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The Lower Canada Agricultural Society, although they have not had a Cattle Show, or other Exhibition, are entitled to the credit of having effected much good by the circulation of their Journal to all parts of Lower Canada. There is unquestionable proof of the fact, in the hands of the Society, that the Journal has created a considerable interest in most sections of the country, for the improvement of agriculture, and this interest could scarcely have been created by any other means. They have, in the next place, through their seedsman, Mr. George Shepherd, had a large quantity of agricultural seeds of the best quality, imported, and sold at first cost prices, as the Provincial duties were not charged upon them. seeds consisted of seven thousand pounds weight of clover, from England, France and Holland, white clover, mangel wurtzel, Swedish and other turnip seeds, carrots, parsnips, cabbages, &c. These seeds have been disposed of to members of the Lower Canada Agricultural Society, to County Societies, and to farmers from all parts of the country, who, we believe, are well pleased with the results obtained from the seeds sown. The great advantage of European clover-seeds is, that it does not come to maturity so early as the American clover-seed, and will not be fit to cut before the timothy is fit for the scythe. We have constantly seen the clover grown from American or Canadian seed, ripen much in advance of the timothy, particularly in light, dry soils, and dry seasons. This is a considerable loss, as the clover loses some of its best qualities when the flowers and leaves drop

off before they can be taken to the barn. Feltercarn variety of Swedish turnips are considered a very superior variety, and the seed cost nearly double the price of any other purple top Swedish turnip-seed. Of this seed a considerable quantity was imported and sold, and has given full satisfaction, we are told, to those who purchased it. For the present year, a part of the supply of seeds has already arrived at New York, and will be in Montreal as soon as the navigation opens in spring. John Dodds, Esq., of Petite Côte, has ordered a large quantity of the Feltercarn and Skirving's purple top Swedish turnip-seeds from one of the first growers in Scotland, for the seedsman of the Society. Seven thousand pounds of red clover, and one thousand pounds of white clover, have also been or lered from the long established house of Van Eaden & Co., Haarlem, Holland, which will be for sale at reduced prices, as last year. It would be very desirable that farmers who purchased any of the clover-seeds sold by the seedsman of the Society, last year, should acquaint us with the result, and their opinions of the clovers. We have further to state, that in any parish where there are twentyfive subscribers to the Agricultural Journal, or as members of the Lower Canada Agricultural. Society, twenty packages of garden seeds, sufficient to sow half an acre, shall be placed at the disposal of the clergyman of the parish for distribution to the most indigent of the parishioners, whose circumstances might preclude the possibility of their purchasing those seeds. for themselves. The seed to consist of French early cabbage, do. late Quintal do., chool