

manner. The roots were bent outwards from the stem as a lion's foot stands on the ground, and the stem was pressed firmly downward, while a mound composed principally of the sods already mentioned was closely raised about the stem to the height it had formerly grown in the earth, and extended outwards two feet and an half or more according to the length of the roots on every side. This mound consisted almost entirely of vegetable mould in every stage of decomposition, and notwithstanding the wetness of the season and the tenacious nature of the subsoil, which must have destroyed most of them if planted in holes, they have not suffered the slightest injury from the superabundant moisture. The trees were all of my own raising, the largest of which had been sold to customers, and though the planting was not finished till the second week in May, very many of them are now in blossom, nine-tenths of them are in full leaf, and throwing out young shoots, some of which I measured over five inches in length on the 10th instant, and only one out of the whole number appeared to be in a doubtful state. I believe, sir, that such success is unprecedented in this district, and I ascribe it chiefly to the plan adopted, which, so far as I know, is also without precedent, viz: setting the tree upon the grassy surface, both in an old meadow of eight or ten acres, and also in the uncleared land already spoken of. In confirmation of this view I may mention that about 60 trees of the same lot, which were planted upon tilled land, in the old way, are at least a fortnight behind the trees planted on the grass. Reserving some further remarks upon the subject for your next number of the Journal, I shall conclude by observing that there are thousand of acres of land in this district, which are thought to be not worth the trouble of clearing, which might, in this way, be converted into most profitable orchards at a little of the expense usually invested for such purposes, and with far more certain results.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir, your obedient servant.

THOMAS MCGINN.

Montreal Gaol, 13th June, 1851.

The calculations of the selfish are always based on the arithmetic of folly.--*ib.*

*To the Editor of the Agricultural Journal.*

SIR,—I take the liberty of offering a few remarks through the columns of your highly useful and valuable Journal, which I hope you will endeavor to remedy, if it be in your power, I have been a regular Subscriber to your Journal for these several years, and highly appreciate its usefulness from time to time, not only to farmers but also to all persons who have the welfare of the country at heart. I am sorry to say, that for these three months back I have not received the Journal; when it was in the hands of our first agent, Mr. W. S. Jackson, it came to hand very regularly, but since Mr. Fitch has got the charge of it, the case has been quite reversed. I applied to him several times, and the reply was that he had not received a sufficient number of copies from the publisher in Montreal. Now, Mr. Editor, I cannot say where the blame rests, whether with the agent or the publisher. My humble opinion is that a great deal more might be done for the circulation of the Journal, if proper persons were appointed to act as agents in each parish. I think our Agricultural Societies are greatly to blame in several of the counties, in not taking a more active part in the circulation of such a useful publication, where so much improvement is required. I am certain there is not a farmer in Canada, east or west, who would not derive the amount of one year's subscription by reading a single number of the Journal. I should suggest to each of the county societies to spend a small part of the funds every year, say to the amount of £10, in the purchase of this Journal, and distribute it to those who want instruction in the art of agriculture; this would be a far more judicious and beneficial mode of appropriating a part of the public money, than in the manner a great deal of it is spent, in giving it in prizes to persons who have no need of encouragement in agriculture, who only keep up their fat animals for pleasure and taking prizes at cattle-shows.

Hoping the above hints may have their due weight in the proper place,

I remain,

Your most obedient servant,

A PAYING SUBSCRIBER.

Quebec, 11th June, 1851.