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FLAX AND HEMP.

We trust that some action will be taken next Spring in the cultivation of these two plants. We have for many years recommended their culture, and urged the necessity of erecting suitable mills and machinery for dressing and preparing the fibre. It is an extraordinary fact, that with water power of unlimited extent, there could not be found one individual in Canada who would venture to expend one or two hundred pounds, in putting up a flax mill that could not fail to be a safe speculation. It is the want of such mills that has deterred farmers from growing flax or hemp. If there was a certainty that they could dispose of the crop when grown, we should see large quantities cultivated. The only means to encourage their cultivation, is the certainty of a market, when grown and secured in the field or barn. This is the plan adopted in other countries. There is no doubt that our climate and soil are favourable for the production of flax and hemp

in great perfection, if the soil is only cultivated properly for it, and good seed procured. A warm climate is favourable for the production of both plants, but the soil requires deep cultivation. The seed produced per acre of flax would be more valuable than a poor crop of wheat. It is a great draw-back in Canada, that we have not parties who will come forward to assist in developing the resources of such a fine country. It is a well understood fact, that the want of flax-mills has prevented the growing of flax in Lower Canada, and notwithstanding, not one has yet been erected. It is very probable that flax will be substituted for cotton to a great extent in English manufactures, and if so, the demand will be increased a hundredfold. But this circumstance out of the question, why not cultivate and manufacture it for our own use, instead of cotton. It would be infinitely better for part of our clothing, and for household