

Rainham, at Rainham, April 18.
 Western Branch, Haldimand, at York, April 23.
 County Haldimand, at Cayuga, April 24.
 County of Lincoln, at Grimsby, April 22.
 Hamilton Horticultural Society, 1st Show, May 24.
 East Middlesex, at London, April 29.
 Lobo Township Society, at Mr. E Cutler's, April 19.
 County of Norfolk, at Simcoe, April 9.
 West Middlesex, at Strathroy, April 24.

Removal of Mr. W. H. Lock.

Our readers will regret to learn that Mr. W. H. Lock, of Yarmouth, Elgin, the well known agriculturist and breeder of Devon cattle, has left this Province, and has taken up his residence near Urbana, Champlain Co., Illinois. Mr. Lock has been the most successful breeder and exhibitor of cattle in the county, and has taken more prizes for his Devons than all the other breeders combined. Mr. L. imported the stock, six in number, fourteen years ago, and at this time the progeny are to be found scattered all over the Province. He has bought a farm of 1,300 acres of land, 800 acres of which are improved, 300 in grain, and 200 in wood. Besides this, he has rented 500 acres. He took with him seventy-eight head of his fine Devon stock; one hundred pure bred sheep; thirteen horses; six hogs of the finest quality, besides a large assortment of implements. His wife, three sons, and one daughter have gone with him. Upon enquiry as to the cause that induced Mr. Lock to leave we find, that he thought that by removal to the States he would be less heavily taxed than in Canada—a most erroneous idea, for in addition to the ordinary State taxes, at all times heavier than similar imposts in Canada, the cost of the war has yet to be paid, and the lauded interest will naturally be the one on which the charge will principally fall. We are sorry to lose Mr. Lock, sorry that so much valuable stock has gone with him, and sorry that so far as taxation is concerned he will find that he has jumped out of the frying pan into the fire.
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Horticultural.

Fruit Prospect in Niagara Township.

EDITOR AGRICULTURIST:—As the fruit crop forms an interesting topic for inquiry, your readers in Toronto, and the cities north of the lake, will be glad to learn, that up to this date, the prospect of peaches is all that we could desire. The fruit buds are uninjured by the frost of last winter, and the cold

weather of March, has retarded the swelling of them, and as there was no crop last year the trees are in fine condition, to produce an abundant one this, if not injured by the late spring frosts. But as a general thing we do not apprehend much danger from this cause. The cold winds from the lake greatly retard the opening of the blossoms, and often prevent a frost near the lake shore, when a few miles back every thing is cut off. It is seldom that we lose our peaches by spring frost. The greater danger we are exposed to, is that of the buds not being sufficiently ripened in the fall, or by being pushed too forward by the late warm moist weather of autumn, was the case last year. In such cases a few degrees below zero is sufficient to destroy them, while in a proper condition they will bear even twenty degrees below zero with impunity. I am glad to say that there are several large peach orchards in this county that will be in good bearing order in one or two years more, that will afford you a supply even if our friends across the river should be excluded by the repeal of the reciprocity treaty. In the last two or three years a great number of trees, principally apple, pear, & peach, have been planted in this township more particularly that tract lying along the river and lake shore from Queenstown to the city of Hamilton, which may be styled the fruit garden of Canada, *par excellence*. More especially so for the supply of the large cities along the lake and the river St. Lawrence, enjoying as it does an easy communication with them all; which is much more favorable as well as cheaper than rail transportation.

As the season for planting orchards is now at hand, I would earnestly entreat those intending to put out trees to plant no more than they can well attend to. It is unnecessary that land for orchards should be the very richest description, nor yet is it necessary that the trees should be over fed. abundant applications of manure. Trees, like children, can be killed by kindness, but it is the exception not the rule. Any good wheat land will do for apples or pears; if all the better if it has a mixture of clay in it. And all good corn land will produce good peach trees, climate being favourable. Good surface drainage is necessary, & under drainage highly advantageous, to successful cultivation of fruit or any other crop. Subsoil plowing is a very great benefit to a young orchard, and should be done before planting, as it can never be so well done afterward. Let any one be assured that fifty well planted and cared for are worth more than five hundred stunted, moss covered, and in ten years give more bearing trees. It is really distressing to see a lot of