

ceived very little attention in this province. But the time has come when it is necessary to attend to this subject. Many of your fields are exhausted by a succession of crops, and manuring them is already an object of importance. What effect may be produced on your soil by gypsum, so generally and so successfully used a hundred miles south of you, ought to be ascertained by experiments, accompanied with a calculation of the expense of procuring it.

Implements of husbandry suitable to your farms are susceptible of improvement in their construction, and the application of them to actual use.

A proper course of tillage and rotation of crops are subjects of no small practical consequence ; and every year increases the necessity of attending to them.

Improvements may doubtless be made in the selection of seeds of the most useful grains, grasses, roots and vegetables, and in the time and manner of sowing and planting them, as well as harvesting and securing their respective crops, and preparing them for market or family use.

There is great room for improvement in the breeds of domestic animals suitable for service, consumption or market ; and in the manner of feeding and managing them to the best advantage.

The management of dairies, also, and the manufacture of cheese and butter, are important collateral branches of agriculture. Such improvement in these articles as this district is capable of, would increase the comforts of its inhabitants, and retain among them large sums of money, which are now paid to their neighbors in the state of New York.

In connexion with agriculture, you should encourage domestic manufactures of the raw materials of your flocks and fields. They may furnish employment for idle hands and vacant hours, and save you many items in the bills of your family expenses ; items, which, regarded singly, appear inconsiderable ; yet, when charged and added up by a good mercantile accountant, amount at the end of the year to a formidable sum, and perhaps occasion a bond & mortgage, with the addition of register's fees and lawyer's costs. Household manufactures, intended for family use,