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LETTERS OF AGRICOLA.

From the remote time of Virgil down to the days of Voelcher, many an earnest appeal has been made to the cultivator of the soil. But in the whole range of Agricultural Literature, we do not know a single production that excels, in sound sense or purity of diction, the eloquent and classic "Letters of Agricola." Many a reader who has seen extracts from these Letters has desired in vain to peruse the original work, for it has now been practically out of print for several years.

It is therefore with peculiar satisfaction that we announce a valuable donation made to the Board of Agriculture by the Hon. Sir Wm. Young, as Representative of his esteemed Father, the Author of these Letters. The donation consists of a sufficient number of copies of the complete work to supply one copy to every Agricultural Society in the Province.

Societies wishing to participate in this gift, will please send to the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture, without delay,

the name and address of the person to whom they desire their copies of the work to be sent. On receiving the required information, the Secretary will, in every case, mail the book, free of expense, to the address given.

HEMP CULTURE AND PREPARATION.

Our readers are aware that, through the enterprise of the Hon. Wm. J. Stairs, a Rope Factory, has been established on the Dartmouth side of Halifax Harbour. The premises are very extensive, the most improved machinery has been introduced, and no pains have been spared to render the Factory as complete as possible. Hemp is not grown in Nova Scotia, and therefore the factory has to depend for its supplies of raw material upon other countries. There is no good reason, however, why Mr. Stairs should be expending his capital among the farmers of Kentucky, or the serfs of Russia, or even the *habitants* of Quebec. The soil and climate of Nova Scotia are, (as we have shown on a former occasion), as well adapted to

the culture of Hemp as those of other countries; and now that a good market for hemp has been brought to our farmers' very doors, they will surely be much to blame if they do not avail themselves of it. If it pay a Kentucky farmer or a Russian nobleman to grow hemp on his land, and send it all the way to Halifax to find a market, then it will surely pay our people in Nova Scotia, who have so much idle land, and many of whom have so much idle time on their hands, to grow hemp at home for a home market. On enquiry we find that at the present rate of manufacture, the production of a thousand acres will be annually required to supply the factory, and the demand will increase as the manufacture becomes more fully developed.

Mr. Stairs has furnished us with a communication on the cultivation and preparation of Hemp, prepared by H. G. Joly, Esq., MP., of Quebec, which was published some time ago in the "Canada Farmer;" and we gladly comply with his request to re-print it in our