

judicious education of youth; in fact, do all that is necessary to promote the welfare and happiness of the Canadian community. If this is not the object of our legislators, they will be more expensive than profitable to the country. Measures introduced to forward these objects should not meet with any party opposition, as they would be for the benefit of all. We wish it was a fixed principle with all who take upon them to legislate for their country, to be governed by no other motive in every question that would come before them, than the good of their country, and its inhabitants. A really good measure should not want unanimous support, whatever party may introduce it, nor should a bad measure be supported to forward party views. How much it is to be regretted that these simple and honourable principles, have not more influence on public men. It is also lamentable that public men are so liable to think more of themselves, and of forwarding their own party views, than they do of promoting the true interests of those who place power in their hands. We do not wish to introduce politics in this Journal, but we are anxious for the class to which we belong, and would deeply regret that their interests should be neglected, or sacrificed to party views. We do not desire any privileges that would be unfair or injurious to other classes, but we do wish that such legislative measures should be adopted as may be necessary and expedient for the general good; and that these measures should not be put off or neglected, when our legislators meet in session, by the discussion of party questions, that are uninteresting to nine-tenths of our people. Agricultural protection—the encouragement of agricultural improvements, and the maintenance of British connexion, are matters of vital importance to every farmer in Canada, and any one of them would be useless without the other being secured to us. Agricultural protection is the only certain encouragement to Agricultural improvement, and the result of improvement would be useless without British connexion to secure us a market for our surplus produce. We feel so convinced on all these points that we confess we would have no confidence in any public man who we did not believe favourable to, and would support these principles. As to British connexion, we would hope that higher motives than self-interest would induce every British born subject in Canada, to support it now, and always. It is the interest of Agriculturists that we should be quietly and peaceably governed, and that they should not meddle, or be a party in any matters that would be likely to disturb the peace of our highly favoured country, or that might endanger our connexion with Britain.

We wish we were able to persuade men of all parties here to unite, as in England, to adopt such measures as would be most likely to promote the improvement and prosperity of agriculture. The Governor General is the first we ever had, who from his private fortune contributed most liberally towards encourag-

ing the translation into the French language of an agricultural journal for circulation amongst the Canadian farmers. This liberality could have nothing to do with politics. There is not one individual in Canada who has contributed one shilling to the same purpose, except one English gentleman we named before, and Dr. Meilleur, our excellent Superintendent of Education. It must be very well known to all who are acquainted with the country, that it would be impossible to confer a greater benefit upon the inhabitants of the country, than to instruct them in the improvement of agriculture, and with the honorable exceptions of the present Governor General, and the gentleman named above, who has ever contributed a shilling to such a purpose? Talk of patriotism! but it is by pure and disinterested acts for the good of the country, that true patriots can be best known.—Whatever good we may be able to effect by this publication translated in the French language, it would not have been published if it were not for the generous encouragement given us by his Excellency the Governor General, and those who may benefit by it are solely indebted to him for it. We shall continue the publication to the end of the year, but we must then give it up, as we cannot subject ourselves to so considerable an outlay when we are not sufficiently supported by subscribers. The sacrifice of a large portion of our time was sufficient, without any pecuniary sacrifice, which we cannot afford to make. There are 300 parishes in Canada East, and if we had only six subscribers from each, we would be satisfied to continue this Journal, and increase its size and usefulness. We have the most gratifying testimony by letters addressed to us from all parts of the country, that our Journal is approved of, and producing a great interest for agricultural improvement; but this will not pay the Printer and Translator. Many are of opinion that publications of this nature, are not very beneficial; but we can show the most respectable testimony as proof to the contrary. We know many good practical farmers who will talk of book-farming as useless for instruction, but many of those to our certain knowledge will endeavour to read themselves all works published on the subject, and who can say that their very best ideas of farming are not derived from agricultural publications? For ourselves we can say we were never acquainted with a well educated, and good practical farmer, who was not anxious to see all that was published on agriculture. They would not, of course, feel thus, if those publications were not useful and interesting to them, and if so to them, why should any man suppose they would not be equally interesting and useful to others. It is not ignorant and uneducated men who have introduced the great improvements in English agriculture; and we believe we are correct in saying that in no country where agricultural publications do not circulate will there be found an improving and prosperous agriculture. Many persons will not admit that they are indebted to these publications for the most useful