

Our readers will learn from the announcement in the preceding article, that some changes have been made in the publishing department of this Journal. The Proprietor removed last spring to a farm, a few miles from the city, and has found it exceedingly difficult to procure the publication of the paper at the proper time, and in a proper manner. Printers, like other people, are apt to neglect those who are not at hand to push them up, and they are never in want of excuses to account for delays and inferior work. To remedy this difficulty, and to relieve ourself of much labour and anxiety, we have arranged with Messrs Wiman & Co. to become the Publishers of the *Agriculturist* for the present year, and probably longer. They will have the *business* department entirely in their hands, and all communications, orders, &c., not relating to the editorial department, should be addressed to them.

The writer will thus be enabled to give his whole attention to the preparation and selection of matter for its pages, and with the assistance of able contributors he hopes to make the Volume for 1856 superior to any of its predecessors. The terms will remain substantially as announced in the last number for 1855, except that, to *single* subscribers the price will be 3s. 9d. The Publishers intend to establish an extensive local agency; and to meet, in some degree, the expense of such a system, the price to parties subscribing for single copies, will be reduced only 25 per cent. We had intended to adopt the plan of sending not less than *two* copies to any order, and to give these for *one dollar*, or 2s. 6d. each. But it has been thought advisable, in order to secure a large increase to the circulation, and thus extend the benefits of the *Agriculturist* as widely as possible, to receive *single orders*, especially through agents, and, in such cases, to reduce the price from 5s. to 3s. 9d. We trust the friends of agricultural improvement throughout the British Provinces will give their countenance to the work in its improved form and character, not merely by subscribing and recommending it to their neighbours, but by contributing from their stores of accumulated knowledge and skill, some item of interest and value to its pages. If each intelligent subscriber would consider it a duty to send one such item during the year, what an interesting aggregation would the Volume present?

Why are the American journals so much superior to those of any other country in their local correspondence? Is it because their readers are more intelligent, or more patriotic? They certainly exhibit a more enquiring disposition than our people, and are not so unwilling to give their neighbours the benefit of any new fact they may discover. We hope this peculiarity of Canadian readers of agricultural journals may soon disappear. Let those of our friends who can write, and who think they have anything to write about that would be interesting or useful to their neighbours, make a beginning this year.

The present number is sent to many persons as a specimen of the forthcoming Volume, especially to Secretaries of Agricultural Societies; and if they decline to support a *home paper*—one that may justly claim some credit for the present improved condition of Canadian agriculture—preferring to encourage a foreign speculation, which has no other interest in, or connection with, the country, than to take away as many of its *dollars* as possible, they will be good enough to return the first number to the Publishers.

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SQUASH.—A Squash was recently exhibited at Chicago, weighing 192 lbs!