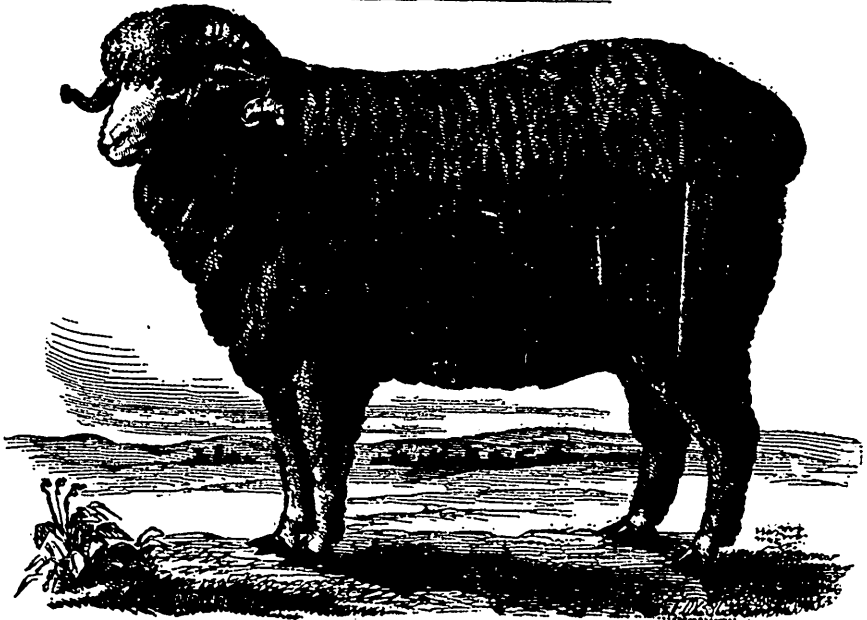


culture is conducted upon the most perfect system, and with all the skill and capital required to work it successfully, there are several Agricultural publications besides the Journal of the Royal English Agricultural Society, which latter publication is said to be so highly prized, as to be the chief bond of union of the Members of the Society. The publication of the Agricultural Journal in English and French, is much more necessary in Lower Canada, and through its publication we may have the most useful selections of British publications brought before us, with whatever useful information can be added by contributors in this country. Whatever changes may be introduced under a new order of things, we hope the publication of the Journal will not be abandoned, upon any consideration of a trifling saving of expense, (even if it should be an expense for the first year) as the publication will now be more necessary for the successful working of a new system, than it was hitherto in

Lower Canada. The introduction of agricultural books into the common country schools, is now generally thought to be advisable, and certainly the Agricultural Journals might be so prepared as to be made suitable for reading and study at schools by youth of a certain age who attend these schools. Indeed they might receive more lasting information and instruction from such reading, than men of full age would do. We have gone into this subject at considerable length, but at this particular period, we thought it necessary to bring the matter before the public for consideration. When even one copy of the Journal is subscribed for in a parish, it may be the means of inducing the party who receives it to try some of the improvements recommended or suggested; and if this party succeeds with his experiment, he is sure to be imitated by others who see his success. It is in this way agricultural improvement may be advanced through the remotest sections of Lower Canada.



FRENCH MERINO BUCK, "KING OF TERRORS."

*Owned by S. W. Jewett, H. S. Morse, and O. F. Holabird. Imported from France in 1851:
Bred by Mons. Cugnot. The above is from a daguerreotype likeness:*

The peculiar characteristics of the French Merinos are, that they combine both mutton and wool qualities. Weathers of this breed, at full age, dress from 40 to 60 pounds the quarter, and they shear from 8 to 18 pounds of a beautiful quality of washed wool. They are also very prolific, raising many more lambs than ewes. They are very tame and docile, and require but little fence to control them.

Mr. Morse, of Shelburn, the town adjoining Burlington, has a flock of two hundred of the pure breed, imported, and their lambs, upon his farm.