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NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS—END OF THE VOLUME.

The present number closes the *ninth* volume of the *Agriculturist*. We have endeavored under many discouragements, to keep the *Agriculturist* up to the standard which we marked out at the beginning of the year; but have probably failed, and come short in some points. Still, on going through the volume for the purpose of preparing an Index, we have felt assured, by the variety, interest, and importance of the contents, that *if read* by those into whose hands the work has been placed during the year *much good* must have been accomplished.

In addition to the twelve numbers of the *Agriculturist* we have been able through the liberality of the Board of Agriculture, to supply our subscribers with several pages of the current volume of the Board's "Transactions," containing matter of peculiar interest to every Canadian Farmer. This has been furnished at considerable extra cost and trouble to us, and without any expectation of direct profit in return. We hope our subscribers, and especially members of Agricultural Societies, will appreciate these efforts to disseminate useful information, and to awaken increased interest in their calling among the tillers of Canadian soil. If they do, they will show that appreciation by making additional efforts to extend the circulation and usefulness of the *Agriculturist*. We want at least 5,000 additional subscribers to make the work a paying one at the present price. Will the farmers of Canada allow us to go on, year after year, devoting a large portion of time and means to their interests, without even a fair indemnity for actual loss? We have persevered for ten years in this almost thankless labour, and begin to feel somewhat weary. It would grieve us to see the publication we have endeavored to establish through so many years of trial and disappointment go down at last. Other pursuits offer the writer far more encouraging rewards, but he could not abandon the *Agriculturist* without a pang of regret. As we stated on a former occasion, it has been from the first a "labour of love." But we did hope to establish the work on a footing of respectability, as to appearance and intrinsic merit, that would command the support, pecuniarily, of the