

There is intelligence enough also amongst us to enable us, at least to follow the track pointed out by men of skill and experience here, or elsewhere, in improved cultivation, and management. We are therefore without excuse if we neglect, or condemn this opportunity of improving our country and thus adding to the comforts of the numerous and ever increasing families of this community.—Intelligence, study, and perseverance, are alone requisite to place this Colony in a state of independence in all the necessary provision for human existence. In order, however, to avoid all future misunderstanding, allow me to state, that in this category I include the actions of our rulers as well as our own.

Who could suppose, then, that with such a praiseworthy object in view the Agricultural Society of this County would feel itself either deficient in funds, or in personal support from those most interested in the object of its organization, yet, strange as it may appear, such are the facts I am about to lay before you. Were it not for the generous and spirited assistance of the citizens of St. John, and their personal attendance, our funds would have been inadequate to any valuable effort, and we should be frequently without a quorum to manage them. Let me endeavour, my friends, to rouse you out of this strange lethargy, so disgraceful to us all. Be well assured that it is by intelligent and persevering action alone that the present depressed state of our agriculture can be improved and its evils remedied. Let us therefore, one and all, gain the necessary intelligence, and put forth the necessary action, and prosperity and independence will surely follow in their train.

All is the gift of industry; whatever
Exalts, embellishes, and renders life
Delightful.

Confidence is gradually reviving, and money is becoming more plentiful, and more diffused; and better prices for our produce will shortly be afforded. It is degrading to us, as the most numerous body in the community, that we should thus each wrap himself up in his own selfishness, and disregard our obligations as good subjects, and above all as good christians. Our religion is of diffused benevolence, and so let our characters become.

You would have seen in my report lately to the Society (since published in the Courier) the little that was effected last year. This season we purpose to extend our operations, if properly supported. We have already ordered considerable quantities of four different kinds of Oats, two different species of Spring Wheat, two new varieties of Clover, and four of Grass Seed, and a few grey Field Peas, to try them in this Country, together with some chevalier Barley—these from Scotland; and a few bushels of Black Sea Wheat from the States, where it is highly prized.—Some of this kind has already been cultivated in the Province by Mr. Wilmot, and gave great satisfaction. We will thus, by and by, find out what kinds best suit our soil and climate, and do much to ameliorate our system. Any other kinds of seeds which may suggested, and approved of, will immediately be ordered.—We purpose also to give liberal Premiums for the best animals, and dairy produce; and also for the best vegetables, say potatoes, turnips, carrots parsnips, mangel wurzel, if not less than 15 bushels each, raised by field culture. But at the same time we purpose to limit our Premiums to the members of this society except it may be to those who can plead their poverty as an excuse for not joining us. The trifling sum of five shillings yearly gives the right of membership, and to those who

may desire it and at the same time cannot afford to pay five shillings annually to the Society and five more for the Temperance Telegraph Newspaper, in which the Society publishes two columns of Agricultural matter weekly, we will on their subscribing eight shillings to the funds of the Society, furnish them with that paper gratis. We are now publishing in it Professor Johnston's lectures, in Scotland, on Agricultural Chemistry, in a clear, simple, and explicit language; themselves worth more than the whole charge for the Paper. This Paper publishes also all the most prominent political, and other intelligence, besides advocating the cause of Temperance, and is a safe and a good family Newspaper.

Now, my good friends, let me close by once more pressing you to come forward generously, and assist us, if possible, to improve the condition of our common profession. We cannot, it is true, do much without the support of government, but let us do what we can, and hope for its co-operation. We will, thus doing, be fulfilling one of the great purposes of our existence, and will prosper, under the blessing of the Almighty, with the prosperity of our fellow subjects.

I am your obedient servant,

JOHN GILLIES.

ST. JOHN AGRICULTURAL AND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.—A meeting of the officers of this Society took place at the office of M. H. Perley Esq. the Corresponding Secretary, on Thursday last, when it was reported to the Board, that the funds in the Treasurer's hands amounted to one hundred and sixty-five pounds, the whole of which was at the disposal of the Board. It was thereupon resolved that a Mill for the grinding of bones, should be established as soon as practicable, in the vicinity of this city, and the sum of one hundred pounds was set apart for that purpose. Mr. Robert Keltie, Mr. Robert Jardine and Mr. Thomas Trafton were appointed a Committee to make all necessary for erecting the Bone Mill, and getting it into operation.

A resolution was next passed for expending the sum of Forty Pounds in Agricultural premiums to be distributed, at the Annual Fair, in this City, next October, and the President named Messrs. Keltie, Jardine, N. Creighton, H. Blakslee, W. Jack, and M. H. Perley, a Committee to settle the scale of Premiums, and manage all the business of the fair. It was then Resolved, That the sum of Five Pounds should be given this season as Premiums on Horticultural productions, of which a show should take place at a proper period during the Summer. For this purpose, Mr. Thomas Allen of Portland. Mr. John Harris, Nurseryman, and Mr. Longmaid of the Customs, were added to the list of Directors, and appointed a committee for the management of the Horticultural Show, and the distribution of premiums. It was proposed that this Show should take place at the long room over the Free Market House in Portland.

The tenth article of the Constitution of this Society is as follows:—

“That to encourage the exertions of the humble Emigrant Settler, and others in remote or wilderness districts, Committees formed of two members, resident in the different Parishes of the county, visit their locations, at such time as their judgment may suggest—inspect their location and condition, with any other matter which may offer itself to the discretionary consideration of the Visitors, and report the same to this Board, who will take such means as may come under its power to reward their past industry, and stimulate their future exertions.”