

who had to return to Montreal, and the intermediate places went on board the Steamer Longueuil, between six and seven o'clock, and after considerable delay she proceeded on her course, certainly at the slowest rate of any Steamer that we were ever on board of, and we hope we shall never be a passenger in the same Steamer under similar circumstances. The return trip was anything but pleasant, with a very crowded boat and a cold night. We however arrived safe in Montreal between ten and eleven o'clock. On leaving Varennes three cheers were given to Mr. Laurent, which he richly deserved for his politeness and attention throughout the day.

We must not forget the very superior state of Mr. Laurent's farm. It is well drained, and all the banks of the drains carted away, and the whole of the farm is in excellent condition. During the afternoon there was a meeting at the Church, which we were unable to attend, and George Cartier, Esq., M. P. P., delivered an address on the subject of agriculture. The address which we have read was excellent and we shall copy it in our next number. The Ploughing Match, altogether was very satisfactory, and will be productive of much good. It was the first exhibition (except the Ploughing Match at Quebec,) by the Lower Canada Agricultural Society, and although circumstances occurred which they did not anticipate, and which they will be prepared to guard against on a future occasion, they have every reason to be perfectly satisfied with the competition for the prizes, and the very numerous attendance of interested spectators. For our own part, the only cause of regret we had was the absence of the majority of the Directors of the Lower Canada Agricultural Society, a circumstance we could not account for. If there is any Agricultural Exhibition unobjectionable, it is Ploughing Matches. It is only at such Matches that practical laborers, for themselves, or for hire, receive remarks for their superior skill.

Farmers who can estimate the value of good ploughing, and of a good ploughman must see the importance of Ploughing Matches. Any man who is able to purchase good stock and good implements, can obtain prizes for them at Cattle-Shows, but it is the working man, and the hired laborer who may obtain prizes at Ploughing Matches, and a good ploughman is one of the most essential requisites upon a farm. It may be useful to submit a few remarks in conclusion. From the manner in which the ploughs had to be placed extending over a very long field, it was not possible for the gentlemen composing the Ploughing Match Committee who were present, to see that all the "Conditions" were complied with, but we hope that at the next Ploughing Match, all these matters will be cared for, by a more general attendance of the Directors of the Lower Canada Agricultural Society, who will be able to give attention to the Ploughing, the whole time it is in progress. The "Conditions" adopted were considered necessary, although they were not enforced this time. And there is yet another condition required, that is, the size and proportion of the furrow slice. We also think it would be quite necessary to have at least two different qualities of soil to operate upon, as in England, and that the time allowed for ploughing the light should be shorter than that allowed for the heavy clay. It is all very absurd for ploughmen coming to compete at Ploughing Matches, to pretend that they should have double the time allowed for ploughing a given quantity of land, that is generally occupied upon their own farm for a like quantity. It is ridiculous to see ploughmen contending for prizes moving at such a creeping pace, that they could not plough three quarters of an acre in a day. Let it be only satisfactorily ascertained, what time is actually required to plough an arpent of the land, selected for a Ploughing Match, and we maintain that the time should be very little more in proportion that should be allowed for ploughing the