

The Special Report emanating from the Agricultural Society of the County of Beauharnois, strengthens the consolatory opinion held by your Committee, that Agriculture, as a science and as a pursuit, is making regular and rapid progress.

Your Committee consider it a duty to remark, that it is desirable that each County should make a special annual return, on the plan of the Report made by the Society of Beauharnois; but they must also remark, that it would be desirable that such documents should be entirely free from sectional prejudices, and sectional feelings.

Your Committee regret the colouring given to certain parts of the Report of the County of Beauharnois, particularly to that part of the Report in which allusion is made to the holidays (*fêtes d'obligation*) observed by Catholics; an allusion the more particularly unreasonable and misplaced, as it is the less probable that the Legislature will, by any act of their body, oblige Catholic farmers to labor on those days which are, by their Church, consecrated to the worship of the Creator.

Your Committee having in view the Report made last year to your Honorable House, and the documents annexed thereto, as well as the Appendix to the present Report, will confine its own action to the furnishing of the rough draught of a measure, which your Committee think it their duty to recommend to be adopted by the Legislature, as the best means to be taken at present for the encouragement of Agriculture, in a country which, (we cannot repeat it too often,) nature has especially created for agricultural purposes.

Your Committee recommends therefore, the appointment of two Superintendents of Agriculture for Lower Canada: one, for the united Districts of Quebec, Three Rivers, and Gaspé; the other, for the united Districts of Montreal and St. Francis; whose duties should be as follows:—

1. To visit their respective Districts once in the year.
2. To draw up an Annual Report of such visit within their territorial limits, which Report should comprise, among other matters, a description of the different soils,—the fertilizing matters appropriate to each,—a description