

SECOND PRIZE CROP.

(HENRY PICKET CLARKSON.)

KIND SOIL, light sand.

HOW CROPPED past 3 years, with Strawberries.

HOW MANURED past 3 years, in 1889 plowed under 20 tons barnyard manure, 1891 top dressed with city stable manure 20 tons.

HOW PREPARED for Contest crop—Plowed 9 inches deep 16th day of May, 1892. Harrowed twice with common drag. Furrows marked 32 inches apart, 4 inches deep.

FERTILIZER USED, 2,200 lbs. Freeman's Potato Manure. How applied, 400 lbs. broadcasted before ploughing, 600 lbs. broadcasted and harrowed, 600 lbs. scattered in drill, and 600 lbs. worked around crop.

KIND POTATOES, Freeman and Rural New Yorker No. 2. Cut 2 eyes to set one day before planting. Planted 20th day of May, 1892. 930 lbs. seed; about 9,360 hills. Appeared above ground 11th day of June.

HOW CULTIVATED, harrowed twice, cultivated 3 times with one horse cultivator and eleven toothed harrow. Hand hoed 3 times, last drawing some earth to the plant.

Kind weather, very wet May and June, severe drought July and August which lessened crop by one half. When harvested, 20-24 day of October, 1892. How harvested, dug with potato forks, gathered soon as dry, weighed and pitted.

Amount in pounds or bushels merchantable potatoes, 251½ bushels and 30 bushels small ones, total 281½ bushels.

Remarks: I attribute smallness of yield wholly to want of rain during July. With favorable conditions could double or treble amount even on our light land.

FREEMAN'S POTATO CONTEST FOR 1892.

(Canadian Live Stock Journal, Dec. 1892.)

Mr. W. A. Freeman, the well-known manufacturer of fertilizers, of Hamilton, Ont., last spring offered \$75.00 in prizes for potatoes, to be harvested this year, which were to be raised exclusively on his fertilizers. The prizes were divided as follows:

For the best acre of potatoes.....	\$50
For the second best.....	25

Those who contested were bound by certain rules and regulations which effectively precluded any fraud or dishonesty, and the awards were made by the *Farmers' Advocate*, London, Ont.