

kinds. Neither can I positively say which is the best to cultivate as a preparation for the following crops of the course, as this will depend upon which is the least exhaustor of the soil; to arrive at any conclusion would require the experiment to be carried out through the whole course. One thing, however, appears very evident—that is, the propriety of cultivating as great a variety of crops as the soil will admit of; as seasons are not all alike, one kind may fail while others may yield abundantly, the failure will be little felt.

Now, Sir, I do not pretend that a six years rotation is adapted to every kind of soil; on a very light or sandy soil it may be necessary to extend it to 7 or 8 years and perhaps more, or on a naturally very rich soil it may be reduced to 5 or even 4 years, where manure can be got; but on a soil of medium capabilities, if depending on its own resources, less than six years rotation will not maintain its fertility.

If the contents of this paper should be considered worthy of a place in the Journal you may hear from me again. In the mean time I remain yours sincerely,

WILLIAM BOA.

To the Editor of the Lower Canada AGRICULTURAL JOURNAL.

SIR,—I was very glad to observe in your last Number the editorial allusions to the great benefit derivable from Lectures on Agriculture; and I would fain hope that the further agitation of so important and interesting a movement will not be allowed “to go to sleep,” but that something may yet be done towards carrying the suggestion into practical effect, in spite of every obstacle. Nay, I see no good reason why one who has done so much for the improvement of Canadian husbandry as the worthy Secretary of the Lower Canada Agricultural Society, should not at once set the example, and thus, forthwith, make a beginning in earnest. Let the fallow ground be once broken by him, and I have no doubt others will soon follow in the same furrow, and much good be the result.

Up then, Mr. Editor, and be doing. Take half a sheet of foolscap, and at once dash off as a heading,

“ SPEED THE PLOUGH.”

“ Programme of a Course of Lectures on Agricultural and Horticultural subjects, to be delivered in Montreal in the course of the present winter, in connection with the Provincial Agricultural and Montreal Horticultural Societies :

NO. OF LECTURES.	SUBJECT.	BY WHOM.	DATE.
1st Lecture,.....	Introductory,.....	(Say) Mr. A.	&c.
2nd do. ....	Horticulture,.....	(Say) Mr. B.	&c.
3rd do. ....	Agricultural,.....	Mr. C.	&c.
4th do. ....	Horticultural,.....	Monsieur D.	&c.
&c.	&c.	&c.	&c.

And then look over your list of members and subscribers with an enquiring eye, and see whether, by taking staff in hand, and a little active peripatetic canvassing, you cannot pop upon at least five or six more out of “the whole bunch,” who will be willing to lend a helping hand in so good a cause. Surely there can be no room for utter despair when we see the slumbering, sleepy-headed Natural History Society beginning to shake off its discreditable lethargy, and threatening to inflict a course of interesting miscellaneous lectures upon us.—But stop; I