

Every endeavour will be used to fill the present number of pages with interesting and useful matter, and it is in contemplation to enlarge and otherwise improve the volume for 1859, by the regular introduction of illustrations, including portraits of some of the more prominent of the prize animals, and cuts of the newest and most important implements and machines, exhibited at the Provincial Shows. It is most desirable that this publication should be so enlarged as to form a complete repertory of agriculture, and the arts relating thereto, for at least this section of the Province. The managers of Agricultural Societies, Mechanics' Institutes, and enterprising individuals, are therefore earnestly requested to furnish the Board with condensed statements of whatever may transpire relative to those pursuits, within their respective localities, that would be interesting and useful for publication. A principal feature of the work will consist of a monthly digest, for the use of the Canadian farmer and agricultural machinist, of what is doing in Europe and America, in relation to all matters in which they possess a common interest. To persons whose time and means are necessarily restricted, we hope our publication will keep them pretty well posted up in these subjects; but to such as possess ampler means and leisure we would strongly recommend other papers than our own; among which may be mentioned, *The Country Gentleman* and *The Rural New Yorker*, excellent weeklies adapted to rural wants and homes; and among the many monthlies, the *Genesee Farmer* and *American Agriculturist*, would amply repay the cost and perusal. We want our farmers—especially our *young farmers*—to observe and experiment, to read and think, and to communicate through the press, the opinions they may form and the results at which they may arrive. In this way we shall gradually accumulate materials for a Canadian Agricultural literature, worthy of this rising Province, and the independent cultivators of our free and fertile soil.

A sheet, separately paged, will accompany the Journal, consisting of the *Transactions of the Board of Agriculture*, comprising Prize Essays, original papers addressed officially to the Board, abstracts of the annual Reports of all the Agricultural Societies in connection with it, together with the official Report and Premium List of the Provincial Exhibition.

Thus, in addition to the value that may attach to its official character, THE JOURNAL AND TRANSACTIONS OF THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE OF UPPER CANADA, will unquestionably be, at half a dollar a copy, per annum, the cheapest periodical of its kind every offered to the Canadian public.

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NEW YORK STATE FAIR.—The Executive Committee of the State Agricultural Society visited Syracuse a few days since, to select grounds and make other preliminary arrangements for the State Fair. They selected the County Fair Grounds and the farm of Mr. Furman adjoining, as the location of the exhibition. The Fair is to be held October 5th to 8th, inclusive. Pamphlets containing Premium List, General Regulations, &c., may be obtained on application to the Secretary, (B. P. Johnson, Albany,) or at the Agricultural Warehouses in Rochester, Buffalo, Syracuse, Utica, Albany and New York.—*Rural New Yorker*.