

The great objects of this Journal being to record, in a condensed and popular form, the most important agricultural improvements of the day, and to offer a regular means of communication between the Board and the various agricultural societies throughout this section of the Province, it must be obvious that, in carrying out these purposes, we shall require the co-operation of those individuals who take a lead in such matters in different parts of the country. We trust that this kind of assistance will not be withheld. Any information, or suggestions, tending to facilitate these objects, will at all times be thankfully received.

We cannot conclude these few remarks, written at the close of a year which has proved so widely disastrous to the agricultural and trading interests of the country, without expressing a strong hope that the worst is past, and that the new year will, under the guidance of a beneficent Providence, be characterised by increased activity in all our industrial pursuits and the full restoration of commercial confidence; an abundant harvest, and, as a consequence, general prosperity and happiness.

AMERICAN SHORT HORN HERD BOOK.

[The following communication from Lewis F. Allen, Esq., Editor of the *American Herd Book*, in reference to his forthcoming new volume (the 4th of the series) would have appeared at an earlier date, had it not unfortunately got mislaid. It may not even now be too late to order the pedigrees of animals, if parties desirous of so doing communicate with Mr. Allen immediately. The work is highly deserving the support of all short-horn breeders, and indeed of all farmers interested in that important breed of stock, (and who now-a-days is not?) throughout this continent.]—ED. AGRICULTURIST.

BLACK ROCK, N. Y., October 8, 1858.

Editor Canadian Agriculturist.

DEAR SIR,—The approbation with which the previous volumes of the *American Herd Book* have been received by the Short Horn breeders of this country, together with the large contribution of pedigrees to their pages, and the solicitations of many breeders to have a fourth volume in preparation, have induced me to give this notice, that sufficient time may be given for the full examination which is required by every Short Horn breeder to properly arrange their pedigrees. Since the compilation of the last volume, hundreds of young animals have been produced, and new importations made from abroad; and by the time the next volume can be ready for the press, a further natural increase to our existing herds will be added. I therefore give you this notice, that in case you choose to record your pedigrees, you can have ample time to do so. I ask your attention to the following particulars:

1st. All pedigrees must be sent in previous to the *first day of December*, 1858, to allow me time to compile them, and issue the book by May 1, 1859.