

have amongst us men of active minds, general intelligence, and second to none in talent and ingenuity, which, if properly encouraged, would soon by their industry, place this Province in a situation to compete advantageously with other places.

Public attention has of late been directed to the subject of home manufactures, and some mechanics have entered into the business of home-made cloths, shoes, sloop clothing, matches, printing ink, the casting of stoves, machinery, &c. The business of currying and leather dressing is also successfully carried on in various parts of the Province, and the pursuits of these public spirited individuals will doubtless tempt others to follow their example. In fact it should be the aim of every mechanic to conform to modern improvements, and also to contribute his share towards fostering, and in some instances leading public taste, as far as his influence may extend. This spirit is manifesting itself more particularly in the efforts of builders and painters, as may be observed in the numbers of stately houses and beautiful cottages lately erected in Halifax, as well as the tasteful manner in which some of our old residences have been repaired and painted. Still many improvements of this nature are required in our capital, and if owners of property could be induced to have their houses fitted up and uniformly painted, Halifax would present a view from the harbour of a most pleasing description. A few houses painted white with green blinds outside may be seen in the city; others are about being finished in a similar manner. These appear to meet the approval of every observer; and were all our buildings to be finished in the same style, with the fences white-washed, the owners would become public benefactors.

The improvements in agricultural implements are highly important considerations for the Farmers, and ought not to be lost sight of. For these we must continue to look to older countries; but there are many things connected with husbandry which ought to receive greater attention. The treatment of the soil having of late been referred to by scientific men, and illustrated upon principles of chemistry, it is very necessary that farmers should look deeper into the subject than the generality of them have hitherto done. For this purpose an Agricultural Library established in every County would amply repay the expenses such a step would incur; and if possible courses of lectures on that subject would be attended with infinite success. In the absence of a thorough knowledge of agriculture on scientific principles, many a discovery cannot be accounted for, while repeated failures are made in experiments, which would otherwise be successful.

The friendly disposition which the conductors of the Press have invariably evinced for the interests of farmers in this Province, ought to encourage them to be more communicative as to the results of their experiments. Many a piece of information might be given by those who have been in the habit of trying experiments suggested in the various periodicals; and many improvements discovered by practical farmers generally adopted, if the operatives would make them known through the columns of the newspapers. The cultivation of fruit in particular might be brought to much greater perfection if the results of experimental operations were better known; for some horticulturists are more successful with one species of fruit, while they are behind their neighbours with other kinds; and were their modes of management known to both, each would be the gainer: so of farming in general. Now, in order to facilitate improvements, let each farmer make a statement of every experiment he may try, whether from the suggestions of his own mind, or the result of his reading; and send it to either of the newspapers in the

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