

PROSPECTUS
OF THE
FARMER'S MANUAL;
A MONTHLY PERIODICAL,
DEVOTED TO THE AGRICULTURAL INTERESTS
OF THIS PROVINCE.

THE importance of Agriculture in the abstract is a fact too evident to need anything to be urged in its behalf. Every one who thinks at all must feel that upon it depends not only many of the comforts and luxuries which improve the character as well as add to the happiness of mankind, but also that it is essential to their very subsistence. But the assent thus readily given to the general truth has hitherto had but little practical effect on the people of this colony. The disadvantages incident to a new country—among the principal of which may be reckoned the length of time that must elapse before any sum expended in the clearing and cultivation of lands can yield any profitable return—has naturally deterred the man of small capital from engaging in such occupations, while the prospect of greater and more immediate advantage arising from lumbering and commercial pursuits has attracted the attention of the more intelligent and enterprising, and thus these employments have absorbed the far greater proportion of the wealth and talent of the country.

Under these circumstances it is not surprising that amongst us Agriculture should have met with so little encouragement, or that its value as a source of Provincial wealth, should not have been duly estimated. Men being generally more influenced by a perception of the immediate rather than the ultimate consequences of their proceedings, those employments which in comparison with others seemed so slowly productive of individual emolument naturally came to be thought less promotive of the public welfare.

But these pursuits, by whose flattering promises we were seduced into a neglect of the soil, have been proved to be extremely hazardous and uncertain. Most of the fortunes thus easily acquired have by a reverse of circumstances been suddenly lost, and when we look around for the public benefits they have conferred, we find them in tenantless houses, in forests denuded of their valuable timber, and in a Bankrupt Court, crowded with the impoverished victims of a false system of economy.

By these disasters experience—a slow but effectual teacher—has taught us a severe but salutary lesson, the good effects of which are beginning to appear in an increased attention to the cultivation of the land—the dictate of necessity has been more propitious than the alternative of choice—by it a new impulse has been given to the plough, which if sustained, cannot fail to be productive of the happiest results.

Impressed with these views, as well as with the advantages that would accrue to the country from the existence of a periodical, devoted exclusively to the advocacy of the Agricultural interests, the Subscriber brought the subject before the attention of the Legislature at their recent Session; proposing to undertake the publication of such a periodical if sufficient assistance should be engaged to him from the Provincial funds, to indemnify him against the probability of pecuniary loss; and he has now the pleasure to state that his design has been appreciated by the assembled wisdom of the country, and an appropriation had been made to enable him more fully to carry it into effect.

He therefore begs to announce to the public generally that he will be prepared to issue the first number of the proposed work during the next month. The title which he has adopted for it will sufficiently indicate its character. He intends it to be a general guide to the practical farmer in the various occupations connected with the management of the farm—such as the rearing of Stock, the formation and preservation of Manures, the preparation of Soils, and the best modes of planting and managing crops—upon all of which subjects much ignorance and prejudice prevails throughout the Province.

One object, which will be kept in view throughout the proposed work, will be to render it as plain and practical as possible, and adapted to the condition and circumstances of the rural classes, for whose benefit and improvement it is particularly intended. Its directions will be based upon experience rather than theory; and although articles of a merely scientific character may frequently appear, and the subscriber will be always happy to receive contributions of that kind, yet he will always give the preference to those of a practical, experimental and popular character.

Our Sister Colonies as well as the neighbouring States furnish abundant sources whence we may derive the most valuable information. With them Agriculture has been for some time a prosperous and staple employment; and from the similarity of their soil and climate to ours we may be safe in adopting the results of their experience.

A correspondence with the Parent country will also be opened—the social peculiarities of that country having necessitated a highly improved state of husbandry much may be expected to be learned from that quarter, respecting various matters of rural economy, which our different and in some respects more favorable circumstances would not be likely to suggest, but which being once known may become highly valuable.—Necessity is the mother of invention—but the expedients of want in one place may become the means of affluence in another.

The subscriber will also depend much upon the Provincial public for contributions to his work—he invites facts and information from all parts of the Province. It must be remembered that the forthcoming periodical will make no pretensions of a literary character, but will be a collection of facts, observations and suggestions for the use of the practical and operating farmer. There are but few, therefore, who will not be able to furnish something interesting or valuable to add to the common stock.

The *Farmer's Manual* will contain 16 large Octavo pages, and be published monthly, at the low rate of 5s. per annum, payable in advance; 6s. 3d. at the end of Six Months, and 7s. 6d. at the end of the year. It will also be sold to non-subscribers at the rate of 7s. 6d. each Number.

For every \$9 forwarded to the Publisher by any one person, in advance, 10 copies will be sent according to order.

* * * As the size is larger than the price will justify a small portion of the paper will be appropriated to advertising; and as a large circulation is anticipated, it will be well for persons to avail themselves of this medium for advertising, which may be done at the usual rates.

JAMES P. A. PHILLIPS.

Fredericton, April 24, 1843.

Publishers of Newspapers will confer a favour by inserting the above.

LEMONT'S FANNING MILLS
AND
RAKES.

THE subscriber has constantly on hand, and for sale at his Shop, corner of King and Regent Streets, a number of Fanning Machines of different patterns, which he will sell cheap for CASH or COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Also, HAND RAKES of a superior description.

MARTIN LEMONT.

Fredericton, 20th May, 1844.

PLOUGHS! PLOUGHS!!

A Good assortment of PLOUGHS, with or without the woodwork. Also—Plough Points of all sizes: one wooded PLOUGH with a wheel, all of which are to be sold at the lowest prices for cash by

JOS. C. HATHEWAY.

Fredericton, May 15, 1844.

WOOL CARBING.

THE Subscriber has had his CARBING MACHINE put in first rate order. He will commence CARBING during the ensuing week, and will then be prepared, promptly and satisfactorily, to execute, at his **STEAM MILL**, Fredericton, any work, in the above line, which may be entrusted to him.

THOMAS PICKARD.

Fredericton, May 14, 1844.

FRESH GARDEN SEEDS.

THE Subscriber has just received his usual Supply, which are of last Year's Growth.

JAMES F. GALE.

Fredericton, April 25, 1844.

Wheat, Rye Flour & Corn Meal,
BREAD & MILL SAWS,

Now landing at North Market Wharf, ex Schooner CAROLINE, from Philadelphia:

1135 BUSHELS WHEAT; 433 brs. RYE FLOUR; 348 barrels CORN MEAL; 3 doz. 6, 6½ and 7 feet MILL SAWS; 60 brs. best Navy BREAD. For sale at cost and charges while landing, by

ESTEY & BRACK.

Saint John, May 4, 1844.