

PLATT'S MIDGE-PROOF WHEAT.

Mr. Thos. Walker, of Coldspring, Northumberland Co., writes the *Globe* in praise of this variety of wheat, narrating his own experience in regard to it, as follows:—

"In the spring of 1867, I received one bushel from Mr. J. J. Watson, of Adolphustown, and I sowed it on three-fourths of an acre, from which I had eighteen bushels. It was entirely free from midge and rust. My Club and Fife wheat, with the same condition, and on the same quality of land, only yielded twelve bushels per acre. If I had sown all the land I had in wheat in 1867, with the Midge-Proof, and sold it at the same price as other varieties, I would have made over one thousand dollars more than I did out of my crop. So well satisfied was I of its superiority over other varieties of Spring wheat, that last Spring I bought a sufficient quantity from Mr. Giles Membership, of Adolphustown, at a high price, to sow fifty acres. I have just thrashed it, and I must say that it has fully come up to the expectation. Much of the crop yielded over twenty bushels per acre—this, too, in spite of last summer's drouth—and my land is naturally dry; consequently, the crop was injured to some extent. My neighbour, Mr. John McKinlay, had twenty bushels from fifty-three pounds of seed."

PRESERVING OUR FIREWOOD.

To the Editor of the ONTARIO FARMER.

SIR,—Perhaps the hardest labour the farmer has to do in winter is chopping firewood. Nearly all farmers whose land is wooded carry on an incessant warfare with timber. In fact so much has been chopped from our forests that wood is getting very scarce and dear. Should there not be some way of remedying this evil? If our woods disappear so rapidly during the next century as they have this, what will coming generations do for fuel? Most farmers chop indiscriminately old and young trees. Why not leave the young ones to replace the old? By that means our supply would last much longer than there is any show of it doing at present. We could then keep our good old wood fires, and our timber would be preserved for other uses. Even the saw mills are getting so little really good timber to saw that many are obliged almost to give up the business. We may anticipate a scarcity of good timber, and will some day regretfully remember the good stuff we wasted in the time gone by. Do you not think Mr. Editor something might be done in this matter, for it is of the greatest importance that our

timber should be preserved? I was reading lately in one of our newspapers that in consequence of the scarcity of timber that answers their purpose, the hub and spoke manufactures of Canada have entered into a combination and raised their prices considerably, on spokes nearly \$1.00 per set. Please inform us in your next issue of the ONTARIO FARMER what you think can be done to have our timber protected. Could not the Legislature do something for us? Could they not frame laws for the better protection of this article which adds so much to our revenue?

ENQUIRER.

March, 1869.

Ans.—We are pleased to have attention called to the above important subject, and think one of the best things that can be done in reference to it is for those who, like our correspondent, are awake to the evil pointed out, to try and rouse others to co-operate with them in correcting it. We do not see how Government could very well interfere.

HAY TEDDER WANTED.

DEAR ONTARIO FARMER,—Your Feb. number has come to hand; good again. I have just been reading "Tim Bunker on the Hay Tedder." I should like to have a thing like that to make the "grass shake" in July. Please say where it can be found and what the price is in your next issue.

Yours, &c.,

HEAVY GRASS.

Montreal, Feb. 22, 1869.

Ans.—There are several styles of Hay Tedders manufactured in the U. S. "Taylor's Patent Hay Tedder" can be had of the "Ohio Mowing Machine Co., Millbury, Mass.," for \$60 Am. money. "Bullard's Improved Hay Tedder" can be heard of by addressing "S. S. Whitman, Little Falls, N. Y." We do not know the price of it, but think it is in the neighbourhood of \$80. One of the best made, if not the very best, is the "American Hay Tedder," manufactured by the "Ames Plow Co., Boston, Mass.," and sold at \$75.

SEED WHEAT WANTED.—"If any of your readers have for sale any Black Sea, Rio Grande, or Platt's Midge Proof Wheat, I will be glad to be placed en rapport with them."—J. S. RUSSELL Kirkfield.