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TO THE PUBLIC.

WITH the present number of this paper we commence another volume, which it shall be our study to render as useful for the diffusion of Agricultural information, as our means will permit. We have not the vanity to suppose that our efforts, if unassisted by practical agriculturalist, can produce any thing like the good which ought to result from a publication like the present, and we again invite those who have experience and leisure for observation, to furnish statistical information for the benefit of their less thinking neighbors. It may be considered almost ridiculous to urge on the farmers of New Brunswick, the vast importance of improvements which are daily making in their profession; but the apathy which appears to exist too generally among the Farmers of this Province to the matters which so deeply concern themselves would almost induce the belief that they had already arrived at something like an equality with other parts of the world. We are ready to admit that in some sections of New Brunswick good farmers are to be found, but take the Province as a whole, there can hardly be a doubt that we are far behind our neighbors in Nova Scotia, and certainly far behind the people of the Eastern States of America.

There is no possible reason which we can imagine for this state of things unless the apathy

to which we have already alluded as existing among well-informed farmers; and the absence of original communications in this number, is a proof that this apathy is by far too general. What, we would respectfully ask, has placed some countries so very far in advance of others in the science of Agriculture?—A child can answer the question. The general diffusion of information. But this information, to have the proper effect should be communicated by those who have tested the improvements on their own farms, and can speak from experience of their value. The formation of Agricultural Societies has already done good, and if kept up in a proper spirit, will continue to do good; but we do not hesitate to say that the press can do more for the encouragement of any science than all the societies which can be established. The reason of this is obvious—the information and assistance derived from the establishment of Societies is confined in a great measure to particular localities: that from the Press is general and easy of access. Through the Press the farmers of the whole Province can converse together, assisting each other with their advice, and beyond all, giving the sanction of experience to improvements which are going on in their own country. Why then will not our farmers use the Press—our circulation is by no means a limited one—we are willing to publish—the publication will be of service to the country. Let us not again go to press without some home material—something which has been *tried here*, and found to be an improvement on the usual system. It will then be our fault if it is not soon pretty generally known throughout the Province.

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