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Mr. Editor,

In my last letter to you I proposed some alteration in the system of Husbandry, at present practised in Canada. I was well aware that these could only be considered in the light of suggestions, for it is not in the nature of things that they should be immediately acted upon. There are causes which operate in preventing the adoption of changes in agriculture, more powerfully than in any other science with which we are acquainted. There are circumstances in this science which act in direct opposition to innovations, and which require more time and greater efforts to overcome than in any other business in which man is engaged. That farmers are opposed to changes in all countries is a fact warranted by experience and for which there are many reasons may be adduced. The gains of this class of men only come in once a year; on these gains the farmer is dependant for his very existence, and hence if by following one plan he has found his returns sure and adequate to his wants, he is unwilling to adopt a change from the fear that it might prove unsuccessful, and occasion a disappointment, perhaps total ruin. The merchant may try an adventure in a new direction, and even if it fails, he has at the time another fortunate speculation going on from whence he reaps a profit equal to cover the loss sustained by the former. The same is the case with the mechanic and artist, their returns come often, so that in the failure of any new scheme they may try, they only lose a short period of their time. The nature of the life a farmer leads, confined as it were to one spot, introduces in his mind a train of ideas hostile to changes or innovations. Men in other situations of life go more abroad in the