AGRICULTURAL JOURNAL,

AND

TRANSACTIONS

OF THE

Lower Canada Agricultural Society.

B. AOV

Montreal, november, 1849.

270° 32°

We have much satisfaction in stating that His Grace the Archbishop of Quebec has addressed a printed "Circular" to the Curés of the Diocese of Quebec, of which we give a This "Circular" is a proof of the interest which the Archbishop feels in the prosperity of the rural population. There can be no mistake as to the great advantage the improvement of our agriculture would be to the rural population, and to every interest in the country, and we are happy to state that we have found the Roman Catholic Clergy generally most favorably disposed to forward this necessary improvement. Indeed we have received more flattering and encouraging letters from members of the Catholic Clergy, to persevere in our humble exertions to promote the improvement of agriculture, than from any other class of this community, or from all of them together. This circumstance we conceive highly creditable to this most respectable body, who are always employed in doing good for their parishioners. We have already said so much in reference to the support of the clergy, and the advantages it would be to the Lower Canada Agricultural Society to have this support in their endeavours to advance the improvement of Canadan agriculture, that we may conclude for the present by observing, that, as editor of this Journal, we shall do all in our power to make it worthy the recommendation and patronage of the Archbishop, Bishops and Clergy of Lower Canada. It is our most anxious desire, as it would be our highest ambition, that the Journal should be instrumental in advancing the improvement of our husban-

It is not party questions or doubtful subjects we attempt to discuss, but a subject upon which the very existence of our race depends, and an employment that was practiced by the first generation of mankind, continued up to the present time, and is more necessary now than it ever was, from the vast increase of population all over the world. Perhaps the production of the earth, annually, seldom much exceeds the necessary consumption of its inhabitants, and if such is the fact, we may imagine what a fearful amount of suffering would be the consequence of any great deficiency in the annual produce. We are, therefore, in duty bound to do all in our power to prevent any deficiency, by executing our part properly. Adverse seasons and other casualties may hap. pen in one part of the earth and not in another. The favoured portion should then be in a position to assist and support the country whose crops failed. This is our duty as members of the great human family, to be prepared for contingencies that may occur; and it shows so clearly the decided interest felt by his Grace the Archbishop of Quebec, and by Mr. Cazeau, in the improvement and prosperity of agriculture, that we are proud to be allowed to give it insertion. We have also to acknowledge a letter to us from His Lordship the Roman Catholic Bishop of Montreal, exceedingly kind and encouraging, and indicative of His Lordship's anxious desire to promote agricultural improvement in Canada, which H's Lordship has allowed us to publish.

The Bishop's letter, we are happy to perceive, advocates the establishment of Model