

were free from the bug in this neighbourhood and that year he had the finest pea crops he had ever grown, and I have not heard of there being any bug since.

Now, Mr. Editor, with this information, and these suggestions, the growers of wheat can please themselves as to substituting other crops for a while, for their wheat crops, say such as pea, oat and grass, which are certainly under existing circumstances, far more remunerative, or they may go on year after year losing a fortune in trying to raise wheat. After all it is not the farmer individually who suffers this enormous loss, it is a direct loss to the country at large of millions of dollars.

A word in conclusion on Spring wheat seed. A friend of mine the other day hearing that I was going to write to you, begged of me to ask if you, or any of your readers would kindly inform him where he could procure the most desirable and reliable wheat for sowing the coming spring, and he says that, nothing daunted, he intends trying his luck with the crop once more.

I remain, respectfully yours,

LEICESTERENSIS!

Guelph Township, 5th Feb., 1871.

P. S.—There has been much said about "midge proof wheat," but I have been told by those who have grown it, that it was a complete failure with them, perhaps it was not the "simon pure." I hope that some of your readers may, in your next number, be able to throw more light on the subject than we at the present possess.

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ILLINOIS SWINE BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION.

Pursuant to a call, a meeting of the Executive Board of this Association was held at the office of the *Prairie Farmer*, on Feb., 21st-22nd ult., for the purpose of considering the propriety of accepting certain propositions made by the citizens of Chicago for holding a large swine fair in that city during the fall of 1871.

This meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Thomas J. Crowder, who briefly stated the object for which it was convened.

The Secretary was requested to call the roll of names from each congressional district, which was answered by W. W. Corbet, of the 1st; Andrew Lovell 2nd; E. P. Sisson, 5th; Frank Searls, 6th; A. M. Fauley, 7th; Henry Funk, 8th; L. F. Ross, 9th; Uriel Mills, 11th; at large, Charles Snoad.

Hon. J. P. Reynolds, and Mr. Rust,

Chicago; Z. L. Owen, of Mokena, Ill.; J. S. McLeary, of Canton, and L. T. Clark, of Onarga, were invited to take part in the proceedings.

The committee appointed at the January meeting of the Association to receive propositions for holding a swine fair during the fall of 1871, made the following report:

That in view of the very liberal proposition made by Col. R. M. Hough, Mr. Sherman, superintendent of the Union Stock Yards, and others, offering the Association the use of Dexter Park, with its entire fixtures, with such additions and charges as may be desired by the Association as to accommodate any number of hogs that may be placed upon exhibition; also to furnish litter and feed, \$3,000 in money, together with all the receipts at the gate and entrance fees, your committee would very respectfully recommend the acceptance of the proposition; also, that immediate steps be taken to carry out the plans desired, and the holding of the largest Swine Exposition in the history of the World.

T. L. CLARK,
EDMUND TERRILL, } Com.
CHARLES SNOAD,

On motion of Mr. Funk, the report was accepted and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Terrill, it was decided to hold a fair the 19th, 20th and 21st of September.

CATALOGUE RECEIVED.

J. A. SIMMERS' CULTIVATOR'S GUIDE FOR 1871.—Mr. Simmers deserves much credit for the completeness, neatness and we may add tastefulness, which characterized this little publication. It is embellished with a beautiful coloured lithograph of the Trophy Tomato, as a frontispiece, and by a number of excellent engravings of flowers and vegetables. Mr. Simmers has long since established for himself a first-class reputation as a seedsman, and we are glad to find that his business is rapidly growing, so much so that he is now engaged pretty largely into growing the seeds he sells. Among other novelties Mr. S. offers this year the celebrated Bresee potatoes,—also the Climax,—of his own growing.

JAMES FLEMMING & Co's CATALOGUE OF GARDEN AND AGRICULTURAL SEEDS.—This old and well known house keeps abreast of the times in its life of business, and has issued this year a larger and very complete catalogue, which besides advertising seeds, contains many valuable hints on culture, etc. We may inform the lovers of mushrooms, that the firm can supply the spawn, and their catalogue gives full directions for the production of the delicacy. They also