

and that it is our own fault is we are not a happy, prosperous, and contented people.

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LETTER OF MR. SHERIFF TREADWELL.

L'ORIGNAL, 10th Sept., 1850.

SIR,—It is with feelings of pleasure and satisfaction that I have perused the Report of Dr. C. M. Everett, and Messrs. George Willice and John Cross, as experts on the state of crops in this County, and only regret that the meeting of the Agricultural Association should be held at so early a period as to debar us of the opportunity of sending those gentlemen a full account of its proceedings, and of our interesting Cattle-Show and Fair.

Although Mr. Higginson's admirable letter on the establishment of Model Farms in every county has not attracted attention, as well as my own humble suggestions of obtaining from Government, for each County, a grant of £50 for the purchase of Model implements of husbandry, and also a like sum for the purchase of an Agricultural Library. Yet I feel confident that the Agricultural Report of this county, for the last year, has not been without its beneficial results. A spirit of emulation is silently spreading among our farmers, who are now striving to ascertain the greatest quantity of grain and crops a few well managed and cultivated acres are capable of producing.

Last year was a season of uncommon drought, which enabled many persons to clear up pieces of low land, and put them in fine condition to receive the seed, and the extensive fires that overran our forest last year have been calculated to induce a large number of individuals to clear up the burnt tracts, and make them fit for the plough, considerable portions of which were put under crop last spring. Under these and other favorable circumstances, there can be no doubt that the agricultural returns of this year will be about double the average of several former. In reference to the manufactories mentioned in my last report, their progress has been steadily onwards, and do doubt others will follow in their train.

I am proud to notice the liberal provision made by our Legislature of placing the products and resources of Canada before the civilized world, at the grand exhibition to be held in London, in May next, under the auspices of its projector. His laudable scheme has caused a spirit of emulation in every quarter of the globe, and will certainly tend to produce the most beneficial results, not only to the British possessions, but to the world at large.

How far the death of two great men, the late Premier of England and the President of the United States of America, which has taken place within the present year, will change the policy of two of the leading nations of the earth, is a matter that none can foresee.—The policy of the late President was, no doubt, for imposing an *ad valorem* rate of duty for Revenue purposes only, irrespective of protection; but it is thought by many, that the course of policy of President Fillmore, and of his cabinet, will be to levy a specific rate of duty, not only for revenue purposes, but also for the protection and encouragement of the manufactures of the United States.

I feel sensible of the correctness of the statement of the Experts, as to the want of circulation, throughout the country, of agricultural journals, but am, at the

same time, happy to find here and there copies of the "Cultivators," the "Canadian Agriculturist," and the "Journal of Agriculture," which the farmers seem fond of reading. Works on agriculture are beginning to be sought after, such as Liebeg and Johnson's Agricultural Chemistry, Roger's Scientific Agriculturist, the Farmer's Treasure, and the Farmer's Every Day Book. These and other such works and journals will do much to raise the standing of agricultural education in the County.

During the early part of the season, I drew up a list of queries on agricultural subjects, which I submitted to many of our farmers, and I assure you that they drew forth much interesting and valuable information. I must particularly allude to those signed "A Farmer," which you have not seen; and, as to their author, you will, I think, discover Peter Stirling, Esq., of Caledonia. The answers of Joan Thompson, Esq., of Nepean; William Edwards, Esquire, of Clarence; Mr. James Scott, of East Hawkesbury; and Messrs. Alfred and James Cass, of Longueuil, were also useful and interesting. I thing that a degree of modesty kept many from answering those queries; but, if they have not told us with the pen what they have done, they have with the plough. Now, that the lumbering square timber business is less carried on in this County than formerly, the attention of our youth is directed to Agriculture, and in a short time this County will, I hope, compete with those in a more favorite climate. Mr. Stirling has suggested the establishment, in each County, of one or more grain stores, for the purchase and sale of the choicest and best sorts of seed grain, garden seeds, hay seeds, &c. &c., and that the public should encourage such establishments by purchasing of them their implements of husbandry, &c. Whilst on this subject I would recommend the republication of Mr. Samuel Steven's excellent letter on the subject of garden seeds, and the cultivation of roots for cattle. I have noticed the progress of agricultural science for some years past, and am happy to find that it is beginning to command that respect to which it is so justly entitled, and I hope that our young men will soon see that wheat can be grown here as cheap and as well as in Wisconsin, and that it will procure gold in return, and thus render it unnecessary to seek for it in California.

I congratulate the people of this County on their obtaining £3,600, (balance of the Government appropriation of 1843,) for aid in constructing the public road from L'Orignal to Bytown. This will cause a land communication between the capitals, and very likely the conveyance of our mail will be on this side of the Ottawa, as in the spring and fall a land conveyance on the other side is perilous and tedious. Among other cheering prospects is the construction of a railroad from Lachine to Prescott, via the valleys of the Ottawa and Nation Rivers. A liberal Charter was obtained during the last sitting of the Legislature. It is true, that the Company have their choice of routes, but every man who has studied the matter will see that the one through St. Eustach, crossing at Hawkesbury, and following by L'Orignal and Caledonia Springs, to the Nation, and thence to Prescott, will not only be the most preferable in opening up the waste lands in that region, but likewise by far the most easily constructed; and what to the *Capitalist* is more, yielding the most returns. Our friends in Bytown are not indifferent as to the great benefit to be reaped by them in the construction of a Railroad from there to Prescott, and will soon go to work in earnest, having also obtained the necessary Charter. A junction of the two roads this side of Prescott is, I think, worthy of attention. I hope soon