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With this number we complete the *seventh* volume of the *Agriculturist*, and again appeal to our friends, and the friends of agricultural improvement, for another year's support. While we are conscious of many shortcomings, and while we admit that we have not, from various causes, been able to devote as much labour and attention to the work as we intended, and may be fairly held to have promised, yet we claim to have given all our subscribers full value for their money. The low price of the *Agriculturist*, and the small number who support it—the extent of the country and the number of those *who ought* to support an agricultural journal being considered—will not justify the expenditure of more time or money than we have hitherto devoted to its publication. For several years, the proprietor found himself annually out of pocket by the enterprise. Still, in the hope that the diffusion of intelligence, the increase of population, the growing necessity for improvement in agriculture, the emulation excited through societies, clubs, and exhibitions, would create the demand for a more extended circulation of the *Agriculturist*, he continued to send it forth on its mission. Our hope has not been altogether disappointed, though several causes,

over which we had no direct control, have conspired to limit the circulation of the *Agriculturist*, especially during the past year. Of these, we may mention the introduction, from the States, of an agricultural journal, at one time in good repute, and enjoying a large circulation in its own country, under the pretense that it was a *bona fide* Canadian publication, issued at Hamilton! This spurious concern was be-puffed by certain journals, either from a desire to injure the *Agriculturist*, or because their proprietors had some interest in the importation. It was sent all over the country, just at the season when subscriptions to the *Agriculturist* were about to be renewed, and thus many persons, and even some societies, were charitable enough to take in the stranger, and, we fear, lost their money for their pains. It appears that the managers of this Hamilton enterprise, collected all the money they could from yearly subscribers, issued three or four numbers, and then suspended! When they intend to supply the remaining numbers, we are not informed. We did not think it worth our while to notice either the rise or fall of the so-called *Canadian Farmer*, except to pull off its false face; but we were, nevertheless, quite alive to the fact that it would injure this journal, not merely as a rival,—which we knew could not be long,—but by bringing discredit upon the agricultural press generally. It is difficult to persuade those who have been cheated once