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This number completes the first volume of the *Farmer's Manual*. How far our own pledges or the expectations of our patrons may have been fulfilled by the way in which this journal has been conducted it does not become us to say; we feel, however, that we can at least accredit ourselves with having endeavoured to make it as useful and interesting as was in our power.

The liberality of the Legislature having been again shown towards our undertaking, we have it in our power to continue it, and we trust the country generally will appreciate the importance of having a periodical devoted exclusively to Agricultural subjects, and contribute to its support, not only by subscribing for copies but also by furnishing *matériel* for its pages. We must confess, that while we are by no means indifferent to the former of these objects, and would respectfully solicit efficient assistance in this respect, we are yet anxious, and deem it highly important to the utility of this journal that its columns should be filled with a greater proportion of local matter, and that it should exhibit to a greater extent than has hitherto been the case the progress and results of the Agriculture of our own Province.

We have before hinted at the backwardness of our practical Agriculturists in this particular, and have frequently been pained on account of it, as it seemed to evince on their part an indifference to all improvement in their business—which cannot be regarded otherwise than as highly discreditable both in a private and public point of view.

The advantages which would accrue, to the Farmers of this Province from a free communication of their opinions, and the results of their labors, through the columns of a public journal, are numerous and evident. Such communications would promote inquiry and induce experiments—the true tests of utility. They would provoke emulation, which is necessary to the attainment of excellence in every pursuit. By acquainting the farmers of one district with the labors and success of those in another they would be stimulated to a zealous competition, and thus a healthy ambition would be diffused—creating energy and enterprise instead of the present languid and dubious feeling which fails to secure the pound because it grudges the penny.

The season for preparing the ground and putting in the seed, now just at hand, is one of the most important to Farmers: for upon the proper discharge of the duties that appertain to it depends in a great measure their success. It is therefore a very proper time for them to communicate with each other respecting the various modes which they may have adopted for getting in their crop—their opinions as to the advantages and disadvantages of each—what improvements they have in contemplation—what experiments they have to make, and a hundred other matters connected with this part of their business.

We earnestly invite the attention of our friends in the country to these hints, and hope they may not be without effect in eliciting from them much useful and interesting information.