

cation in North America, except the Agricultural Journal, if the latter were not published he would deprive the whole of the French Canadian farmers of any benefit they might derive from such publications. We cannot perceive the justice there would be in acting thus, if any necessity exists for encouraging the general improvement of Agriculture. The English portion of Agriculturists would be able to supply themselves with Agricultural publications; but the French Canadian portion, who, we suppose, are more than four-fifths of the whole, would be shut out from this advantage. It is needless to tell us they do not read them, because they now subscribe for double the number of copies of the Agricultural Journal that the English do. We shall advert to this subject in our next.

Sir,—I address you again not for the purpose of controversy, but in the hope of eliciting that information we are both anxious for, viz:—the best means to improve Agriculture in Lower Canada. You object to my plan apparently of substituting a Provincial Show, to be held alternately at Quebec, Three Rivers, Sherbrooke and Montreal, instead of all these County Shows; you do not combat my reasons, but you object to exhibitions generally, now the only grounds you assign, I was surprised to read in a Journal, generally so well edited, showing at least, that we do not view Agricultural Exhibitions in the same light.

You object to exhibitions, saying "other means than Annual Exhibitions are required," "Premiums for well managed farms, good draining, good fencing, good stock of cattle, well managed dairy, all these are objects for encouragement as well as Annual Exhibitions."

I did not think it probable I should be called upon to explain the objects of an Agricultural Exhibition, to the Editor of an Agricultural Journal, but you will be surprised to learn, that the reasons you assign as objections to these Exhibitions are the very reasons I give in favor of them.

An Agricultural Exhibition ought to consist of premiums for the produce of "well managed farms, good draining, good fencing

&c.," and it has been considered hitherto the favourite and the least objectionable method of making these awards; a fair field and no favor! is what I want, and if a farmer cannot show in open day, that a well managed farm with its accompaniments of good draining, good fencing, good stock of cattle, and well managed dairy is not superior to the reverse of the picture, he is doing an unprofitable business, and consequently merits no reward; such a man, however, need not fear an exhibition conducted by honest and intelligent men, and it is only this kind of exhibition I advocate.

You must not imagine, Mr. Editor, I have a bad opinion of your Journal, though it certainly does not reach me with anything approaching to regularity, neither do I for a moment doubt your assertion that it "has been productive of more good than any cattle shows or exhibitions, that have ever taken place in Lower Canada." You are in a position to judge of this better than I can, and I am sure if you have done any good at all, you must have done better than the exhibitions alluded to.

I am not desirous of writing down the Journal either in its own columns or elsewhere, but I wish to write up a Provincial Show similar to the one in Upper Canada, if we cannot have both the Journal and the Show, then I am in favour of the latter, as I can replace the former at less cost and by a publication which I think equally good.

I am, Mr. Editor,

Your most obedient servant,

QUEBEC.

N. B.—Towards a Provincial Show I am willing to subscribe thirty dollars, or will give the same money to any good scheme for Agricultural improvement.

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*To the Editor of the Agricultural Journal.*

Sir,—Seeing that you intend giving reports of English and Scotch farming, I send you an article I copied for examination for my own satisfaction, from a paper which I only had the loan of for two days. Probably some of your readers may be interested in it, showing as it does that their *native spot* is not standing still, but keeping ahead of the land of their adoption. While it may interest Scotchmen generally, and natives of Ayrshire