without any proportionate increase on the prices of farm produce; and consecutive seasons of severe drought—all at this moment unite in rendering necessary a prompt and vigorous effort on the part of agriculturists to maintain the high prosperity so long enjoyed by the farmers of Canada. The agricultural interest so vastly preponderates over all other industrial pursuits in Canada, and on its welfare so completely depends our material progress as a people, that the best mode of accomplishing this end may well receive the earnest consideration of all classes as a national concern.

The conductors of THE CANADA FARMER entertain the conviction that the one true remedy for these passing difficulties is better farming. They believe that the same resolution and energy that enabled the brave early settlers to overcome toils and hardships now happily unknown, and convert the wilderness into cultivated farms and the thriving towns, if now applied (with the better knowledge and ampler means of the present day) to the renovation of the soil and the general adoption of a higher system of tillage, would place the agricultural interests of our country in a far more secure and more profitable position than it has ever yet held. With higher cultivation greater variety of crops, improved implements, improved herds and flocks, higher feeding, and heavier manuring, the Canadian farmer can overcome all difficulties present or prospective, and command success.

It is with the earnest desire and hope of promoting effectively this movement that the new departure in the history of THE CANADA FARMER has been resolved on. During the nine years of the publication of this journal, the most gratifying acknowledgments have come constantly from all quarters of the valuable service rendered by it to the cause of agricultural advancement. But it is believed that the time has come when a more systematic treatment of each branch of the agricultural and horticultural professions is demanded—when the suggestions of writers combining thorough scientific knowledge with practical experience will command earnest attention—and when intelligent farmers in all parts of the Dominion are prepared to consider candidly, and test practically, whatever may be shown to be advantageous.

With these views and intentions the new issue of the CANADA FARMER has been entered upon. The work of each month will be classified under the following departments:—

- FIELD CULTIVATION.
- GRASSES AND FORAGE CROPS.
- FOREST, SHADE AND ORNAMENTAL TREE CULTURE.
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- FERTILIZERS.
- SEEDS AND SEED-GROWING.
- THE BREEDER AND GRAZIER.
- THE DAIRY.
- THE HORSE AND STABLE.
- THE VETERINARIAN.
- THE POULTRY-YARD.
- THE APIARY

Each of these Departments will be placed in charge

of a responsible Editor, thoroughly competent to deal with his special subjects; and the publishers have the satisfaction of stating that they have already secured the co-operation of a body of eminently qualified writers—men who, they believe, will enter with hearty zeal upon their work, and seek to infuse fresh energy into the path of agricultural industry. The names of many of these writers we are not at liberty to give to the public; but we may state that among them are those of our former able and experienced collaborators, Mr. D. W. Beadle, of St. Catharines, and the Rev. F. W. Clarke, of Guelph. Prof. Ellis, of the Ontario School of Technology, will preside over the Department of Agricultural Chemistry. The Rev. C. J. S. Bethune will deal ably, as in the past, with the interesting field of Entomology. Professor Smith, President of the Ontario Veterinary College, will edit the Veterinary Department. The Poultry Yard will be in the hands of a party eminently competent to deal with all its details. Mr. Anderson will take charge of Agricultural Implements. Mr. William Kaufman, the talented and experienced Architect of Toronto, will edit the Department of Rural Architecture, and furnish designs and specifications for the various illustrated structures. The services of Mr. L. B. Arnold, Secretary of the American Dairymen's Association, have been secured as Editor of the Dairy Department, in all its details. Mr. George Leslie, Jr., of Leslieville, will conduct the department of Forest and Shade Trees. The regular editorial staff will include a number of other able writers; and we are promised, besides, valuable contributions in the several departments from a host of agricultural friends.

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