

ough knowledge of the science and practical art of Agriculture. Disappointment may frequently result from the best education in other arts and sciences, but good only can result from an Agricultural education, and this circumstance alone should be sufficient to recommend it to the attention of Governments and Legislatures. There cannot be any mistake as to the benefit to be derived, from teaching the art of cultivating the soil in the best manner, and managing domestic animals so that they will yield the largest returns to their owners. This education has a further recommendation, that it would create an attachment to the country and a country life, and induce men of capital to settle in the country when they would know how to improve it profitably. These are simple facts that cannot be controverted, and it now remains with those who possess the power to act in this matter, that is of such vital importance to the land we live in.

There are not many who wish the general improvement and prosperity of agriculture in Canada, who will not admit of the great necessity of the publication of a regular periodical altogether devoted to this object, to be circulated as widely as possible throughout Lower Canada. Though general education may not be as far advanced as we could wish it, yet, there are not many farmers' houses, that have not some individual of the family capable of reading, and we rejoice to perceive the extraordinary efforts that are being made to provide for the instruction of the rising generation in this country. The colleges and schools erected in Montreal alone within a few years cannot be surpassed, or perhaps equalled, in any city of equal extent upon this continent, and they are not constructed of wood or perishable materials, but of stone covered with mettle. Indeed, if education has been too long neglected, there appears now to be a general disposition to make up amply for lost time. This circumstance alone is calculated to afford us encouragement when writing for this Journal, that our labor will not be in vain, but

that what we prepare will have a chance to obtain numerous readers. It has often been objected to this Journal, that those for whose use it is principally designed do not or could not read it, nor derive any advantage from it. But we can tell such objectors, that it is received and read in some of the remotest parishes of Lower Canada, and has been the means of creating a desire for improvements in husbandry, where never before thought of. The Agricultural Journal, published by the Lower Canada Agricultural Society, has not been productive of any jealousy, or distrust as to its object, as the motive of the Society in publishing cannot be mistaken by any one who reads the Journal. Its columns are entirely confined to matters connected with agricultural improvement, and the prosperity of the rural population, and does not interfere with other interests, or with politics or parties. It appears to us a very extraordinary circumstance, that this Journal, being the only agricultural publication in Lower Canada, should not have the support of every farmer in the country who could read, as subscribers to it, whatever may be their acquirements as practical agriculturists.

There is much said about the advantage of promoting agricultural improvements, and of the lively interest entertained by farmers to forward the improvements that are necessary in Canadian agriculture; but if this feeling was general and sincere, we should have a thousand subscribers to this Journal for every hundred there are now. The subscription is only five shillings annually, and one would suppose that this amount would not prevent any farmer, however poor, who could read, from subscribing. It appears to us an unaccountable inconsistency, excusable only on the grounds that this Journal would be calculated to propagate error instead of useful information.

We state, without fear of contradiction, that the Agricultural Journal for one year, will contain more useful agricultural information for one dollar, than can be obtained in any other way for the same amount. We have sources to make selections from equal to any that may be at the disposal of any other agri-