

numbers proportioned to their vast numerical majority in the country.

The show of roots was very creditable, and must have convinced gentlemen from Upper Canada that we can excell them in green crops, if not in cattle; and the fact that we can grow superior root crops, establishes another fact that we can also have a good stock of cattle if we desire to introduce them, and manage them properly. We were so occupied, that we had not an opportunity of seeing the horses or sheep. From whatever cause, we believe there were many good herds of cattle and sheep in the County of Quebec, no specimens of which were exhibited at the show.

We attended the Ploughing Match on Saturday, the 9th, but did not remain to see all the work finished. We seen sufficient, however, to convince us that they are not so particular as they should be to execute the work properly, some of the ridges were of unequal breadth, and this is a great defect, as it completely disfigures a field. We do not think that the land was originally laid down in this way, and therefore the ploughmen had no excuse for altering the size of the ridges. Some of the work was fairly executed, but none so carefully as would be desirable at a Ploughing Match. The finishing of some of the ridges was particularly defective, the two last furrow slices being too large. We did not observe much difference between the class for English and Canadian ploughmen in the execution of the work, but as we before observed, we did not wait to see all finish. We were surprised to see that very few persons attended the Ploughing Match, though very near the city. This circumstance is to be regretted. It acts as a stimulant to men competing at a ploughing match, to see a numerous assemblage interested in this most useful of all works upon the farm. Wm. Dunscomb, Esq., Treasurer, E. J. DeBlois, Esq., President, and — May, Esq., Vice-President, of the Society, Dr. Valois and Dr. Poulin, members of the Legislative Assem-

bly, were present to see the work. Ploughmen may very well suppose that their best exertions creates very little interest, when parties will not take the trouble of going to see them competing in this most necessary of all works, and indeed there cannot be a more interesting sight, than a number of ploughs working together in a field. Many enjoy the fruits of the labourers toil, but feel no interest in the manner in which this labour is executed, nor desire to encourage the labourer even by the sacrifice of an hour of our time. This is not the way to advance the improvement of Agriculture. We have been so confident as to imagine that we shall be allowed the privilege of writing freely upon those subjects, without giving any offence. Our only object in doing so is, to submit a correct report of what we see, suggest such improvements as we conceive might be expedient to introduce at these exhibitions, and offer such remarks as we think might be conducive to make them more useful.

The County of Montreal Agricultural Society Ploughing Match came off at St. Laurent, on the farm of Mrs. Lunn, on Wednesday, the 20th day of October last. The day was beautifully fine, and the soil was in good condition. Twenty-six ploughs started, 16 we were told, in the class for English ploughmen, 4 in the class for Canadian, and six in the class for young men under 18 years of age, either English or Canadian. The attendance to witness the Ploughing Match was very fair, and a great interest was manifest in all to see the progress and finish of the work. We have been present at many Ploughing Matches, and the last only confirms our opinion, that in the County of Montreal there are ploughmen that can compete successfully with any on this Continent. The work in general was exceedingly well executed, with one exception, that some of what are known as the price ridges were rather narrower than some of the other ridges, and this is an inattention that should be remedied. It was most satisfactory to see such beautiful ploughing, every furrow as straight as it was possible for them to be. It is the opinion of many