

spring, and if all maple sugar was to be manufactured with the same degree of care and attention, it would greatly augment the value of this Canadian product. It is a great benefit to the country, when gentlemen take the trouble to show an example of what can be done, to increase our production, and the value of it. The products of Canada are capable of being vastly increased in quantity and value, and we confidently hope that the time is not very distant when Lower Canada shall equal any country in North America in the quantity and value of her products—and also in her superior system of husbandry.

#### FLAX.

We have the satisfaction to state that William G. Knox, Esq., of Lachine Mills, whose letter on the subject of flax appeared in the April number of this Journal, has offered us eight pounds, currency, for one acre of flax, cultivated in a proper manner, and to be given up to him when pulled, dried, and stacked in the field, next harvest. This is certain encouragement for the cultivation of this plant, and if Mr. Knox erects a mill, &c., for the dressing of flax, we hope he will be supplied. A flax-mill is necessary to encourage the farmer to grow flax, but it is also necessary that such an establishment shall be provided with the material that is to keep it at work. We are convinced that flax can be grown to advantage in Canada if the farmer cultivates his land properly for it, has good seed, and keeps the crop clean—but he will not do this unless he is certain to sell the crop on the field at a fair price to a party who has a mill for dressing it. We hope this matter will not be any longer neglected, and that we shall have flax-mills in every section of the country, and an abundance of flax grown to supply them.

*To the Editor of the Agricultural Journal.*

Sir,—I have learned from the last number of the Journal that the men of L'Islet have

found the cure for the potato disease, as also means of producing that valuable root in greater quantity.

Now, sir, I hope you will lose no time in obtaining from "*Un Ami Du Progrès Agricole*," what the cure is, and communicate the same immediately, as the time of planting is drawing nigh, and the cure may be connected with the preparation of the seed, or the land to receive it. Let us have the cure at any rate if it should be at the expense of a supplement to the Journal, I hereby subscribe for myself *trente sous* to pay the printer.

We are glad to see that the farmers of Lower Canada are beginning to think of matters connected with Agriculture, and that the men of L'Islet have been discussing the pamphlet of His Excellency the Governor General, and your own treatise on Agriculture, but all this is as nothing to the cure for the mysterious disease of the potato. Tell your L'Islet correspondent if he will send us the cure for the potatoes, we will tell him before the 1st July, where he will find the first edition of the Governor's pamphlet written on a sheet, of what was a few years ago some sixty or seventy arpents of almost barren land. We will also give him the best ram lamb of our flock for the cure for the potatoes, it must be no quack medicine but the real cure.

A LOVER OF AGRICULTURE.

Island of Montreal, April 11th.

*To the Editor of the AGRICULTURAL JOURNAL.*

SIR,—Although not myself at present a farmer, I still cannot but feel greatly interested in every way connected with farming. Your valuable Journal supplies to my fullest satisfaction that desire of Agricultural knowledge, the attainment of which is at once pleasing and useful. Now though, as yet, my knowledge does not extend to the depths of that science, I flatter myself I know a little of "first principles"—that is to say—I know what is right and what is not right to be done to a certain extent. It has often astonished me to see the utter want of care in our farmers, near the City more especially. And the force of this remark will be evident, when I draw your attention to the immense waste of good manure which every