

TO OUR READERS.

It is our intention, henceforth, to reserve the more lengthy articles, and to aim at more variety in the Journal. Our object shall be to condense our articles as much as possible,—so as to make the utmost of our space.

September was ushered in with cold and showery weather. We have given elsewhere an article containing a digest of the returns to questions proposed by the Board of Trade of Hamilton to practical men throughout the western peninsula, and our Readers will perceive the prospect is very cheering. We have in former numbers alluded to the harvest prospects, and the latest returns have fully realized our anticipations. The fruit crop will, however, in Lower-Canada, be but small.

The weather improved with the progress of the month.—We hear no complaints of potato rot and have seen but very few diseased tubers. If the yield in Upper-Canada is reported ample, except hay and wheat—we may safely affirm that the yield of Barley, Oats, Peas and Potatoes this year, in Lower-Canada, will be abundant and of excellent quality.

Towards the middle of the month the weather became unseasonably cold, and on the night of the 14th experienced an appreciable degree of frost, which told on the foliage of the mountain.

Great exertions are making to induce the Grand Trunk Road to run in a track to our port, procuring the erection of convenient flour sheds and stores, which would save the whole province, at this point, 4 cents a barrel on cartage, alone besides incipentals; and there can be no doubt that this arrangement would at sometime tend materially to increase the business of the road.

It is not supposed that the harvest in England or France will equal that of last year, and we have contradictory accounts from some quarters in the West.

Our monthly article has been crowded out of this number; but, with the next, and, henceforth, our Readers, as promised, may rely on receiving 48 pages regularly, of carefully prepared matter; and we shall be especially careful to admit nothing which is not recommended by its practical utility. We shall probably present our Readers with some relative correspondence, which will explain the cause of any delay which may have taken place.

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