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STE-ANNE DE BELLEVUE.

The farms in this neighbourhood are of very good quality; though the soil is light, it responds very kindly to liberal treatment, and only asks for small and frequent dressings of manure to produce capital crops of all kinds, especially of carrots. As the little pasture there is never sees the dungcart, and green fodder-crops are rarely grown, the factories are not very lavishly supplied. Except at night and in the early morning, the cows get but little water; on one farm in particular, the only drinking place is a mud-hole, about 6 x 7 feet, into which the drainage from the St. Mary's road runs, all the water for the buildings having to be carted up from the river. When the cows are driven home for the evening's milking, it is easy to see, by the rush they make to the river, how keenly they feel their need of a good drink.

Drainage seems to be impossible here, as the only outlet is so serpentine in its course, and its bed is so rocky, that nothing short of a combination of the neighbours can cope with it. A pity; for some of the best land in the parish is thereby rendered almost useless.

Harvest on the farm whereon we are at present residing, is about over (Aug. 5th), and the second cut of clover is down. Not so good as it promised to be in the beginning of July, as the extraordinary heat and drought of the last five weeks ripened the clover-heads too rapidly, on the stony bank near the river. The oats, where sown alone, are a good crop, but, as we predicted in the last No. of the Journal, the pease in the gabourage, (1)

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