

EDITORIAL GLEANINGS.

A movement is in successful progress for the establishment of a cheese factory in Grafton, which it is intended shall go into operation next spring.

The crops in Minnesota have suffered greatly from drought and it is reported will generally fall below the average. Corn, however, is an exception being a very large and satisfactory yield.

The Colorado potato beetle is not only giving trouble on our Western border but we are told by a friend who has been pestered with it in his own potato-patch, that it has been committing depredations in Paris, Ont.

SHEEP FAIR IN GALT.—There is to be henceforth, an annual sheep fair held in the town of Galt. The day appointed for this year's fair, is Oct. 14th. Galt is an excellent centre for a yearly sheep fair, and we have no doubt that if it is well managed the results will be most satisfactory.

The Wisconsin State Agricultural Society offers premiums of \$25 each on eight subjects, to wit:—Wheat growing in Wisconsin, Horses in Wisconsin, Cultivation of Timber in Wisconsin, Most Economical Use of Straw on the Farm, Practical Farming in the Prairie Districts—in the Oak Openings—in the Sandy Districts—in the Timbered Districts.

In addition to the ordinary and stereotyped prizes, the New York State Agricultural Society offer premiums at their forthcoming fair for essays and experiments; for the best specimen of farm book-keeping; the best examples of underdraining; of reclaiming swamp lands, of irrigation; the best experiments with wheat, liquid manure, feeding stock, etc. Besides these, special prizes are offered for tree planting, for crops, for the best vineyard, the best dairy, and the best managed farm. These are all objects of prime importance, and bringing them into prominence by public competition cannot fail to diffuse much valuable information, to stir up a rivalry of the most practical character, and to lead to the improved methods of husbandry.

WHEAT HARVEST OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—The Government returns of the wheat product of the season 1869-70 in South Australia show how deeply the farmer has had to suffer, though the gloomy prophecies of the present year have not been realized. The general average for the province is $3\frac{3}{4}$ bushels per acre, against 6,173,970 bushels; and the quantity of land reaped is 532,153 acres against 533,035, being a reduction of 900 acres. The quantity of flour available for export as compared with the surplus

following upon the harvest of 1868-69: local consumption will absorb something like 1,050,000 bushels, while seed for 540,000 acres will make away with about 810,000 bushels more. This will leave 1,200,000, or thereabouts, unappropriated, which, at 45 bushels to the ton, will leave 26,000 tons for exportation.

A commendable novelty in this year's prize list of the Royal Society of Great Britain has excited much interest, namely, the award of premiums for the best managed farms. The competition was confined to the County of Oxford, in which the show was held. The first prize, a silver cup, value £100, was awarded to Mrs. Millington, of Ash Grove Farm, Ardley, Bicester; the second, of £50, to John Treadwell of Upper Minchenden; besides commendations for other farms, and, one case the recommendation of a third prize. The farm of Mrs. Millington, we are told was by no means a model farm, in the general acceptance of the phrase, with extensive buildings, high-bred stock, and steam cultivation, and all the appliances of modern science, but was an ordinary tenant farm, judiciously managed in accordance with a tenant's limited capital, and with a primary view to profit.

PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION.—As will be seen by advertisement in this and preceding issues of the ONTARIO FARMER, the Provincial Exhibition will be held at Toronto, on Monday the 3rd of October, and continue each day to Friday the 7th. Entries for Horses, Cattle, Sheep, Swine, Poultry, Agricultural Implements, must be made on or before Saturday, September the 3rd. Entries for Grain, Field Roots and other farm products, machinery and manufactures generally, must be made on or before Saturday the 10th of September. The entries for Horticultural products, Ladies' Work, Fine Arts, &c., must be made on or before Saturday, Sept. 24th. All entries are required to be made with the Secretary, Hugh C. Thomson, Esq., Toronto. Prize lists and blank forms for making entries upon, can be obtained of the Secretaries of all Agricultural Societies, and Mechanics' Institutes throughout the Province.

John Stuart Mill says:—"Social reformers are always prone to believe that other countries are in advance of their own; but unhappily the difference is too frequently more apparent than real.

A Boston business man remarks of a native poet:—"He is one of those men who have soarings after the infinite and divings after the unfathomable; but who never pays cash.