

The seeds in Prof. Brown's list would cost, in Montreal, about eight dollars.

As to the flavor of cheese depending on the pasturage, I append a letter I received some years ago from Mr. MacFarlane, a most successful dairyman in the Eastern Townships:

"You are perfectly right in saying that the butter you tasted in Montreal, at the Exhibition of 1879, was the production of *old* pastures. As to the variety of grasses of which the West Brome meadows are composed—they consist of timothy and white clover principally, but the pastures are all permanent, hilly for the most part, with the exception of here and there a piece of natural grass containing the species native to low-lying lands. We rarely see pastures that have been ploughed: they are just as nature left them after being cleared."

West Brome, Dec. 2nd, 1879.

The cheese in question was so good, both in form and in taste, that I was sure no young grass could have produced it, and I was right. It is clear that, all other things being equal, a varied food, like that yielded by the Brome pastures, must give a more high-flavoured cheese than where one or two grasses compose the whole meal.

And there is nothing easier than the improvement of these hill pastures. Lime and phosphoric acid are their chief wants, for the potash has never been extracted by successive grain crops. One barrel of plaster a year, and 2 cwt. of "old char" from the sugar refineries will supply all the manure wanted to start with, and careful grazing, with added food, will secure the continued success of these invaluable feeding-grounds. Oh, happy farmers of the Eastern Townships! If you only knew the value of these hilly pastures, down which flow hundreds of soft streams only waiting for the hand of man to lead them in graceful curves over the turfy slopes, and thereby convert them into the earliest and richest land of the whole country!

The above is a translation of an address, in French, read at the meeting of the Dairyman's Association at the meeting at Three-Rivers, January, 1887.

As all its older readers know, the R. N.-Y. has grown Prickly Comfrey in a small way for about 12 years. We have said that the plants are tremendous growers and will bear cutting back three or four times each season.

We have discouraged its cultivation because until of late no animals that we had tried seemed to relish the large, coarse prickly leaves. Last summer one of our horses was fed the Comfrey every few days during the summer, and he ate it with evident relish and a growing appetite for it. Now, in justice to the other side of the question, we must again allude to what Dr. Henry Foster, of Clifton Springs, N. Y., says of it. Under date of Sept. 21, he wrote to the N. Y. Station as follows:

"We have been using the Comfrey five years, and we think more of its value this year than in any previous year. We are now cutting the fifth crop grown this season. My foreman says that it will average ten tons to the acre for each crop, making 50 tons to the acre for the season. Of course, to get such an enormous yield it must be thoroughly cultivated between each cutting and top-dressed. We use for dressing nothing but stable manure, put on immediately after cutting, before cultivating. We have no forage plant that compares with it in producing quantity and quality of milk."

Now in the light of this testimony, as well as that given by the Station's analyses and several years' trial of Prickly Comfrey, the Station report says: "From a chemical standpoint, we have in Prickly Comfrey a promising forage plant for those interested in soiling, and we would recommend its careful trial by the farmers of our State."—*R. N. Yorker.*

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Further particulars on application to the undersigned,  
JOHN MAIN, Sec.-Treas.  
Melbourne, P. Que., 6th March 1888

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