

the plants. Ploughing and working the soil in summer, instead of exhausting it, causes it to attract fertility from the atmosphere, from whatever cause it may be, greatly adds to its fertility, and its fitness and capability for producing a good crop.

The very dry weather we have had in August, although favourable for harvesting has had a considerable effect upon the late sown crops, in hastening them to maturity, we fear, in many cases, rather prematurely. The grass and pastures have been very much dried up, and will not recover, until there is a considerable fall of rain. The markets are well supplied with meat—butter, and cheese, the latter of better quality than usual, and much of it of Canadian manufacture. This is as it should be. We might make butter and cheese here for exportation to a large extent, and it would pay well. Suitable dairies, good dairy-maids, skill, attention and cleanliness, are the grand requisites to insure good butter and cheese. It will not do to make good butter and cheese one time, and not another, as this will destroy the character of all. The most careful attention is to be observed constantly to secure a regular good quality at all times. In conclusion, we have abundant cause of thankfulness to a Bountiful Creator, "Whose goodness does the circling year" "With fresh returns of plenty crown!" and for giving us a healthy season. These, the greatest of all earthly blessings, are enjoyed by the farmers of Canada in as great a degree as those of any country on earth, in every instance, where they perform their own duty properly.

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We are glad to perceive that the County of Terrebonne Agricultural Society have adopted the plan of paying all Premiums awarded for well managed farms, at their cattle show, ploughing matches, &c., "in useful and improved Implements of Agri-

culture,—superior breeds of young male animals—different species of grain, and any other useful article for the advancement of agriculture." If this mode of paying Premiums was generally adopted, it would have a good effect, provided always, that the Implements are of a good description and suitable for the use of the parties who obtain them. There is also, great caution to be observed in the selection of animals, that they may be good, and suitable for the use of parties to whom they might be awarded, or it will not be satisfactory to the parties obtaining them. As regards samples of seed there is no difficulty, except that they be clean, and of unimixed varieties. Awarding choice male animals will be the most difficult matter to manage, first, in obtaining suitable ones, at a fair price, and then in giving satisfaction to the competitor to whom the animal is awarded. This may all be provided for by Regulations of the Society which we have not seen. There is a numerous list of Premiums, and no less than 12 for well managed farms all of them open to Canadian farmers, and only 6 of them open to other than Canadians. There are no Premiums offered calculated to do more good than those for well managed farms, under judicious regulations and restrictions. We humbly conceive that it is very objectionable to allow parties to compete for different crops, and for well managed farms at the same time, and to be awarded Premiums for both. This is not allowing competitors a fair chance, and appears very like the "prize catching" system, that should be prevented if possible. If a good crop of any kind happens to be growing upon a farm that obtains a prize for being well managed, this good crop is a part a part of the result of good management and is not we conceive entitled to a separate premium. We do not see what is to prevent the best managed farms to obtain all the prizes for crops also, and cut out all other