

**CONSIDER.**

It may cause some of you to reflect, that remarks we have made for agricultural advancement reappear in many of the leading journals devoted to agriculture in the United States. Still, there has never a word appeared in the *Canada Farmer*, in any way giving us credit for our suggestions, or advocating our undertaking of disseminating the best kinds of seeds. And whereas it is known to every intelligent person that our loss from that cause alone amounts to hundreds of thousands of dollars, by continuing too long to sow old varieties. Our experience has fully convinced us of this, as we never have yet raised any kind of wheat on our farm for more than five years, without its degenerating so as not to yield a paying crop, and we have raised as many as any one we know. This is the same over the whole country to the best of our knowledge, and proper steps should be taken to let us know the yield of different varieties in different sections, and when a new kind is brought into the country, and found to answer after one or two years trial, the sooner it is made known and the wider it is disseminated the better it will be for the country.

**SEEDS.**

Nothing is of much more importance to our agricultural success than a proper knowledge of the yield of different kinds of cereals in different localities, and as our wheat crop is the most important we have already requested and again request Secretaries of Agricultural Societies that may know of any good varieties in their counties suitable for seed, that has proved remunerative the past year to furnish us with information about the same.

We could not procure sufficient Treadwell wheat last Fall to supply the demand, and yet we now find in some parts of the country persons are grinding it. How much better would it have been for the country to have given us information about it in time? There is yet time to prepare for the Spring demand. We have but a small supply of the Chilian, no more we think than will be gained by parties getting up clubs. We have received no communication informing us where we can get a supply as yet. We may have to go to the States for it. We published in our last the yield of Spring wheat as near as we have been able to ascertain. Should we be in error we hope some other individual or Agricultural paper will furnish us with more correct accounts.

**EMPORIUM FALL SALES.**

*The weather and the failing of the Commercial Bank prevented in some respects the business of the fall sale. The stock did not command such prices as were expected. The grain in small lots sold well. The principal purchasers in the different classes were as follows:*

*Horses—Mann. Durhams—Field. Cotswolds Baker, Beveridge, Seabrook, Talbot and McGregor. Cheviots—Johnstone, Wright. Leicesters—Couse and Maybee. Wheat—Exford, Orr, Sifton, Briggs, and numerous others at lower rates. Some of the wheat sold at \$3 50 per bush. Potatoes \$1 15 per bushel. Grape Vines \$1 37 1/2 each.*

**EDITOR'S CHAIR.**

Many valuable exchanges are received. We cannot speak in too approving a manner of the many American agricultural papers sent to us. The *Country Gentleman*, by Luther Tucker & Sons stands pre-eminent for the amount of reading matter contained.

The *Agriculturist* is unsurpassed for extent of engravings. It is edited by O. Judd & Co., N.Y. The *Prairie Farmer* Chicago, *Hammatonian Culturist* Philadelphia and the *Gardener's Monthly* Philadelphia, are well worthy of perusal and circulation.

Our American exchanges would oblige by informing us if good seed wheat that yields well of any variety could be procured in any vicinity where they are published. Also, if they would exchange or dispose of some of their agricultural engravings.

Editors of local and general papers of Canada that desire the agricultural interest of the Dominion, may have noticed our endeavors to introduce good stock, and distribute suitable varieties of seed. We expect them to assist us by informing their readers of the undertaking of a farmer to establish a paper for that purpose. We invite the assistance of all friends of progress to aid in increasing our circulation. By so doing they will be doing good to us, to themselves and to the country.

We offer in our prize list such inducements for persons to act as agents as have not been before offered in Canada.

Errors will sometimes appear, and our compositor sometimes forgets to give proper credit to extracts from other papers. Some persons have made a great fuss about our having touched on political matters which we should not have done, but nothing else would draw attention during the turmoil of the recent elections. We shall in future eschew all discussions or opinions on politics, and devote our paper entirely to matters pertaining to the advancement of our agricultural interests.

We hope our readers will overlook small errors, as this is the attempt of a farmer, whose experience is greater in handling his plough than his pen.

Send for specimen copies of the paper. Do not forget to tell your friends that the paper is to be doubled in size on the 1st of January.

Office is on Richmond Street, opposite City Hall. Office hours from 10 to 3 p. m. Fridays and Saturdays.

**Terms for Delinquents.**

To those who have not paid for 1866, and wish continuing till 1869, \$2 if paid at once.

Those that have received the paper for this year and continue for 1868 \$1 50.

Those that have received but 3 or 4 numbers \$1 only will be charged including next year.

If credit is wanted in future \$1 50 per annum will be charged.

Please pay up at once, and enable us to improve and increase our paper. Every honorable person should want no further asking, and every friend to agriculture should add his name to the list.

We would call attention to the advertisement in this number, of the Montreal Veterinary College. We have several times met the lecturer Mr. McEachran, and have seen his establishment in Montreal, and had conversation with him about the instruction of pupils. We have not heard of any better plans pursued in Canada to afford the necessary information to the student. Could we afford to send one of our sons there we should do so.

**HORTICULTURE.**

In this department we have engaged the recent President of the Association, recently of Toronto, to furnish us with regular communications for the incoming year on the Garden, Nursery, Orchard, and Floriculture. He is a practical gentleman and thoroughly understands the management of the above departments.

When on our way from Kingston to London, we met Mr. H. Stripp of the township of Raleigh, county of Kent, he had been preparing a peice of land for the purpose of planting a Vineyard. He is fully convinced of the great opening for profit in that branch of industry that is not sufficiently known in Canada. He intends planting 27 acres in the spring. He informed us that the leaves were still green on the vines in that township, this was on the 11th of October. This shows that the western portion of our country is even better adapted to the culture of the vine than in this locality, even in the limits of the city. Mr. Charles Hunt of the City Mills has 300 bearing vines, he is also convinced that we can raise grapes here with profit. We do not recommend our readers to go into the business very extensively in this county, but two or three vines about each farm house would add much to the luxuries of every home, and even profit. Mrs. McCauly of Delaware has sold a good many grapes from a vine we presented her a few years since. In the planting season we will tell you what kinds to procure, &c.

**TO MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT**

*Wardens, Councilmen, and other influential men in the Dominion.*

We have been laboring to our utmost for the advancement of our agricultural prosperity. All who have read our paper must be fully satisfied of that. Many little things, and some things of greater importance might have been managed differently and to more advantage to the Dominion, still none can say but our undertaking is a great and a beneficial one. We respectfully invite the aid of all to forward the plans undertaken. We have had great obstacles to overcome, and the strongest opposition from where we deserved most aid, still the necessity and utility of our undertaking is becoming more apparent as it becomes known. Every person of influence has the power in their hands to assist or to hinder. We hope none will be found to oppose any proper plan that may be for our agricultural prosperity. What can be of more importance to the country than the facilitating the exchange of stock, introduction and dissemination of seeds, and supplying the agriculturists with reliable information about such. The necessity of another agricultural paper should be plain to every unbiassed person and the obtaining of every information about procuring good seed must be obvious to all, and already has drawn much attention to the subject of improving our agricultural resources.