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made. They would visit, the best cultivators of the district, at their own homes, and show with exactitude the state of each man's farm compared with that of his neighbour. From the sums voted for the encouragement of agriculture, money prizes should be offered, say every other year, for the best managed farm in each parish; and these prizes might be reserved for farmers, properly so called, to the exclusion of amateurs, &c. We should thus have a parochial organisation tending to improve the cultivation of the entire district, the editors of the "Journal of Agriculture" and their assistants, aided, perhaps, by our professors of agriculture and of dairy-work, would act as visitors and judges of the competitions, and as lecturers; and at the end of each year, an official report might be sent out, stating, from personal inspection, the progress made in each parish where clubs are in operation.

When once parochial exhibitions are established, the success of district exhibitions is assured. It seems to us, that the Commissioner of Agriculture should assume as soon as possible the direct control of agriculture, in order that the relations between the clubs, the agricultural societies, and the department of agriculture, may be as intimate and as efficacious as possible.

The time has come when these questions connected with the progress of agriculture should be discussed, if possible, in every parish in the country. The result of the discussions should be remitted to the proper authority, under the form of a petition or otherwise, that the legislature may be enabled to become thoroughly acquainted with the opinion of the public on the subject.

DAIRY CATTLE.

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Winter food for milch cows.—Winter is the true time for a good dairy-man to make his profit. Butter of first-rate quality is always worth from 35 cts. to 40 cts. a pound in Montreal from November to May. With judicious feeding, excellent butter can be made in winter, as I have often shown in this Journal.

AMENDMENTS PROPOSED IN THE ACT OF AGRICULTURE.

For many years, there have been discussions raised as to the alterations to be made in the act of agriculture to render it more efficacious, and to insure the more rapid improvement of farming in all the parishes of the country.

The more we see, the more are we led to think that additional encouragement to the establishment of agricultural clubs in our parishes would be useful. A club, consisting of a dozen or more good farmers meeting together with a view of studying matters connected with their own interests, and receiving direct encouragement in proportion to the real progress which they themselves shall have made in the practice of agriculture, could not fail to prove a lever which, before long, would raise the whole system of cultivation in the parish.

Each year, the government votes a considerable sum (about \$650) to the county agricultural societies; of which amount, the parochial agricultural clubs, whose function is really useful, should receive a part sufficiently large to be of direct and real encouragement to them. The clubs should be visited, at least once a year, by competent lecturers, who would be able to form, at each visit, their own judgment on the progress