

cultivation of these productions, have voted \$390 to be distributed in the district of Montreal, the Eastern Townships, and the Lower Districts, in three equal parts, to be employed in the purchase and importation of hemp and flax seed, for the purpose of cultivation. This we have no hesitation in saying, is a movement in the right direction.

The formation of agricultural museums, the distribution of seed grain among the different county societies, and the establishment of experimental farms in connexion with agricultural schools, will soon enable the Board to realize their great value, and to make known to the public at large, by means of their official newspaper, the results to which they have given rise. Agriculture will then be enriched by the results thus obtained will be founded on scientific principles.

The Board has again here fulfilled its programme in giving facility to the circulation of our "*Journal and Review*" among the different county societies, in the best possible manner to ensure its circulation, and it only now remains for the Board to give to our rural population generally, an annual report of the progress realized by each society, and by those special institutions which are on the eve of being established.

It would be no doubt of great importance to the farmer if a Weekly Journal of Agriculture could be established, as it would form the medium of communication, and exchange of ideas in these important and useful studies which he is called upon to exercise. But it is the Board in its official reports that must enlighten the public as to the progress, considered as a whole. The Board of Agriculture of Upper Canada, and also the Boards of the greater parts of the United States, publish annually a detailed report of the obtained results, the progress realized, and those subjects specially remaining for future investigation. These annual reports are distributed among the most influential persons, whose interest is so essential to the well-being and prosperity of the object in view.

The Board seems here to have adopted a method which will tend to advance with rapid strides the required improvement, and we feel that no measure can so well secure the success of these efforts than the publication and distribution of their annual reports, founded on the new materials and on the new plans now brought forward. Otherwise ruin will follow rather than progress, and we shall retrograde to our old customs, under the pretext that we have endeavoured but in vain to accomplish the end in view, without having obtained any beneficial results. Notwithstanding that the results are the most satisfactory, if they are not published and proclaimed to all, the obstinate will still hold, and with some degree of reason, that the written facts should be at the disposition of all.

We insist upon this point, because we believe it to be one of the greatest importance to insure the desired success of the present attempt made by the Board of Agriculture.

The present movement of a Bank of "*Crédit foncier*," in favour of which numerous meet-

ings have been held in various parts of the Province, has not escaped the attention of the Board, and have called the attention of the government to the importance of the measure, as vital to the progress of our rural districts. Agricultural improvements cannot be carried on unless our farmers possess the means, or can procure money with easy conditions, and at long credit.

The press have joined us with one voice, and have forced its consideration on the government, who by adopting the measures thus proposed will confer a great boon on the country.

The project of the Hon. L. V. Sicotte is now before the House of Assembly, and also a project to amend the law in reference to agriculture, in substance such as was perused by the House of Assembly in its last session. The maturation of these important projects will engross the wisdom of our individual members, and will enable us to judge of their patriotism.

The Provincial Exhibition will be held in Sherbrooke in September next, and this has also arrested the attention of the Board. Mr. Pomroy, representing the Eastern Townships, has been charged with the power to adopt the necessary steps in reference to the county societies in that neighbourhood, with a view to request them to give over their funds for this year to the local committee, so as to secure a sufficient sum of money necessary for the purpose.

Up to the present time the Board alone has borne the expense of each of these Provincial Exhibitions, which has been the means of reducing its finances to that state that it was impossible to acquit those numerous and urgent duties imposed upon it by the law, for the advancement of agriculture. For the future this will not be the case. The different localities where the show is held will be obliged to contribute a large portion, and the Board will probably give but the premiums. The custom to put the whole of the expenses of the Provincial Show upon the Board, has resulted in ruinous consequences. In Upper Canada the exhibition is only held where they furnish free all the buildings necessary. The Board draws the price of entrance, and the stall fee of each animal, amounting to \$4 for each head of horned cattle, which furnishes a very considerable amount. This plan ought to be adopted in Lower Canada. We believe that a public dinner the second day, at which all the successful competitors should be present, would form an excellent means to bring about discussion upon many important topics, and would enable us all to work together for a common purpose. To insure a good attendance. \$1 should be retained off each first prize for the dinner, but it should be open to all who might wish to be present on the payment of a like sum, and we believe that 200 guests would be generally present.

Horse races at the same time would be the means also of getting together a greater number of persons, which would greatly increase the receipts. The publication of a catalogue of all the animals and articles exhibited,