

Middle River, Victoria Co., Sept. 12th, 1859.

DEAR SIR,—

I now express regret that I should have delayed so long in acknowledging the receipt of your printed Circular of 1st. June. I submit the following answers to your Queries on the subject of Agriculture, viz :

1st. The present condition of Agriculture in our district, is in every respect progressive and has been so since the institution of our Society in 1845. This state of progress arises from the encouragement given by the Legislature

2nd. Attention is particularly paid to the Rotation of Crops by oats, potatoes, wheat or barley, and then into grass, and the same practice generally followed in ploughed land.

3rd. We are very successful in using artificial fertilizers by the preparation of Compost, and its application as top-dressing to grass land. Lime which abounds in this district is at all times used as a fertilizer.

4th. The average arable land cultivated by each farmer within the last fifteen years under each crop is about fifteen acres yielding nine returns and ten barrels of potatoes for every barrel planted.

5th. This Society is well supplied with Dawson's and Judge Peters' treatises on Agriculture.

6th. There is no periodical used on Agriculture except the Educational and Agricultural Journal, which is gaining popularity from the essential subjects treated.

7th. The management of an Agricultural Society has been productive of great benefit, and we have much cause to be grateful for the encouragement received from Government.

8th. The grand desideratum for imparting an impulse to this important branch of industry is the Bounty received by each Society and visibly appears to create a stimulus for rendering good crops to the farmer.

9th. The prevailing quality of the land in this district is a mixture of clay and loam

I have the honor to remain, Rev. dear Sir,  
Your most obt. servant,  
JOHN McLENNAN,  
Secy. Agr. Society of Middle River.

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