

AGRICULTURAL REPORTS.

Caledonia Flats, 21st April, 1856.

DEAR SIR,—As my garden has been selected by the experts of the Township of Caledonia, as the one entitled to your premium, and as you require information not furnished you, and as you request it, I will endeavour to furnish you with some information respecting it.

The garden in question is situated about the centre of Caledonia Flats, on the banks of the Caledonia Creek, which meanders through this fertile tract, which was first located and improved by the late John Chessier, sen., Esq., who was one of the pioneers in this section of country. It can be only considered a good kitchen garden, with some choice apples and some small fruit, such as three kinds of currants and some gooseberry bushes, &c.

From the depth and fertility of the soil, vegetables are produced in great profusion; but as I am not a professed gardener, I cannot give you such a description as you may wish, but if I am spared a few years I will introduce fruit and flowers that will fully come up to your requirements. Thanking you for your liberal premium,

I am, dear Sir, yours respectfully,

(Signed) WM. BRADLEY.

Charles P. Treadwell, Esq.,

Ex-President of Agricultural Association of Upper Canada.

Caledonia, 17th April, 1856.

DEAR SIR,—On reading the report of the experts of the Township of Caledonia Agricultural Society, I am fully convinced that justice was not done, in furnishing you the required information in regard to the farming operations of persons competing for your premiums, and as my name was returned as being entitled to the premium for the best farm in this Township, and as you particularly requested that I would furnish you with a statement of my mode of farming, I will endeavour to do it in as brief a manner as possible, and I regret that it had not been done at an earlier date.

Your object in advancing the interests of agriculture is generally acknowledged throughout the country, and I hope that the suggestions which you made may yet be appended to the Agricultural Law of the Province. The farm offered for competition is the one on which I reside, being composed of the east half of lot No. 12, in the first concession of Caledonia, two miles from the Caledonia Springs, with a fine creek running through it, near my house and barn-yard. The farm has been reclaimed by my own hand from the forest, except some small patches cut out to make potash. I came to this country a poor lad in 1825, alone and without funds, from Fermanagh in Ireland; therefore it cannot be expected that the perfect system of British agriculture can possibly be carried on, when the owner of the farm is obliged to lodge in the first and second year in a cabin, covered with the bark of trees taken from the surrounding forest. The soil is mostly a sandy loam, with a sub-stratum of limestone, of the best quality for building, and also for making lime of a superior quality. The wood land is reserved on an adjoining farm, on which there are excellent farm buildings. I regret to state that I have made several attempts to plant an orchard, but have not succeeded. I have, however, young trees growing, from which I hope better success. I always plough and prepare as much ground as possible in the autumn, owing to the short season allowed by the spring for farming operations. I grow Swedish turnips, carrots, beets, and mangel-wurtzel, but not in large quantities. I have, in former years, produced one thousand bushels of Swedish turnips on an acre. I always sow pease, and plant corn and potatoes, and have large crops of each. I generally sow wheat after the root and corn crops, and seed down with timothy and clover. I generally mow it for three years, and then, as I have more land than I can manure properly, I pasture it for a certain number of years, to renovate it before breaking it up, when I sow pease, and if the land is in good heart, sometimes wheat.

I use the Scotch iron plough, the Scotch harrow, and the drill harrow, with both cart and waggons for gathering the harvest and putting out manure.

In reference to cattle, I would remark that several years since the Agricultural Society of the United Counties of Prescott and Russell purchased a fine Ayrshire bull and a