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We promised, in our last number, to prove that system in the management of land already cleared is one of the first objects which should be considered by a judicious Farmer.

Almost every person conversant with agriculture will confess that Scotland is by no means favored by nature in the general quality of its soil, or the goodness of its climate; yet Scotland stands equal, if not superior, to any other country in the world, in the improvements that have been made in good husbandry.

It might be impossible to trace with correctness the various changes which have placed that portion of the British dominions in advance of the Sister Kingdoms, but we are certain that the work on Agriculture, published by Sir John Sinclair, contributed in a great degree to the happy effects of which we are now treating. To this writer the people of Scotland are indebted for the origin of their present prosperity; and we have no hesitation in saying, that were the Agricultural Societies in New Brunswick to have judicious selections from his works kept constantly in circulation among the rural population of this Province, it would be productive of much benefit. We all know, or ought to know, that the landed proprietors in Great Britain and Ireland have studied for themselves, and

spared no pains in bringing to their aid scientific men, of every nation, who could assist in rendering the soil, of which they are the owners, more valuable. The result of all their enquiries depend first upon adopting some system in their treatment of the soil. Should any one unacquainted with the subject doubt this, we subjoin a clause introduced into almost every Lease which has been given since the days of the eminent agriculturist, whose name we have mentioned.—It runs thus :—

"Moreover the said A. B. hereby obliges himself, and his foresaids, not to over crop or waste the ground hereby let, but to manage the same according to the rules of good husbandry; and in particular he obliges himself and his foresaids, during the last seven years of the lease to manage and crop the said farm, according to a seven course shift, and he shall leave at the expiry thereof one seventh part of the land in first years' grass properly laid down with clover and rye grass seeds, after green crop or fallow properly dunged, for which grass he shall be entitled to be paid at the term of Martinmas after his removal, according to the value thereof to be ascertained by two proper judges to be named as aforesaid at the term of Whitsunday—and one seventh part for turnips or fallow for which he shall also have an allowance to be ascertained as aforesaid, and so on according to the rules of a seven course shift with his whole land; as also the said A. B. shall be bound to leave the whole dung made upon the farm after the first day of July in the year preceding his removal, carefully gathered together for the use of the proprietor or incoming tenant, to whom the same shall belong on payment of the value thereof, to be ascertained by two proper persons to be mutually named by the parties. The proprietor or incoming tenant, shall have right, to sow grass seeds in such parts of the ground hereby let, as may have been in green crop or fallow for the year preceding the expiry of the lease, which the said A. B. shall be obliged to harrow and roll in along with the grain crop without any allowance."