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NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.

THE first volume of the *Agriculturist* being completed, the Proprietors desire to address a few words to their Subscribers and the Public. For the support and literary assistance with which they have been favoured, they avail themselves of the present opportunity to render their grateful acknowledgments, and to express a hope that the same may be continued through another year. As the utility and profit of a paper of this character must mainly depend upon the extent of its circulation, and it being the wish of the proprietors to make this journal an efficient medium of communication between the districts of Upper Canada, on all subjects relative to agriculture, gardening, and the useful and domestic arts, they have determined on reducing the price, to Clubs and Agricultural Societies ordering 25 Copies, directed to one address, to HALF A DOLLAR PER ANNUM. This offer is made distinctly on the condition that a sufficient number of Subscribers shall be obtained, to guarantee the proprietors from a direct pecuniary loss. If the number should fall short of that point, the alternative will be adopted of reducing the size to 24 pages. To this the proprietors would be sorry to resort, since original matter, connected with and illustrative of the agricultural, manufacturing, and other industrial interests of the Province, is likely to increase in their hands, and therefore, instead of diminishing, they would rather increase the size of the publication. It is intended to make a proposal to the Directors of the Provincial Association, at their meeting in February next, to insert their reports and transactions; and it is believed that, if this enterprise is supported by the country, as its importance and utility appear to deserve, the *Agriculturist* may be placed in a position both remunerating and permanent, at the reduced price above proposed. No travelling agents will be employed, as the proprietors have found that such a system, with a paper so cheap as the *Agriculturist*, is certain to entail a pecuniary loss.

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tural Societies will be expected to pay on the receipt of their usual funds. It is urgently requested that those who intend patronizing the paper will inform us, by the 1st of January at the latest, what number of copies they will take, that we may be able to determine before going to press, the edition required.

CLOSE OF THE VOLUME FOR 1849.

The present No. concludes the volume of the *Agriculturist* for 1849. A very full Index has been prepared for the use of those who wish to preserve the work, and we trust all who have taken it for the year, will feel a sufficient interest in the progress of agricultural improvement in their country, to preserve for future consultation and reference, the only paper published in Western Canada, exclusively devoted to the farmers' interests, and which may also be said to be the only record of the facts connected with, and illustrative of such improvement, that has been published for the present year.— We shall be happy to supply any subscriber who has not received the whole 12 Nos., with the No. or Nos. that may not have come to hand, upon being requested so to do, *post paid*, if by mail. We have plenty of back numbers on hand, and are very anxious that every subscriber should get all he bargained for. Mistakes and neglects will occur now and then in the "best regulated families;" and until our Post Office in Canada is placed on a better footing, mistakes and miscarriages will be frequent, let publishers be ever so careful.

The *Agriculturist* will again, we regret to say, prove a considerable loss to the proprietors, over and above the time and labour that have been expended on it during the year. Finding that the plan of employing travelling agents only added to our expenses and losses, it being utterly impracticable to enforce the *cash in advance* system, even for so small a sum as one dollar, we called in our agents at the commencement of the present year. We were consequently left to the support of Agricultural Societies and spontaneous subscribers. We had about 6000 names on our books for 1848. To each of these persons we sent three numbers of the present volume, to supply a deficiency in the volume of 1848, which occurred through the misfortunes of a former proprietor, and to remove all cause of complaint against the work on the ground that a former contract was not