

tained several specimens of flowers, fruits and vegetables of superior merit. Professor Croft exhibited some very fine strawberries of excellent flavor, and the display of roses belonging to the Hon. Judge Harrison was much admired. Other amateurs exhibited productions of very decided excellence, and our nurserymen, Messrs. Fleming, Leslie, and Grey, had each a number of articles that elicited much admiration. We are glad to find the Toronto Horticultural Society making steady progress, and trust our citizens will extend to it the patronage which it so richly deserves.

RECENT IMPORTATION OF IMPROVED STOCK.

William Ashton, Esq., of Cruikshank Park, near Galt, informs us that he had just received from England, in excellent condition, the following Durham cattle:—*Rattler*, bull, 5 months old, by *Gilliver*, 11,529, dam *Rosebud*, by the *Earl of Durham*, 5,965.

Melody, heifer, rising three years, by *Valliant*, 10,989, dam *Mi*, by *Tom O'Lincoln*, 8,714.

Lady Evelyn, heifer, one year, by *Valliant*, dam *Etiquette*, by *Robin Hood*, 8,492.

The Ocean, heifer, calved on the passage, June 1, 1854, by *Rivington*, dam *Melody*; a fine handsome calf, and doing well. We are in possession of full pedigrees.

Mr. Ashton likewise imported with the above, six ewes and two rams of pure Leicesters, from the celebrated stock of William Sanday, Esq., of Nottingham. We wish him, and all others similarly engaged, every success in the important undertaking.

IMPORTATION OF SOUTHDOWN SHEEP.

We learn that Mr. John Spencer, of Dorset Farm, Brooklin, Whitby, has recently imported some excellent specimens of Southdowns, carefully selected from the best flocks in the counties of Surrey, Hants and Dorset. We are glad to find Mr. Spencer persevering in his valuable undertaking.

THE HARVEST, MARKETS, &c.

The wheat harvest in forward sections of the country is now fast drawing to a conclusion. From all we can learn the crop will prove upon the whole an average, but in some exposed situations the plant was much killed out by the severe spring frosts. All kinds of spring grain will prove abundant. Hay is not so heavy as was anticipated from the copious showers which fell in Spring. The heavy storms which occurred last month in many parts of the Province injured more or less the wheat, twisting it about and causing it to fall where stout. This has rendered harvest operations tedious and expensive. Farmers experience great difficulty in obtaining hands, even at exorbitant wages; two and even two and a-half dollars per day, being frequently given. Hops, we are told, are looking well, and potatoes and root crops generally are the same. The accounts from the States and Europe are, upon the whole, favorable, and notwithstanding the continuance of the war, prices have commenced declining in the principal markets of the world. Much however, will depend so far as the United Kingdom is concerned, on the state of the weather during the present and succeeding months.

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WATERING TROUGH LAW.

A Law at present exists in the State of Maine, that country so celebrated for its admiration of pure unadulterated cold water—which is really deserving of commendation and imitation, and if adopted by some of our municipalities in Canada, might be the means of affording comfort and refreshment to many a weary traveller or animal. By this law, passed April 9, 1852, any person, in any city, town or plantation in the State, who shall construct and maintain, and keep in good repair, a watering trough beside the highway, and well supplied with water, the surface of which shall be at least two feet and a half above the ground, and made easily accessible for horses and carriages, shall be allowed a reduction of three dollars from the annual amount of his taxes.