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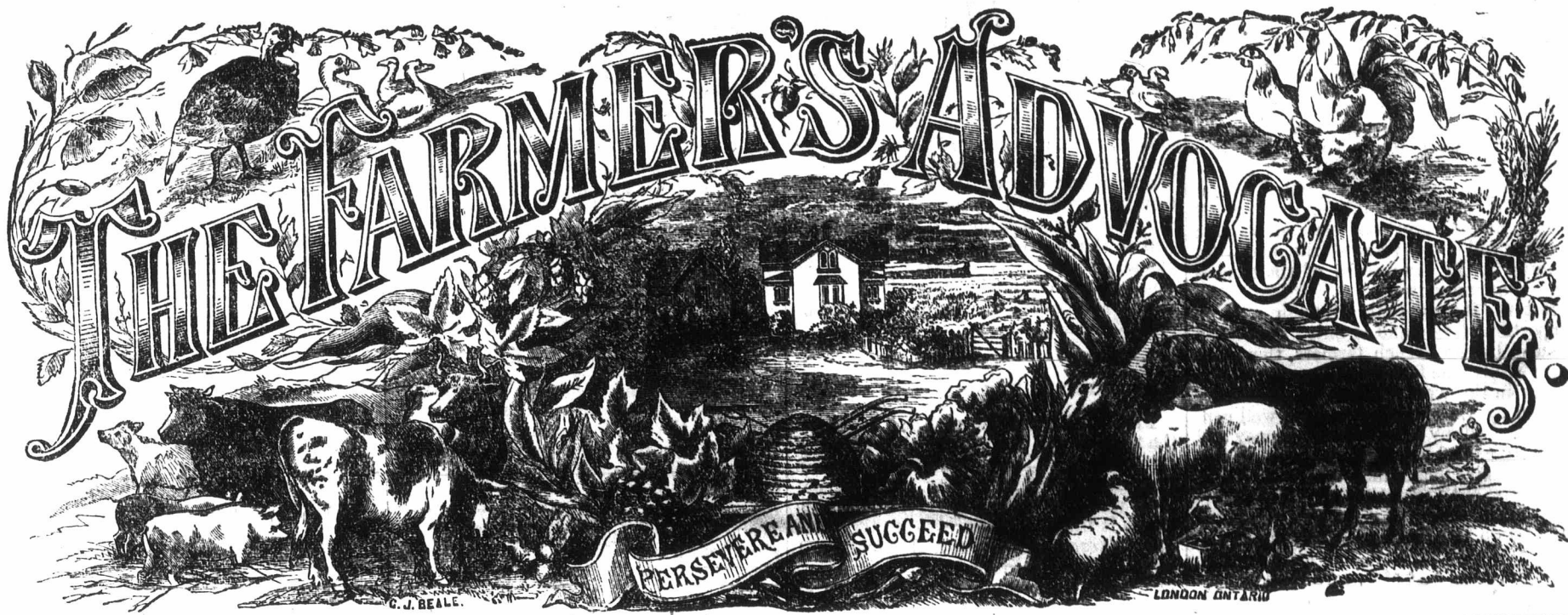
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Crops.

Having personally gone over a greater extent of our country this year than in any previous season, with the desire of ascertaining more about the state of the stock and crops, we think, on the whole, we shall have to record the crops in general as below the average. In some parts the hay and spring crops are good, but in many other places we find them inferior.

It really is surprising to us to find such a very great difference in various parts of the country; in some places the dry weather has done much damage, and in others showers have been more abundant. The fall wheat is far below the average, winter-killing and rust being the cause. Spring wheat looked much more promising in the Province of Quebec than in our Western section. Much of the spring wheat in this county is badly rusted, and the Hessian fly appears to be doing rather more harm than usual.

Barley will be light but of good colour. Oats, medium crop, but below the average. Peas, light crop. Potatoes will be plentiful, the bugs having been pretty well kept under, although we have seen some places where they have done considerable damage. Those farmers that have allowed them to breed and increase have done a great injury to the country, as they have raised stock enough to destroy the crops of many townships. We think a compulsory Act, either to enforce the destruction of the bugs, or the ploughing under of the potatoes, would have been of very great advantage to the country. There is a pretty good apple crop in Western Canada, but only a small crop in the east. The apples are badly effected by insects and are more spotted than usual. Turnips, carrots and mangolds will be light. We speak from general observation; as far as our judgment is concerned, there are some exceptions and in some places different accounts might be given. But want of space prevents quotations from each section.

Seed Wheat.

The time has again arrived when we are called on for remarks about this important question. We have examined more closely than usual into the state of the growing crops; the Deihl wheat appears to have been sown to a greater extent than any other, but this season has most effectually stamped it out of future cultivation to such a great extent. We previously stated our objections to this variety; that it is tender and will not stand the winter as well as some other varieties. It has rusted badly this year, and every farmer knows that it will, in a wet season, grow in the head quicker than any other variety. There are some good pieces, but the

large number of inferior pieces will cause many to seek for other varieties of a hardier nature.

The Soule wheat has also rusted this year. The Treadwell variety has not rusted half as badly as either the Deihl or Soule wheat. We believe all that have had the Treadwell variety this year are well satisfied. We have not heard much about the Arnold or Forfar wheats this season, but hope to hear of them ere another paper is issued. The Weeks wheat has also stood the winter well, and will out yield the Deihl or Soule wheat. It is a bearded white wheat. We have sown it three years. It is deserving of more extensive cultivation.

THE COMING WHEAT.

Last year we introduced a little of the Scott wheat. From every report we have heard and from our own observations, having seen it growing by the side of other varieties, we give it the preference. We consider it the safest and most profitable wheat to sow. It has stood the winter well, has a good stiff straw, is a bold white-chaffed red wheat, and will out-yield, on an average, any other variety of wheat we know of at the present time. In the next issue of this paper we hope to be able to give the results of several pieces from different parts of the country, and we feel convinced that it is the wheat that will be in demand. Should any of you not condescend with these observations, say so. We hope you will correct us if we should at any time be in error, and we also hope you will send us reports of the yields of the different varieties in your sections. We shall be glad to receive samples of the Scott wheat, with price stated and what quantity can be spared. In the next issue we shall be able to state what prices it may be obtained for either by the bushel or car load.

A Trip to Idaho.

Mr. Thos. Friendship, of London township, one of our Middlesex breeders of Canadian stock, has just returned from a trip to Blacktail, Deerereek, Idaho. He left London May 2nd, travelling by rail to Chicago, across the Mississippi River to Council Bluffs, 1,500 miles through Nebraska west of the Rocky Mountains, then 500 miles by road. He took with him 14 head of cattle, 4 bulls, 4 heifers and 2 calves. Several of the bulls took prizes at our Western Fair last fall, and 3 of them were the progeny of that celebrated cow "Sally," which he bought from us. He was 26 days travelling the 500 miles; he bought a span of mules and waggon, hired a man for the trip at \$40 and expenses, so that they could take turns, one walking while the other rode, and one sleeping while the other watched. The

rivers and creeks in many places were much swollen, caused by the snow melting on the mountains.

On coming to water all the cattle were treated to a swim; on one occasion a bull took it into his head to swim across, and Mr. F. had no alternative but to follow him. So he stripped and took the water, which was nearly a quarter of a mile wide. In the meantime the bull had travelled inland quite half a mile, Mr. F. following, clad in nothing but his birth-day suit. On reaching him another little difficulty occurred; Mr. Bull refused to acknowledge his master, in fact was terrified at his appearance. However, after a chase of a mile or so he managed to get him back.

The cost of this journey was \$1100 there, and \$175 back, besides having to pay \$1 for each meal and bed until he reached Chicago on his return. Still he expresses himself well satisfied with his trip and with the cash realized. He reports the country there as splendid, and considers that we are at the tail end of the world.

The Victor Tomato.

We have now in our office some ripe specimens of this really splendid tomato, of which we gave a notice in our March number. They are large, smooth skinned, very fleshy and sweet—altogether a very superior class. Although, owing to the six weeks protracted dry weather, these are not above half the usual size attained. The seed was sown in a hot bed on the 8th of April and the plants set in the open field on the 10th of June. The first ripe fruit gathered on July 18. Not bad for Canada.

Agricultural Exhibitions.

The three principal exhibitions to be held in this Dominion will be the Provincial, in Hamilton, from the 24th to the 27th of September; at Guelph, the Central Exhibition, from the 1st to the 4th of October; the Western Fair in London from the 8th to the 11th of October. Very handsome prizes will be awarded at each of these exhibitions. We hope many of our Eastern breeders and manufacturers will attend, as the dates are well arranged this year; an exhibitor can easily attend at each place. We are fully convinced that each exhibition will be a credit and honor to our country. Come and see them.

FRESH BULLS.—In our advertising columns may be seen Anthony Roosz & Sons' advertisement. We have procured bulls from their establishment in Holland, and for cheapness and quality they have proved satisfactory to us. We know of no better source for procuring really choice bulls, &c.

On June 15th we received a letter, postmark, Alma, and registered, but no signature. The writer will oblige by communicating with us.