

nures distributed by the Government? Surely, the Government or the Council of Agriculture should see to the management of these societies. Some man who is a practical Agriculturist of good standing in the country should be appointed to superintend these Societies and Colleges, see that the accounts are properly kept, visit every exhibition, and make reports to the Council of Agriculture, which reports should be published in the Journal.

Fill the situation with a good man, and there will soon be a great change for the better in these institutions, to the great benefit of the country.

I have thus suggested a few subjects which may engage the attention of some of our leading Agriculturists, of manifest importance to the farmer and the public, and I would call upon the agricultural interests of the country to weigh the matter with deliberation. I would in particular address those who are just entering upon the business of life, who are anxious not only to acquire fortunes, but reputations for public usefulness, and who are to give a character to our agriculture in coming years. "Nothing" said an ancient Sage "can be more despicable than an old man, who has no other proof of having lived long in the world than his age."

It should be the object of our ambition that we should all signalise the period of life allotted to us by some exertion either mentally or bodily, which may be useful to mankind, and give us a claim to their remembrance, to their respect, and to their-gratitude.

AYLMER.

Melbourne, Jan. 1883.

TO ARTHUR R. JENNERFUST,

Dear Sir,—On account of absence from home till yesterday I did not receive your letter in regard to price of cotton seed, and I, with much pleasure, answer the best I can.

It is true we have a good cotton crop, but from the fact that cotton seed oil is being so generally used in cooking in place of hog's lard, the product has increased in price, and, consequently, the raw seed is no cheaper than last year.

I saw two cotton seed buyers on my return. They are paying, delivered in sacks on the bank of Arkansas river, \$9 (nine dollars) per ton of 2000 lbs., the mills furnishing the sacks. On the Miss. river, they pay \$10. (ten dollars) per ton.

I cannot say what will be the charge per carload from here to Montreal or Boston, of that you can enquire of freight-agents in Boston. My impression is that it will be cheaper for you to purchase the oil cake; and if it is not ground, it will be impossible to adulterate it.

I do not know what the oil cake sells for, but you can write to the oil mills at Little Rock, Arkansas, as I think you can purchase cheaper there than in Memphis. My son in law, I. G. Johnson, lives in Little Rock, and he will take pleasure in assisting you. You can also write to W. M. Watkins, Memphis, Tenn., 708 Main street (tell him I wrote you), and he will give you all the information you wish. He will purchase and ship for 2½ 0/0.

I do not think the Mills adulterate the meal here; but to be sure, the cake can be shipped as cheaply as the meal, and then ground when received.

I feed to my sheep the raw cotton-seed which I have been able to purchase at the gins not sacked, \$3 to \$4 per ton. It cost about \$2 per ton to sack and deliver in the river; this will be this year to me \$7 per ton.

I have here as good a stock farm as there is in the South. But I have no capital to purchase stock.

I am anxious for a party with \$3000 to \$5000, and I will guarantee him 12½ 0/0 per annum on all the capital he will put in.

If you see any one who wishes to invest any money in this, please let me know.

I can give the best of reference to business men in New Orleans, Nashville, or Little Rock.

If I can assist you in any way I will take pleasure in doing so. I have been absent 6 months in Tennessee and Kentucky studying stock raising, and think I have learned the fact, that cattle, sheep, and horses, can be raised for one half in the cotton states that they cost in the Northern states.

With much respect

I am your's truly,

Arkansas Post, Arkansas  
Nov. 23d 1882.

J. H. MOORE.

Dear Sir,—In reply to your letter of 29th Nov. in reference to cotton seed meal and its uses, I beg to hand you herewith a pamphlet issued by the Meal Exchange, which will give you all the information you may desire.

The quotations for cotton seed meal or cake, c. o. d., in car load lots, is now \$20.00 per ton of 2,000 lbs. Prices are subject to change, but my impression, judging from the large crop made, and a decline in prices of seed, is, that any change from above figures will be in favour of buyers.

Meal is put up in 100 lbs bags, cake in 200 lbs bags. There is no question of the purity of meal you may buy in this market, but if you prefer, you could buy the cake and grind it to suit yourself. I may also add that mills here will grind meal coarse or fine as parties ordering may elect. Freights to Boston are \$8.00 per ton, and to Montreal would hardly be in excess of this.

The mills of this city, Little Rock, Nashville, and Columbus, Miss. compose the meal exchange, and, hence, prices would rule same at all points.

It is hardly necessary to write more fully upon the subject, as the paper I mail you contains all the information asked. If, however, there is anything more you desire to know, I will cheerfully write you, and if you conclude to order meal or cake I shall be glad to have your order at the figure mentioned. Very respectfully yours,

W. M. WATKINS.

Arthur R. Jenner Fust, Montreal, Canada.

We call attention to the letter of Mr. W. Costigan. If every one in his separate locality would follow the good example set by that gentleman, our country parts would soon be reclothed with verdure; and the horrid nakedness which characterises some parts of the Townships would give place to a warmer and more comfortable aspect.

TO ED. A. BARNARD, ESQ,

Dear Sir,—As requested in circular of 5th ulto, I am pleased to advise having planted on Saturday 14th Oct. about twenty trees, comprising 4 Butternuts, 3 Maples, 3 Elms, 3 Beech, 2 Scotch Firs, 2 Horse Chesnuts, 2 Acacias, 1 Iron Wood, and on Saturday last, 18th instant, I put in one hundred and twenty one Walnuts.

On the first occasion, I took out with me to the lot on Lower Lachine Road a party of seventeen young folks, representing nine different families, and had a most enjoyable "ARBOR-DAY", as it was delightfully fine weather.

The above being a matter of pleasure, I enclose \$2.00, the yearly subscription.

Yours truly

(Signed)

Wm F. Costigan.

Montreal 24th Nov. 1882.