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PREFACE.

THE Directors of the AGRICULTURAL AND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY, OF THE COUNTY OF SAINT JOHN, feeling confident that the publication of a Monthly Periodical, devoted exclusively to Agricultural, Horticultural, and Botanical knowledge, would improve and advance the interests of Agriculture in this Province, have determined to promote this desirable object, not only by an appropriation of part of their funds towards it, but also by an appeal to the several Agricultural Societies throughout the country, and to the Agriculturists generally throughout this Province and Nova-Scotia, for patronage and support.

The Directors of the Saint John Agricultural and Horticultural Society have expressed their "sincere regret" that their application to the Legislature for pecuniary assistance, in furtherance of this object, was negatived in the Legislative Council, after a vote of £150 had passed the House of Representatives. But, notwithstanding this rejection of their petition, the Directors have voted the half of their small funds to assist in the immediate establishment of a periodical to be called "THE NEW-BRUNSWICK AGRICULTURIST," which will be edited by Doctor BAYARD.

This Periodical will contain all the interesting local matter obtainable in these provinces; together with suitable extracts from the latest and most approved Agricultural works in Great Britain and the United States; and every effort will be made to secure useful information.

As the success of this experimental periodical, which will contain matter interesting not only to the agriculturist, but to the general reader, will depend upon the public support which it may receive, the Editor solicits the patronage of the Agricultural Societies throughout New-Brunswick and Nova-Scotia, and of the friends of agriculture generally.

It is the opinion of the Directors of the Saint John Agricultural and Horticultural Society, that the *gratuitous* distribution of a limited number of copies of Agricultural Magazines among indigent settlers is advisable, that information may thus be diffused more generally throughout the country; and it need scarcely be observed, that the appropriation of funds to the diffusion of such information, is the best premium that Societies can award for the advancement of Agriculture.

"THE NEW-BRUNSWICK AGRICULTURIST," will comprise 24 pages—octavo—neatly printed on good paper, at the moderate price of FIVE SHILLINGS annually—payable in advance—and published the first week in every month. And if it should receive encouraging circulation sufficient to warrant any increase in its size, each monthly number shall contain from 32 to 48 pages.

The Editor of The New-Brunswick Agriculturist has read with much pleasure the announcement of Agricultural Periodicals in Nova-Scotia, and he sincerely hopes that the zeal and abilities of their enterprising editors will excite corresponding efforts in