

opinion upon these subjects of debate, it has been based upon no hobby of my own, but upon a mature consideration of the several arguments advanced by eminent authorities, and governed by my own and my neighbours' practical experience. For instance, in the chapter devoted to Barnyard Manure, I have set down the arguments of the advocates of Raw or Rotten, Long or Short; and the subject being one on which I do not feel decided, I have refrained from the expression of any dogmatical opinion. Whilst this is not a work of compilation, the reader will find scattered through its pages many quotations, in the citation of which I have endeavoured to give due credit. These selections, appropriate to the several subjects, I have been careful to obtain in the majority of cases, from such authorities as I am aware are or have been engaged in actual farming in Canada, or in those States of the Union in which the soils, climate, and systems of husbandry are generally of a nature similar to those of our Dominion. The central object which this work is intended to keep in view, is the demonstration of how farming may be made to pay—by the general improvement of the soil, of seeds, and of methods of cultivation. With these few prefatory remarks, I leave "THE CANADIAN FARMER'S MANUAL" in the hands of my brethren of the plough. That it may prove useful to them, and a welcome addition to the agriculturist's library, is the sincere wish of the author.

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