

THE GENERAL MANAGEMENT OF A FARM.

The *habitants* of Lower Canada are in general thrifty and industrious: their farms look well, although they are, for the most part, worn out. All that they want is a *good system*, and such a system, to be available, ought to possess the following qualities, viz:—

1st. It ought to be economical, and not require more capital than the actual system, or rather than the present absence of system, requires. It is undoubtedly of great advantage to apply capital to the land, but this advantage is in general beyond the reach of our farmers, as their means are not sufficient.

2d. It ought to restore fertility to the soil; and maintain it by the products of the land itself. Manures got from other quarters than the farm itself are always expensive, and, at a distance from town, are often not to be had at all.

3rd. It ought to be simple and of easy application.

4th. Finally, it ought to have experience clearly in its favor.

The author of this Essay, having for a long time made the practical application of a system which unites all these advantages in a high degree, believes that it is his duty and privilege to submit it to his fellow Colonists; and he feels certain, that if this plan is adopted, it will render the country more productive, and consequently more prosperous; it will in the space of six years, convert worn out, worthless, weedy land into smiling, rich and fertile farms, and the small miserable animals of Lower Canada into valuable stock, and all that without a greater expenditure of labor and money than is incurred by the system actually in use.

Before explaining his system, however, the author will take the liberty of relating his own experience, and for greater clearness, he will speak in the first person.