

they are capable of executing good work, they ought to be brought to the Ploughing Matches, draughted by oxen, or by horses and oxen, as they are upon the farm in general. The principal good of Ploughing Matches is to test the merits of ploughs as well as of ploughmen and to show the difference between good ploughing and bad. It is therefore of the greatest consequence that Canadian farmers should bring their ploughs as they work them upon their farms, and it is also necessary that there should be different qualities of soil selected. It is generally the soil that is the least difficult to plough that is chosen for Ploughing Matches, and to this plan we conceive there is a great objection. The land should be a sample of the heavy clay, as well as the light loam or sandy soils of the country, in order that it might be satisfactorily proved whether more than two horses are required to plough some lands. We constantly see four, five, or six oxen, and horses, to ploughs, but we should not condemn this plan unless it is proved that they are not necessary. We would never object to the use of oxen for the plough, because they are less expensive than horses, at a distance from cities and towns, but of course we do not advocate that a greater number of either oxen or horses should be employed than would be actually required.

The following was the award of the prizes, which were paid on the spot by us, as Secretary and Treasurer of the Lower Canada Agricultural Society, who went down for the purpose of seeing the Ploughing Match and reporting it. We give an extract of Mr. Trudells' Report:—

The various lots were measured by a surveyor; one hour 50 minutes were allowed for each lot, to the Canadians; and three hours and 36 minutes for each lot to be ploughed by the Europeans. The first task finished by a Canadian, was accomplished in 1 hour 15m., the last in 1 hour 33m. The European ploughmen finished their tasks in 2 hours 12m. to 3 hours 18m. The followin are the names of the successful competitors:—

CANADIAN PLOUGHMEN.

Jacques Dion, Ancienne Lorette...	1st prize	\$16
Thomas Hamel, St. Foy.....	2nd "	14
Is, Flamondos, Ancienne Lorette...	3rd "	12

Pierre Dorion, jun., Charlesburg..	4th	"	10
Edouard Bedard, Do.....	5th	"	9
Charles, Dorion, Do.....	6th	"	8
Louis Lortie, Canadière.....	7th	"	7
Antoine Lortie, Do.....	8th	"	6
Joseph Delège, Charlesbourg.....	9th	"	5
Hector Routier, St. Foy.....	10th	"	4

EUROPEAN PLOUGHMEN.

George Plaine, Ancienne Lorette...	1st prize	\$16
Charles Wilson, St. Foy.....	2nd "	14
George West, Do.....	3rd "	12
Anthony Scullion, Do.....	4th "	19
Richard Downey.....	5th "	0
George Eglington, Stoneham.....	6th "	8
James West, St. Foy.....	7th "	7
John West, Do'.....	8th "	6
Joseph Sleep, Little River.....	9th "	5
John Hyne, Do.....	10th "	4

PROVINCIAL PLOUGHING MATCH AT VARENNES.

This Ploughing Match took place on Wednesday, the 22nd day of October, on the Farm of David Laurent, Esq. The day was as favorable as could be desired, and the land in excellent condition. The Steamer Longueuil left the Longueuil Steam Ferry Wharf at the foot of the current St. Mary, at about half past seven o'clock in the morning, crowded almost in every part with passengers, horses, ploughs and carts, and on her passage called at Longueuil and Boucherville, where several more passengers, horses and ploughs were taken on board. The Steamer arrived at Varennes between nine and ten o'clock, when all the passengers teams and ploughs proceeded at once to the field of action, on the Farm of Mr. Laurent, situated close to the Parish Church. The land was marked out in lots, and numbered, but from the previous divisions, it was not possible to make the lots of equal size, but they were as nearly as circumstances would admit, one third of an arpent each. In consequence of an objection raised by several of the ploughmen, that the time allowed by the "Conditions" for the Ploughing Match was too short for executing the work in such strong land as that chosen, the Members of the Committee for conducting the Ploughing Match, who were present, consented to extend the time, particularly as the lots were not all of equal size, nor the