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It is so essential to the permanent prosperity of Lower-Canada, that one Agricultural College and Model-Farm should be established, that we feel it our duty to advert to the subject in every number of the Journal. There has not been one objection made to their establishment that could not be answered satisfactorily. Indeed we cannot imagine any possible objection to means being provided for educating agriculturists suitably to enable them to practise their profession successfully; and if any public aid is to be afforded for the support of education, in justice to the rural population, let it include that sort of education that will be the most useful to the sons of farmers, and those who wish to become farmers. We have been repeatedly applied to by respectable parties for information respecting Agricultural Schools, and Model-Farms, if there were any such

establishments in Canada or the United States, where young men might be suitably instructed, and to all such enquiries we had to reply that we did not know of any. This want is most injurious to the general interests of the country, and more particularly to Agriculture. Parents of respectability and wealth, who would be anxious that some of their sons would become agriculturists, are prevented from providing for them in this way, because they have no opportunity of previous instruction in the science and practice of husbandry. Hence agriculture loses the advantage of having men of education and capital to become farmers, who would be able to set an example of good farming to all around where they might settle. There is another evil, that those young men who would become farmers if they had an opportunity, and add to the production and wealth of their country, are forced to crowd other professions, and are often useless consu-