

**Agricultural Gossip.**

We feel happy in having interested in behalf of this paper two names which we are proud to place at the head of our contributors. We publish below the kind letter addressed to us by C. Smallwood, M. D. L. L. D. so well known among us by his Meteorological labours.

St. Martin 22 August 1857.

Sir,

I am in the receipt of yours of yesterday and in reply beg to say that I shall be most happy to contribute in any way to the advancement of agriculture, for it has been my earnest desire to aid as much as possible its advancement, you are at liberty to use my feeble addition in Meteorology in any way you may deem fit. I have already been a correspondent of the "Farmer's Journal" during the time that your predecessor W. Evans, Esq. was Secretary, and shall enclose you a monthly abstract for insertion, and shall at all times be happy to place my feeble efforts at your service.

Believe me,

Your servant,

C. SMALLWOOD,

M. F. Vogeli, Veterinary Surgeon, recently established in Montreal, has also kindly consented to favour us with a monthly correspondence. A pupil of the Imperial Veterinary school of Lyons, M. Vogeli was appointed after a brilliant course of studies, chief Veterinary Surgeon of Cavalry and Artillery and Professor of Hippiatrics.

Having taken part in the revolution of 1848, he was obliged to quit France and it is owing to that unfortunate circumstance for him, that we are now enabled to include in the ranks of our correspondents so able a man and capable of treating in a practical manner every subject belonging to his speciality.

We sincerely hope that their example will be followed by some of our best farmers, and our paper shall justly merit the

confidence of our readers.

According to information furnished to Mr. Lunn, of the Equitable Insurance Company, on the state of the crops in different parts of the Province, we extract the following. The appearance of the crops as far as the 20th August, was generally satisfactory. Barley, Oats and Peas had especially succeeded, every where Barley has been more extensively cultivated, and the best part stored without suffering from the rain. When thrashed it proved to be very productive and exhibiting a heavy and well filled grain.

Wheat has succeeded well in some parts of the Province, but it is an exception, it has suffered from the fly. The wheat sown late in the Spring has a fine appearance, the early sown has completely failed, and generally such is the case indistinctly with all that has been sown early, the land not being prepared for such early sowing. M. Decrombecque, a celebrated Agriculturist from the North of France, told us last spring, "that a crop would soon recover in a well prepared ground a few days of delay at the time of sowing, and that crops lately sown will be the first to come to maturity." Vegetation has generally been backward owing to the wet spring we have had, and it is feared that the indian corn will not ripen to perfection, unless we have a few weeks of fine wheather.

The root crops, such as Beets, Carrots, Turnips etc., are generally fine, in some places the quantity will be small, but the quality will compensate for the want of measure. The potatoe crops had in most places a very fine appearance, but of late, we have heard in some parts, persons complaining of the rust and disease, and we have much to fear for this year. Every thing will depend, when the time of digging them out shall come, whether the season is wet or dry. Our farmers should not forget to dry their potatoes well before they store them.