

Dr. Johnson is reported to have said, "He who wants to do a great deal of good at once, will never do any," and perhaps this saying should be a warning to us not to attempt to do too much good at once. The Directors of the Lower Canada Agricultural Society confidently hope that the Agriculture of Lower Canada will ultimately attain a high state of perfection and prosperity, though this desirable change may not be generally effected so rapidly as they would wish. A new and perfect system cannot be forced upon the people, but will be sure to recommend itself gradually, chiefly by the successful results obtained by those who practise it first.

The Directors of the Lower Canada Agricultural Society in August last had a proposition made to them by one of their Members, Alfred Pinsonneault, Esq., to place at their disposal a farm at La Tortue, containing about 500 acres, with the live stock, implements, hay, oats, and straw then upon it, for the term of five years, on favorable terms, to be managed by them as a Model Farm. This offer was accepted, with one condition, that if the Legislative did not grant a sufficient aid for the establishment of an Agricultural School to be in connection and attached to the Model Farm, the Directors would have the power to surrender the farm to Mr. Pinsonneault at the termination of the first year, being the 1st of September next. A Committee of Directors were appointed to visit and superintend the Farm. Contracts were perfected between the Directors and Mr. Pinsonneault, and a French gentleman, Mr. Ossaye, an experienced agriculturist, was engaged to superintend and manage the Farm. The live stock, implements and produce were estimated by arbitrators, and passed over to the Directors on the 1st day of September last, with possession of the Farm. Mr. Pinsonneault was appointed Treasurer of the Model Farm, and has received £300, currency, to be applied to the cultivation of the Farm this year, and to pay the salary of Mr. Ossaye, but this amount was to be refunded to the Society in case the Farm should be given up at the end of the first

year of the lease. At the last Quarterly Meeting of the Directors, on the 12th instant, Mr. Pinsonneault stated that he was anxious to know as early as possible, if the Directors would continue to hold the Farm to the end of the term of five years, and from the uncertainty that existed of the Legislature granting a sufficient aid for the establishment of an Agricultural School connected with the Farm, as first proposed, he thought it would be best at once to propose to the Directors to take the Farm off their hands on the 1st of September next ensuing, and accordingly handed to the Chairman of the Meeting a written proposition to that effect, which was acceded to by a Resolution adopted at that Meeting, and the Farm, live stock, implements, and produce are to be given up to Mr. Pinsonneault on the 1st of September next, on such terms as may be arranged between the Directors and that gentleman. Mr. Ossaye's engagement with the Directors is to terminate at the same period.

The Directors of the Lower Canada Agricultural Society have entered into a long detail of their doings, submitted a faithful account of their stewardship, and, perhaps, speculated too sanguinely on the favorable future prospects of Agriculture in Lower Canada. It is in the power of this Society to do much to secure the favorable results now anticipated. The Directors, whom you may elect this day, incur considerable responsibility to their country in assuming the duties which that Office imposes upon them. The intention of the framers of the Act for Incorporating the Lower Canada Agricultural Society was, that every gentleman who might in future be elected as a Director of that Society *would do his duty* in that capacity to promote, by every means in his power, the improvement of Agriculture in Lower Canada.

It may be imagined what a vast amount of good might be produced by thirty-three gentlemen selected from all parts of the country that compose the Board of Directors acting constantly while in Office, in conformity to this implied engagement, when they undertake the duties of Directors.