

"diseases" of cattle will be treated of in our next volume, and probably, the history of the Horse, different breeds, &c. collected from the most authentic sources.

Authentic reports of the proceedings of the Board of Agriculture, Provincial Association, Prize List, &c., &c., appear in the *Agriculturist* only. Without being an official journal, or the responsible *organ* of any Society or Board, it contains everything relating to our Agricultural institutions,—now well organized, and becoming every year more active and useful,—that the general reader is interested in knowing.

To Agricultural Societies this journal is of great importance. Besides the interest it awakens among their members, and the information imparted on general topics, the explanations, notices and suggestions in reference to their organization, management, rights and duties under the law, which from time to time appear in its columns, must give it precedence over any other journal, especially those coming from a foreign country.

The next volume will be improved in some respects, especially in the style of printing, and, if possible, in *paper*. We wish to encourage "home production," and are therefore obliged to use an article that does not *look* so well as it might, though it is really stronger and wears better than imported paper of similar material. We have been promised improvement in color and finish, and hope we may not be disappointed. The Editorial staff will probably undergo some change, though Professor BUCKLAND will continue to give his aid in the Agricultural Department. We intend to merit, and hope to receive a continuance of that patronage which the *Agriculturist* has already enjoyed. It is the only *bona fide* Agricultural journal published in Upper Canada; and having contributed largely to the establishment of the present excellent organization of Associations, Boards, Societies, &c., it surely deserves their countenance and support. We notice that another attempt is being made to palm off upon our farmers an American paper, with probably a page or two added, under the name of the "Canada Farmer." We have no objection to

see American Agricultural journals in the hands of our farmers,—in fact we should be glad to hear that the best of them were more generally read—but the attempt to introduce them under a *false name*, is a sort of "Yankee trick" that we cannot admire. This is not fair competition, and will not be countenanced by those who love truth and hate deception.

The terms of the *Agriculturist* will be the same as usual, although the cost of publishing has increased 20 per cent. during the last year. The January number will be sent to all present *single* subscribers, and a few copies to the Secretary of each Society or Club now taking it. Orders should be sent in as soon as possible.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS OF THE AGRICULTURAL ACT.

We have received the copy of a Bill introduced by Mr. Felton, member for Sherbrooke, Lower Canada, to "amend" the Act "establishing a Bureau of Agriculture," &c. We are quite ready to admit that the Act in question could be amended in several points, but we must say that the proposed Bill of Mr. Felton, who, we believe, is a lawyer by profession, will prove the very reverse. It may be that the Lower Canada Board of Agriculture, or some member of it, has suggested the so-called "amendments" of Mr. Felton, but we think before the *machinery* of so important an Act is interfered with, the Board of Upper Canada, or some of those acquainted with, and interested in the practical working of agricultural institutions in this section of the Province, should have been consulted. The agricultural *system*, as it may now be called, has been in operation in Upper Canada for some years,—at least the most important parts of it. Experience pointed out the necessity for the "amendments" that were embodied in the consolidated Act of 1852. The organization of a "Board of Agriculture," and an "Association" connected with it, was a *new* thing in Lower Canada. They have held but two shows under the new system, and can hardly claim to understand it better than those who framed the law, and have had a longer experience of its provisions.