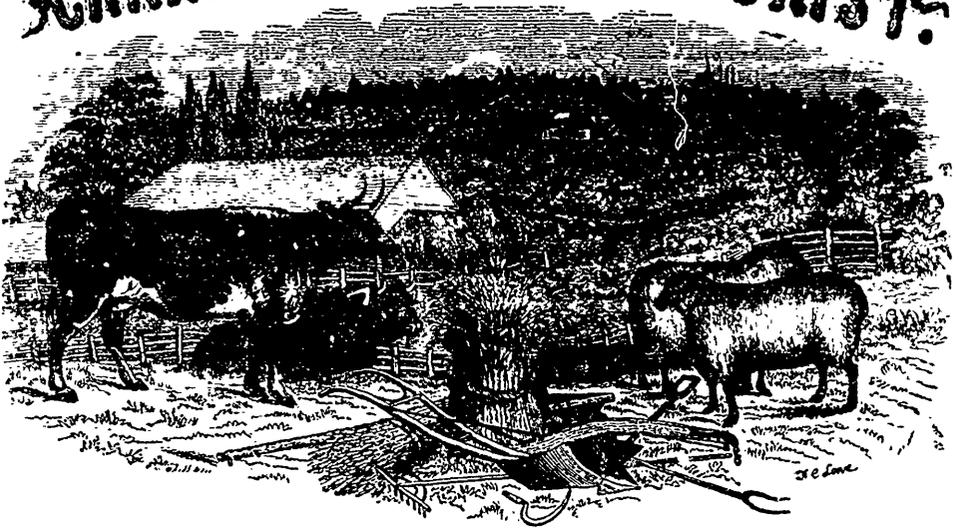


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### MEANS FOR PROMOTING THE AGRICULTURAL INTERESTS OF CANADA.

We beg to call the earnest attention of our readers to several important documents and papers, having reference to the advancement of Canadian Agriculture, which are to be found in our present number.

The draft of a new Agricultural Bill, which has already been submitted to the Government, and which will be brought before Parliament without delay, cannot fail, we think, to receive

that attention by the legislature, which the magnitude and obvious utility of its-objects demand. The great difficulty that has hitherto been felt, in the efficient application of the Parliamentary Agricultural grant, and the considerable sums of money raised by the various Agricultural Societies, has in great measure arisen, from the defective condition of the existing statutes, under which those matters have been regulated; and the absence of a simple and uniform machinery, for arranging the transactions and proceedings of the various Societies in the Province; and combining them into a systematic annual report. This might easily be done in some such way as the Bill provides for the establishment of one Central Board of Agriculture. It was precisely in this way that a powerful impetus and higher status were given to the Agriculture of Britain more than half a century ago, by the Board then formed, and for several years supported, by the government. In England it was this Board which commenced the collection and arrangement of Agricultural facts, publishing elaborate county reports; and it is to the efforts of such men as the late Sir Joseph Banks, Sir John Sinclair, and Arthur Young, that Agriculture, both in England and Scotland, has been brought to its present advanced condition. France, and several other