

and board and lodging, it is expected that a number of our young farmers desirous of improvement will readily avail themselves of it. We shall give full particulars in our next issue.

For the Agriculturist.

Death of Mr. Dods, of Petite Cote.

This sad and unexpected event has spread a gloom of sorrow over the whole of Lower Canada. Remarkable for his unassuming and retiring habits and manner of life, Mr. Dods, nevertheless, was known, and his character respected, over the whole of the Lower Province, while his many amiable qualities had endeared him to a large circle of friends. A liberal patron of every benevolent scheme, he was in an especial manner the friend of the poor and needy in his own immediate neighbourhood. As a spirited and successful agriculturist, his death is to be regarded as little short of a national calamity.

For nearly thirty years he had resided on his farm at Petite Cote, near Montreal, and his career as a farmer was one of untiring diligence and steady improvement in his profession.—Bringing with him from Scotland, his native country, a large amount of experience, he engrafted into his system of farming all the improvements of the old country that were suitable to the altered circumstances of the new world; wisely adopting such of the prevailing customs of his adopted country, as he saw to be beneficial. As a result, his farm, at the time of his death, was in every respect a model one, while his perseverance amid the many difficulties incident to a new country, and the prejudices which oftentimes obstructed his efforts to influence others, call for our admiration, as they are worthy of the imitation of the farmers of the whole Province.

Mr. Dods was an enthusiast in his profession, and excelled in every department of it. Of the various breeds of sheep, horses, and cattle, he had imported from Great Britain perhaps more than any other single individual in Canada; this his ample means enabled him to do to the best advantage. That he was singularly fortunate in his selections is best attested by the numerous prizes which he received whenever he exhibited his stock in competition with others.

Nearly the whole of his large farm had been thoroughly tile drained, and it is satisfactory, as well as highly important that the farmers of Canada should know, that in his experience, this operation was found to be remunerative. His system of cultivation was neat, husband-like and thorough, based upon enlarged and scientific principles—at the same time eminently practical, widely different from the lavish—often useless and inconsiderate expenditure which too frequently marks the practice of those whose money constitutes their only title to the rank of “the Gentleman Farmer.”

Mr. Dods has thus done much to elevate the standard of Agriculture in Canada. His life has been a bright example of a man, “not slothful in business—fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;” one who, looked up to by his brother-farmers, commanded also the respect of others whose education and intellectual endowments, had placed them at the head of refined society. His business talents were of no mean order. For many years he held the office of director of the City Bank. He was also for many years President of the County of Montreal Agricultural Society; by his prudence and liberal views he was the instrument of elevating that society to its present state of usefulness and efficiency—a matter of no small difficulty when the contending influences brought to bear by the antagonistic pressure of French and English interests, are taken into account. His sauvity of manner, coupled with decision of character, did much to reconcile discordant feelings, and when he retired from the presidency of the Society he did so with the satisfaction of witnessing both races united in a generous rivalry.

A painful and melancholy interest attaches to the circumstances of his death. While walking in his own field, superintending the operations of his farm, he was attacked by a vicious bull of his own herd—a very fine specimen of the Ayrshire breed. Ere assistance reached him, he was fearfully gored and bruised in various parts of his body. Medical aid was promptly obtained, and it had been hoped that his injuries might not prove fatal; but it was otherwise ordained,—at the end of ten days, unfavourable symptoms made their appearance, resulting in what is known by the medical profession as