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AGRICULTURAL EMPORIUM.

SPRING GRAIN SALES.

The list below published may show you to some extent the space of country over which we have sent grain. The list published in a previous number showed that we had even commenced to send it into the States. The seed supplied by us has been the best we could procure, although often not as good or as clean as we could wish. No person can have read our paper without being convinced of the utility and necessity of having an Agricultural Emporium. You cannot at first, expect to have everything complete, especially when such an undertaking has been conducted by a backwoods farmer, without assistance, but with a very heavy opposition from a body whose public duty is the advancement of agriculture. We have brought our plans before different public bodies, and shown them, as plainly as possible, the necessity of the farmers having some place to resort to in order to procure a change of seed. We might have disseminated much more, and at lower rates, had we a large capital to use. We have every reason to believe that the parties supplied by us will be satisfied when they thresh their grain. By agitating this matter, we have caused a greater spread of the different kinds of grain, and thousands of bushels will be sown that would otherwise have been ground.

No farmer or merchant can have lived in Canada for 5 years without noticing the great loss that has been sustained in any section where proper varieties of seed

have not been introduced. New varieties of good quality always command a good price, and pay the introducers of them very handsome returns. None but the enterprising ever think of introducing them. The majority of our farmers are not readers to any great extent, and their improvements are copied from their more enterprising neighbors. For instance in some sections we have one style of a house, which is copied for miles, in another a totally different style of architecture will be found; in some sections one kind of grain will be found or one class of stock, in others entirely different; some sections will take one kind of a paper, in others a different one will have the command, and much of the improvements or opinions of each section are guided by the paper that is most read.

It is a matter of much moment to the prosperity of the country to have your papers conducted by persons that really have evinced some interest in your prosperity. Some papers will make extracts and copy such matter as they may deem pleasing to their supporters, while nearly all have some particular trumpet to blow and keep before their readers some particular friend or some party, in preference of other matter of far more import. Had their been a proper interest evinced by the majority of editors in Canada we should have known more about seeds suitable for us to sow. Even in this city we have purchased, year after year, from the best seedsman in the city, carrots one-third of which run to top, making no root, which makes a carrot patch look a disgrace to a farm; turnips often bottle

necked and mixed varieties. The loss from such sources are not easily estimated. In grain no one in the country has taken any pains to disseminate any further than procuring a good looking sample from any section to sell at a profit in another section, irrespective of its suitability to the country.

We notice in the general papers in circulation, a deficiency in that which effects the prosperity of agriculture. We should like to see that important part better represented in the papers that find their way to the farmer's fireside. It is undoubtedly the press that rules agricultural prosperity as well as political economy.

List of gentleman's names supplied with Chilian Wheat and Crown Peas from the Agricultural Emporium since the last published accounts:

Names	Residence.	Cr'n Peas.	Ch. Wheat.
Reuben Shaver,	South Mountain	"	"
S. Gourley,	Fullerton	"	"
W. Corbett,	Oak Hill,	"	"
H. Paddock,	Florence,	"	"
Rev. J. Hughes	Dresden	"	"
Jas. Graham,	Warwick	"	"
J. Price,	Strathroy,	"	"
John Wardrop	Moretown,	"	"
J. Grover,	Newbury	"	"
T. Sisson,	Ottawa,	"	"
D. Souds,	Strathroy,	"	"
W. Vint,	Penetanquashine,	"	"
J. Johnstone,	Hillsdale,	"	"
W. Hall,	Ballveboro	"	"
N. McMillan,	Clochan,	"	"
J. Cox,	Mt. Brydges	"	"
J. McKellar,	Komoka,	"	"
J. Beaton,	Carthage,	"	"
J. Clerk,	Burnbrae,	"	"
J. Gam'le,	Loretta.	"	"
P. Clerk.	Montaque,	"	"