

icans and 900 Canadians; and we have never heard of a more dissatisfied lot.—Some of the purchasers may yet learn not to put there whole trust in the Toronto Bible.

THE CHEVALIER BARLEY

That was noised up so much by Brown,—and we regret to say that some of the papers,—even our own,—were led a little astray; for the Chevalier Barley has proved a failure here. Mr. Brown must have realized a good sum for his crop, and the loss must fall on the dupes. His

IMPORTED WHEAT

That was sold throughout the country for spring wheat proved to be fall wheat, and the loss was great on that. The oats that he and Co., sent out with that wheat, were filled with mustard or charlock. If that is the way the farmers of Canada are to be humbugged, it is time that government, or some other power, should take the matter in hand, and give information of what is good and what is not.

The price or value of good Durhams depends on their quality. There are thousands of grade Durhams in Canada now, far superior, and more valuable to the farmers, than the culls of Durhams that have a pedigree. We have really breeders and importers of good stock in Canada, and such a transaction as this of Brown's tends to injure the good name that has been gained for our country by such gentlemen as Stone and others.

Caution.

Farmers! There is an enormous profit realized from the hides and pelts of our stock, before we are able to procure them again in the form of boots and shoes. As far as durability is concerned, there is a sad degeneracy from the boots and shoes procurable twenty years ago.

There is now a system in operation of making up all the inside scrapings, shavings and scraps, into a species of shoddy or paper leather. They are pasted together, pressed and rolled, so that an inexperienced person cannot tell it from genuine leather. We wish to caution our readers against purchasing their boots from any but reliable dealers, who will guarantee that none of this shoddy leather is put in them. The result is that you may now purchase a pair of boots, and as soon as the soles get worn a little, and you walk in the wet, your boots fall from your feet like so much brown paper. This imposition will be most successfully practiced upon the ignorant and those that do not take a paper that watches and exposes the tricks and humbugs that are practised.—We hope this timely hint save our readers a heavy loss. Do not purchase a boot or shoe that has shoddy leather in it; and if possible do not have a bit of split leather either. The practice of splitting leather is carried on at nearly every tannery. This is the reason your boots and shoes do not wear as well as they did formerly. Bad as the split leather has been,—and you know that has been bad enough,—when you have from seven to fourteen pairs of feet to keep shod,—the shoddy leather is far worse.—We presume this stuff will be disposed of to the best advantage, in the rural districts, in Manitoba, and the lumbering countries, where the inhabitants do not take many papers.

Provincial and London Exhibitions.

The two exhibitions of greatest importance in the western part of this Dominion for the year, have, like the Ides of March, come and gone; and we are glad to say, they reflect credit on those who, respectively, had the management of them, as well as on those exhibiting, and on the progress of the country as a whole. The success with which they have been marked cannot but be gratifying to all concerned and interested in the improvement of the country. It is most cheering to note the forward march of progress in all the branches of industry, which these exhibitions so distinctly show, and of which they are the most convincing evidence that our agriculturists, mechanics and artists are not satisfied with what they have attained, but are unceasingly reaching forward, and aiming at further improvement. Excelsior! is the motto, and where there is so much hill yet to climb there are abundant opportunities constantly occurring, for the enterprising to seize and take advantage of in the laudable race. And who may not join it, in some one or other of its varied courses. When one looks through the different classes into which the exhibition is necessarily divided, who is there that does not see they may do something in attempting to swell the number of the articles there, by placing their productions side by side, and bid fairly for the coveted distinction of taking a prize.

The result of both exhibitions will have reached our readers previous to this; consequently it is only in a general way that we allude to them here. As we have said, both have proved a success, and the partisans of each have grounds for self-gratulation; and can, we think, look forward to the future with confidence, as both now seem to be established institutions of the country. The Western Fair has gained a footing which will secure for it a permanency that should satisfy its most sanguine admirers and supporters, and while it cannot be placed on the same level of general usefulness to the country as the Provincial, still it will render much advantage to this section. On the other hand the Provincial shows no symptoms of decay, but has made an excellent appearance this year,—notwithstanding the croaking and groaning of many of our prophesying Jeremiahs, who no doubt had their reasons for endeavoring to injure its interests, or those into whose hands its management has fallen. This seems to us the first card played in the game, and perhaps as it goes on we may be able more distinctly to see what the stake is, and will be much mistaken if it does not show that political power is what is aimed at. Time will reveal whether we are right or wrong in this belief, but from what we know and have already experienced from some of those gentlemen, we are confirmed in it meanwhile. How is it, now that the result of the Provincial is known, and admitted to have been a decided success, that these croakers of the press and their protégés, or the masters for whom they write, do not point out to us that their predictions of failure have been fulfilled, and convince the people even against their own senses, that they were right in their rambling prophesying. But nothing of the kind has been attempted. Their work was done when the exhibi-

tion took place, and the result goes simply to show that their puny endeavors to injure it have had no power in that direction. We shall have to wait and see what will follow next, and next.

The Colorado Potato Bug.

A gentleman from Minnesota called on us recently, with the sad information that this pest has entirely destroyed the potato crop there this year; having made their appearance last year in small numbers, they have this season increased to such an extent as almost completely to destroy the potato crop. And he expresses his opinion that we will be in a like state here next year, from the fact that they have made their first appearance among us this season. He states also, that having gathered them in large quantities, for the purpose of destroying them by burning, the fumes of the fire got into his eyes, and terribly afflicted them with inflammation. And in one case where a farmer's wife collected a number and put them into her stove to burn, she lifted the cover before they were consumed, and allowed the smoke arising from them to escape; this smoke she inhaled, and it produced immediate sickness, from which she shortly died.

It is lamentable to think that these and other pests are allowed to plant themselves so firmly among us, without one effort being made by those who are deriving in some cases handsome livings from the country purse, for the avowed purpose of looking after and protecting the interests of agriculture. Why here, under their very noses, are facts taking place which are big with importance to the country, and of which so many are aware, and yet these gentlemen might as well be receiving their pay and living in Botany Bay, for all the information the country derives from them, or the good that results to agriculture through them. It is tiresome for us to be continually fault finding, and treating our readers to tirades against those in power, but at the same time we feel it impossible to be silent when we see so much money spent, and never see anything like returns for it, but instead great loss resulting to the country through their remissness or incapacity to grapple with the emergencies that arise. And the question is suggested, if they are helpless in preventing such calamities, or in providing some remedies for the evils which every now and again assail the farming profession,—what use is there for them holding office at all? When every thing goes on well we do not need either their advice or their help; and if they cannot be had when difficulties and reverses overtake us, we set it down as a useless and effete thing, not worthy of existence, even though it did not cost the country a cent.

Farmer's, ponder over this.

We desire to call attention to the auction sale of Short Horns, Cows and Heifers of Colonel Taylor's herd, to take place during this month. The Cows are in calf to the imported Duchess Bull, Proud Duke, who is the purest bred Duchess Bull in Ontario. Col. Taylor is well known to have spared no pains to obtain the best stock. Send for a Catalogue.

The prophesied failure of the Provincial Fair this year, has turned out, to the dismay and alarm of the wisecracks, to yield an excess of Two Thousand Dollars over any year that it has yet been held!

Our Exchanges.

Continued.

The Canadian Illustrated News,—a weekly journal, published by G. E. Desbarats, Montreal, is quite an acquisition to the press of Canada. Handsomely got up, largely illustrated with scenery, portraits, and events of the day. We are glad to see it improving in this department. Its readable matter is well chosen and well handled. We wish its enterprising proprietor much success.—Price \$4 per annum in advance.

The American Farmer,—a monthly Magazine, contains an excellent epitome on Agriculture and Horticulture, with other interesting information. It is published in pamphlet style, by Worthington & Lewis, No. 4, South Street, Baltimore, Md. Terms \$2 per annum.

Arthur's Home Magazine,—as its name denotes, is devoted to subjects for the Family, and most excellent matter is served up in tempting style. It is also embellished with some fine engravings, and nicely printed. It has our best wishes.—It is published by T. S. Arthur & Sons, Philadelphia. Terms \$2 per annum.

The Montreal Weekly Witness,—contains much useful information for the Merchant and the Family. The articles are well written and well printed, and it is altogether a most excellent sheet. Published by John Dougall & Son, Montreal. Weekly, \$1; Semi-Weekly, \$2; Daily, \$3 per annum.

The Western Farmer, like many others devoted to the interests of Agriculture and General Information, lags not behind in appearance or worth. It is a large sheet, containing much useful information on a variety of topics, and is well worthy of support. Published in Madison, Wis., weekly, by Messrs. Merrion & Co. \$2 per annum in advance.

Maple Leaves,—a domestic Magazine, full of useful information, amusement and instruction, is well adapted to interest and instruct the young, and add to the pleasure and intelligence of the old. Nicely printed and embellished, and well worth the cost. Published by G. A. Baorbach, 102 Nassau Street, New York.

The Western Stock Journal,—with which we are favored this month, is handsomely got up, and seems to be a boon to those engaged in raising Stock on the Farm. Published Monthly, by J. H. Sanderson & Co., Sigourney, Iowa. Terms \$1 per annum.

REDUCTION IN THE RATE OF INTEREST.

—We call attention to the advertisement of the Canada Permanent Building and Savings Society, in another column, and would advise those who may require to borrow money to study the system closely, in order to see the advantage obtained by borrowing on a principle by which they return the amount of the debt incurred, and the interest, by easy payments.

Apples.—We can supply our subscribers with choice Russetts, Rhode Island Greenings, Newton Pippins, Northern Spies, Snow Apples, Romanites, and other varieties, from our own orchard, at from \$1 to \$2 per barrel, shipped on board the cars. Wholesale buyers would find this a good place to purchase, as the crop is large, and no buyers operating here.