

ADDRESS TO AGRICULTURISTS,  
AND THE FRIENDS TO THE IMPROVEMENT AND  
PROSPERITY OF AGRICULTURISTS IN CANADA.

Relying upon your support, we have commenced the publication of a "JOURNAL OF AGRICULTURE" in Montreal, now about to become the Seat of Government, and the first city in British North America. If a publication of this nature could be expected to succeed and prosper in any city or town in this part of the Dominion of our Queen, it is in Montreal, a beautiful, wealthy, prosperous city, of fifty thousand inhabitants—and situated in the centre of an extensive cultivated country, equal to any on earth in natural fertility of soil—and for every purpose of agriculture. If we may not expect support for one Journal devoted exclusively to agriculture, published under such circumstances, we may well suppose that agriculture is not considered of much importance to the Canadian community, and we may not be surprised that its improvement and prosperity have been so long disregarded. We hope, however, that all classes view this subject differently now, and are perfectly satisfied, that the general prosperity of this fine country, most mainly depend upon the amount and value of productions created here. This fact is so manifest that it is needless to go into any proof of it. Our humble and unceasing efforts to promote the improvement of Canadian agriculture are known to the public, and the Journal that commences with this number is published with the same object. To assist in giving our subscribers satisfaction, the columns of our Journal will be open to the communications of any farmer who may wish to aid our endeavours to promote the improvement and prosperity of Canadian husbandry. It shall not be our fault that useful and practical information will not be given, by any individual who will be disposed to do so. We do possess the means of giving information of all new improvements introduced in the agriculture of the British Isles, and of the United States; and we are perfectly convinced that the English practice of agriculture may, with very little variation, be successfully introduced here. The extensive cultivation of turnips for the feeding of cattle, is the only part of English husbandry that we cannot adopt in Canada. We take upon us to say, that the more closely we adopt the English system of cultivating crops, the more certainly will we be able to produce good crops. We are not, however, answerable for the profit of the English system in all cases, and under every circumstance, as this will, in a great measure, depend upon the skilful employment of labour that will not be too dear. We do not pretend to be able to

instruct farmers that are better acquainted with practical agriculture than ourselves, but even to such, we may be useful, by submitting information to them, which they might not have the same opportunities of becoming acquainted with, which we possess. An extensive correspondence, and exchange papers, give us the means to collect useful information that few individuals can have. The best qualified farmer in America, might derive benefit from this Journal during a year, that would more than compensate to him for the year's subscription of one dollar; and indeed we would hope that to any class of subscribers we shall be able to make our Journal worth the subscription, as we shall give insertion to matter which they would not have an opportunity of seeing in other journals. There is another class of farmers, who may not have the same opportunities that we have been favoured with from our boyhood, of acquiring a knowledge of practical agriculture, that we presume our Journal may be very useful to. The friends of agricultural improvement and prosperity, we would earnestly solicit for their aid and countenance. It is only those who suppose that agriculture is not necessary for us, that we would despair of giving their support. We will not offend any party, as we shall carefully exclude party politics, and leave that matter to other journals; we shall, however, endeavour to show the advantages of British connection, and of emigration and capital to this country. We shall do all in our power to make our Journal useful and acceptable to our subscribers. Need we say more to ensure public support? If agriculture is necessary, and of paramount importance to a vast majority of the Canadian population, may we not hope that all classes of our community would aid and support any Journal, published expressly with a view to improve and augment the produce and value of that agriculture? It will give us confidence, and greatly increase our power of usefulness, to know that we shall have the support and countenance of the public.

We have commenced on a small scale, but if our subscription list will enable us to issue two numbers in the month, we shall do so. We are anxious to publish in the French language also, but as the expense would be considerable, we cannot venture to incur it, unless we are encouraged by a subscription list that would support it. We hope our friends will not expect too much from us in the present number, as we had to prepare it in a hurry. We have arranged that the future numbers will come out regularly the first day of every month. The publishers, Messrs. Lovell & Gibson, will receive all orders. Correspondence, and communications intended for the Journal, to be addressed to us, at the office of the Publishers.