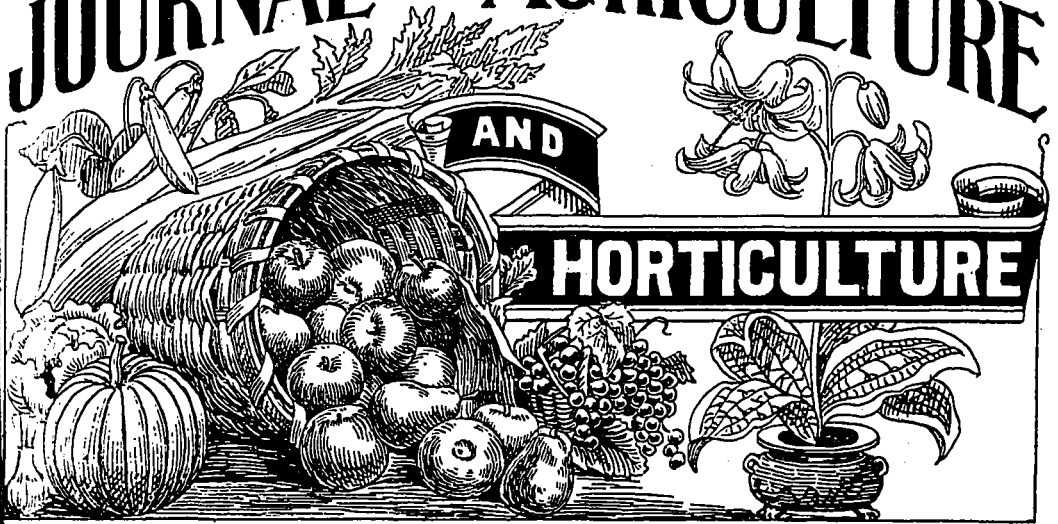


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No 2: H. R. MOONEY.

On the 8th of August, we inspected the farm of Mr. H. R. Mooney, of Inverness, Megantic, which comprises 400 acres, 250 of which are in cultivation, the remainder being in bush. The soil is partly alluvial, partly hard-wood loam.

The system of cultivation pursued by Mr. Mooney is not *rotative* exactly, its aim being to fatten cattle for the export-trade, and there are only 7 arpents in hoed crops. Still, we gave him full marks for his farming seeing that he gives all his meadows a full coat of dung every fall, and breaks them up frequently, in spite of his land being of excellent quality. The almost entire absence of weeds proves the truth of what we have just advanced.

The house is well arranged, and the buildings in general roomy and very suitable to the purpose for which they were built. Mr. Mooney is delighted with his large silo.

Management, generally speaking, good, and the books better kept than in 1892. We are persuaded that Mr. Mooney would keep perfect accounts if he had a regular set of books arranged for the purpose.

For his fat leasts we gave 13 out of 15 marks. They number 50 head and very fine they are. The milch-cows, too, are very good, and we think Mr. Mooney is quite right to turn his attention seriously in future to dairying.

The crops were: 5 arpents of barley, 20 of oats, $1\frac{1}{2}$ of buckwheat, $\frac{1}{2}$ of beans, $2\frac{1}{2}$ of swedes, 1 of potatoes, $2\frac{1}{2}$ of maize (various) for experiments, 85 of splendid meadow, and 150 of very rich pasture, well supplied with water.