

We hope the proceedings at this Meeting will induce the subscribers to the Agricultural Journal to pay up their subscriptions at once, and endeavour to obtain more subscribers, if they desire the Journal to be continued, or consider it worth supporting. It is unnecessary to state that farmers do not support this Journal, because, if they did, it need not be discontinued. We may be permitted to say, however, that they act upon a different principle from all other classes, in withholding their support. Every other class are always anxious to see and to read any information that relates to their business or occupation; but the agricultural class appear to be too well or too ill informed to contribute a dollar annually to the support of the only agricultural paper published throughout Lower Canada. It cannot be the amount of the subscription that would prevent any farmer from subscribing, and it is difficult to understand what can be the motive, as there can be no question, that a farmer, however well instructed, may derive useful information from even one number, that would amply compensate him for five shillings' subscription. This we submit to any competent and candid reader of this Journal to decide. It appears an extraordinary circumstance, that farmers who so frequently complain of neglect, and injustice done to them—who desire grants of public money to encourage agricultural improvement, would, nevertheless, refuse themselves to contribute a dollar annually to support a Journal published for the general dissemination of agricultural improvement, and for the information and instruction of those who may not have had an opportunity of acquiring a perfect knowledge of a good system of agriculture. We confess we cannot understand this apparent inconsistency, and we are anxious to have the matter explained.

We have been as much disappointed as our respected correspondent "Antipas," in not being able to give our subscribers more practical information respecting the "Root or Stump

Extractor," which appeared in our Journal of last year. We can assure him it is not our fault, and we hope his communication will induce the gentleman whose letter appeared in a former number, to give us some further information on the subject of this machine, for the satisfaction of "Antipas," and several other parties who have made enquiry about the machine in question.

(Translation.)

MR. EDITOR,—On glancing over the *Agricultural Journal* for the month of July, 1848, I saw the description of a machine for taking out stumps, which your correspondent, "V. C.," says is expeditious, and very economical. He speaks highly of it, and says it would be an act of patriotism, if those in easy circumstances would purchase one for the use and instruction of cultivators in their particular locality. He does not, however, give the name of the person who manufactures these machines, or where he lives, so as to give those who desire it, an opportunity of seeing it in operation. His letter is written without place or date—to whom are we to apply? because, we cannot from the description form an opinion without being liable to err.

If he wishes his invention to be of any use, let him give at least the maker's name, and the parish where he lives. We can then, if we desire it, apply to him.

ANTIPAS.

NEW OR IMPROVED VEGETABLE SEEDS.—Messrs. P. Lawson and Son have a new pea of great promise, which will likely be brought out next season. *Pillinger's Hybrid Stone Turnip*.—The merit of this variety is smallness of top, by which it stands thick on the ground; it also makes a good sized and well formed bulb in a short time, and is consequently adapted for early crops. *Tiley's Early Marrow Cabbage*.—One of our very best early sorts, and surpassing them all in delicacy and flavor. *New Hybrid Yellow Turnip, called Robertson's Golden Stone*, said to have been raised between the yellow stone and Malta yellow; has all the appearance of being a valuable addition to our garden sorts. *New Hybrid Cabbage*.—Raised between the common globe savoy, and the Sportsborough Cabbage, partaking of the excellent quality and form of the latter with the wrinkled foliage of the former. *New Dwarf Prolific Garden Bean*.—Somewhat like the dwarf fan, or bog bean, but much more productive.