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Our New Volume.

The commencement of a new year affords the conductors of this Journal an opportunity of saying a few seasonable words in reference to both past and future.

In the first place we wish to return thanks to our subscribers and contributors; to the former we have received large accessions, while the latter have not increased in so great a ratio as we could desire. To such however, as have favoured us with communications,—and several of great value are to be found in the volume just concluded,—our warmest acknowledgements are due.

The great object of this serial is to diffuse a knowledge of the science and practice of agriculture as widely as possible, and to convey information on subjects of a cognate nature.—While the claims of horticulture and domestic economy are not lost sight of, it is intended that matters pertaining to the cultivation of crops, the breeding and fattening of animals, and in short whatever legitimately belongs to rural economy and farm management shall continue to form the principal features of the work.

It is our most earnest wish that *The Canadian Agriculturist*, should cultivate a field commensurate with its name. Accordingly we invite contributions from all sections of Western Canada, from the remote settlements of the country, where the first efforts of the husbandman are necessarily directed to the clearing of

the primeval forest, as well as from the older frontier counties, where the practical routine of agriculture has assumed a more regular and definite form. As heretofore, the proceedings and transactions of the Board of Agriculture, with a condensed summary of the Reports of all Agricultural Societies in this section of the Province, receiving Government aid, will continue to occupy a portion of these pages; and as the organization of societies improves, and their efficiency becomes consequently increased, this part of the Journal will assume a higher and more useful character. And to this point we wish to call the special attention of the Directors of our Agricultural Societies, who have the means of embodying in the reports which they send annually to the Board, much valuable information, both of a local and general character.

The Journal being published *fortnightly*, affords much better facilities than formerly, for communicating recent information on all subjects in which farmers are professionally interested; and as a means of official communication between the Board and Agricultural Societies, throughout this western section of the Province. There is reason to believe that these advantages will be more apparent and appreciated, year by year.

As this work is not intended to be made a means of pecuniary profit to the Board, or to its conductors, no space is devoted to ordinary trade advertisements, which usually occupy several pages of similar publications, and we are thereby