

tation and the growth of the tender blade, free from the anxieties of professional life, the excitement of politics, the evil passions of ambition.

We are glad to see that so many of our young men from those families whose wealth and station lead them to make choice of more ambitious professions, have preferred the peaceful endeavours and healthy toils of the farmer's life. A number of these young men, with enough of competence to eschew the ceaseless drudgery entailed upon the more needy agriculturist, have settled in the various counties of this fine province, devoting themselves to their labour with hearty good will, adding the appliances of science to the efforts of their workmen, testing the theories of old world writers who have devoted their energies to the study and developements of agricultural chemistry—proving how beneficially their discoveries are adapted to the soil of their native land. Steady practical farmers are these young Nova-Scotians for the most part, and very influential among their neighbours who lack the means to test the value of new discoveries, and scientific research, whose results though not so generally taken advantage of in the British Colonies as might be desired, are yet, by the efforts of a few enterprising landholders, working their way slowly but surely in our midst, till ere long their gratifying issues will make glad the hearts of our fraternity of Provincial yeomen.

Nova Scotia has never taken much systematic interest in the Farmer's cause, in a public point of view. There is a Central Board of Agriculture, however, which dates its origin as far back as 1818. It was first established in the days and under the auspices of Agricola (the late John Young, Esq.) whose writings then called the attention of our farmers to scientific or well directed labour, and whose interest in the soil of his adopted home never ceased until he was laid beneath it. The present Society has extended considerable encouragement to the various branches of agriculture, and similar local institutions have been organized in the several counties throughout the Province. These Societies are of great benefit to all within the reach of their influence, stimulating to industry, and encouraging, by the prizes they are enabled to bestow, a deeper attention and more sustained exertion in developing the fertility of the land, and striving for the highest excellence in the different branches of the farmer's calling.

We hope the day is not far distant, when, with the growing prosperity of these Colonies in their Commerce and Manufactures, Agriculture will be here a science as well as a means of livelihood; that the labour of our farmers will be lightened, by a judicious use of those improvements and discoveries of modern times, and that agricultural chemistry will be familiar as the ordinary tillage of the soil. Our republican neighbours have done a great deal to elevate the farmer's profession; they have not only introduced new methods and added many important discoveries to those already in use, but they have circulated this information cheaply and comprehensively in a large number of