

It would be well to put into practice here that which is done in other countries, namely to induce municipalities to exert a more active superintendence, and to take means to preserve the fruits of our praise-worthy efforts.

To bring forward only one example: we see about the country, here and there, the planting of a few productive orchards; but of what good will they be unless regular care is taken of them? What can a few progressive men do in the midst of so many careless men?

Still, it must be confessed that our exports of fruit are already considerable, and that they may easily be doubled.

A more strict exertion of the powers of the law would, in this case, be a service rendered to the public.

#### TOBACCO-GROWING.

This crop, though of no great use, has doubled its yield this year.

We saw superb fields of it that only required skilful treatment.

The importation of tobacco is so large, that the farmers of the country have taken to grow a great deal of it, and, consequently, we had to answer numerous questions as to the best method of preparing it, etc., etc.; so we think it would be well to institute experiments on new varieties to find out which kind is the best suited to the demands of the market.

*(From the French; by the Editor).*

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### THE PROPOSED AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL.

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"I did; and I came to the conclusion that a school would be much better than a college. The farmers, for whose benefit the institution is entirely intended, would be frightened away by the use of the word 'college.' My idea is that directly the sons of farmers leave school, they should be able to enter the agricultural school as pupils; and I believe the committee which has been formed as the first governing body in connection with the scheme, coincide with me."

"May I enquire the names of the members of the committee?"

"It consists of Lords Coventry, Beauchamp, Cobham, and Windsor, Sir H. F. Vernon, Messrs. J. W. Willis Bund, Robert Woodward, James Best, E. Vincent Wheeler, John Brinton, Colonel Norbury, Frederick Corbett, and Ernest Bomford."

"And the age of the pupils?"

"From 15 to 18. As to fees, it is proposed that the fee shall be £5 a term, or £15 a year, to include board and lodging; and that the term of studing shall be at least two years."

"That is to say, the cost to the farmer will be considerably less than the expense of keeping his son at home?"

"One of the objects is to afford him financial relief in that direction, as well as to instruct his son in the business to which he intends to apply himself. I may say that I put the fees at £12 a year, but the committee thought that £15 would be better."

"What are to be conditions of admission to the School?"

"The pupils must be the sons of farmers in the counties of Worcester, Salop, and Hereford, preference being given to those whose fathers are farming in Worcestershire. As to the examination, the superintendent might examine respecting the moral character of the candidates."

"Will there be any religious test?"

"None whatever. It will be only necessary that those who seek admission should profess a religion which contains the elements of Christianity. The sons of members of the Church of England and Dissenters, will be equally eligible."

"Will the school be limited to boarders?"

"That is a point which has not yet been quite settled, but it has been suggested that the sons of tenant farmers, resident in the neighbourhood, might be admitted on reduced terms, attending daily and going home every night."

"I presume there will be a Board of Management?"

"Yes—of ten or a dozen gentlemen."

"Can you indicate the scope of the studies?"

"They will, in the first place, embrace the management and cultivation of the soil. There are two or three different kinds of soil in that part of the land which I propose to devote to the purpose. Then, there is a breeding and rearing of all kinds of stock; practical, though elementary, veterinary science, including shoemaking, rough carpentering and wheel-wrighting; fruit-growing and pruning; bee-keeping; poultry-