

and arranging material for the work, and thereby to improve it, the *Agriculturist* for the future will be published monthly, commencing with the present issue. The number of pages will be increased, and will never fall short of forty, and as occasion may require more will be added. Notwithstanding the large increase in the price of paper, it has been determined to keep the amount of subscription for this journal at half a dollar a year to single subscribers, with a progressive scale of discount according to the number taken; thus encouraging societies and individuals to form clubs. The *Canadian Agriculturist* will be the cheapest paper of its kind on this continent, and probably in the world! Full particulars as to terms, &c., will be found on the last page.

It is our desire to make the *Agriculturist* more efficient as a means of communication among the lovers of, and such as are professionally engaged in the Horticultural art, than which nothing can tend more to improve and refine and make beautiful our rural homes.—Gardening not only refines and elevates the taste, but it is the means of bringing to our tables not a few of the necessaries and luxuries of life. Our country in many places has already passed through what may be termed the rough era, the chopping and clearing of the forest; and the time has fully arrived for the introduction of the beautiful and not less useful art of Horticulture in all its departments. We are thankful to such friends as have contributed to this department of our work during the few past years, and while we make these acknowledgments, and request a continuance of such aid, they will be glad to learn that our future prospects are in this respect more encouraging.

As labour-saving machines must continue to occupy a prominent position in Canadian Agriculture, we shall always feel desirous of giving illustrations and publicity to all such as possess mechanical merits, and a practical utility. Implement-makers are therefore invited to communicate such information respecting their particular productions as will promote at the same time their own and the public interests. It is hoped that the promotion of an Agricultural Museum, noticed elsewhere; and the Depot for tools and implements, both in agriculture and horticulture, about being opened by James Fleming & Co., of this city, will tend to facilitate this important object, which we regard as second to none in the advancement

ment of agriculture. We hope therefore to be able for the future to give to all enquirers definite information respecting the price and construction of every implement and machine made in the Province, and where it can be seen and obtained.

Another word and we conclude. The main object of the *Agriculturist* not being profit either to the Board or individuals, but the dissemination of useful information on the various topics which it embraces, the price is put at the lowest possible rate, so as barely to meet the actual cost for paper and printing. Its principal function consists in forming a medium of communication among the Agricultural and Horticultural Societies of the Province and all such individuals who feel an interest in rural pursuits. The Veterinary department will be both enlarged and improved, and will be found, it is believed, generally useful. While we are desirous of giving a Canadian character to our own publication, we shall always be happy to learn that the better class of American agricultural journals have an extended and increasing circulation in the Province. Our farmers, gardeners, and mechanics cannot observe and read too much; and such ably-conducted papers as the *Country Gentleman and Cultivator*, the *Genesee Farmer*, *American Agriculturist*, *Rural New Yorker*, *Horticulturist*, *Gardener Monthly*, &c., we welcome among us as valuable auxiliaries in the great work of rural improvement.

THE NEW AGRICULTURAL HALL

It may not be known to some of our readers that the Board of Agriculture of Upper Canada has recently erected a capacious and suitable building on the corner of Yonge and Queen Streets, in this city, where the offices and library are now permanently located. The basement, with the first and portion of the second floor, are leased JAMES FLEMING & Co., as a Seed and Implement Warehouse; and the third, or uppermost floor, occupying the whole area of the building, (38 feet by 76 feet) is to be devoted to the purposes of an Agricultural Museum, Lecture Hall, and Public Meeting that relate to these pursuits. A few words explanation of these objects will no doubt be acceptable to the reader.