

Every Farmer should know about the test of Seed.

THE RED RIVER FRACAS.

We regret to see the account of the annoyance & vexation caused by our government's attempting to take possession of the farms and hunting grounds of our poor natives and half-breeds, that have taken possession of the land and made it of some little value already. They are the rightful owners of the soil, and if their usual means of subsistence is taken from them they should be provided for. They are no doubt ready to treat honorably, and the white man is sure to get the advantage of them. Is it right that they should be deprived of their means of existence? No! They should be fairly dealt with, without tricks or bullets. We hope every Canadian that takes up a gun against them will be shot. In this we are the Fenians. We speak from experience in this matter. We allowed a surveyor, appointed by government, to disturb our land boundaries. We had even purchased our land with capital, from Europe; yes, purchased it from one of the judges of our land. The government came in, took part of our land from us, deprived us of large quantities of the most valuable kind of timber, that we had been protecting for years, threw us into expensive law suits, and never paid us one cent. It is a debt that the government owe us, and has caused the loss of means that should have been employed in educating our family.

To our brother farmers, we say, do not one of you go to trample down, kill and destroy one of our poor natives that are only demanding their just rights. Our government can expend its money in erecting large, expensive buildings, and appointing friends to fill offices, where they receive thousands of dollars more than they earn, taxing us millions for such. We say cut down the useless expenditures, and pay the natives their just rights. Nor should they omit to act justly with settlers that come to the country.

Get the Harrison potatoes. You might have had them last year at the Agricultural Emporium and made \$100 this year.

ATTRACTIONS AT FAIRS.

There ought to be prepared, as a matter of record, for future agriculturists to read and remember, a list of the attractions which the managers of Agricultural Societies, in this good year of our Lord 1869, found essential to the adequate enlightenment of the people in things Agricultural and Horticultural upon the Fair grounds. We hope some agricultural Motley, Bancroft, or Gibbon will set about the work of gathering together the material wherewith to illuminate present agricultural history. There is abundance of it, and it should by no means be allowed to pass out of reach of coming generations.

To illustrate what we mean, we name some of these "attractions" as they occur to us. They are proved to have "drawn" equal to the sturdiest English draft horse; and those who were drawn by them went home with an increased enthusiasm for agricultural pursuits, and especially with an increased devotion to the pleasures and enjoyments of Rural Life. For instance, and first, we name fast horses, horses of speed and bottom, driven by men of high moral character and refinement, who bet their money only when the race is so put up as to insure their winning; velocipede races in which bipeds of great industrial celebrity, ride bicycles at a jolly pace for the benefit of those who desire to grow wheat and cabbages after the most scientific mode; pedestrian matches, designed to illustrate to breeders the effect of careful training in developing the speed and power of endurance of all brainless animals; equestrian races, illustrating how a modest woman, with her blood up, may be most skillfully thrown from her horse, heels over head, into the soil of a race track, mount again and win the applause of the refined throng who admire the performance, and the premium offered by the Agricultural Society to encourage and develop such skill; exhibitions of the fairest girls, the prettiest and fattest babies, the youngest mothers of the largest families, all tending to awaken a profound interest in Agriculture and a love of Rural Life: tournaments where brave men in bespangled costume gaily and gallantly tilt for the laurel crown, and the honor of crowning the Queen of Love and Beauty, all of which is arranged to encourage housewives to excel in making cream cake, and other delicate household duties; games of base-ball designed to aid in developing the ability of young men to skillfully hold a plow and turn a furrow; cock fights which enable committeemen to determine the purity of game breeds.

We might extend the list of legitimate attractions without naming the numerous side shows, including scientific gambling apparatus and skilled manipulators of cards, dice, and chips, which are now regarded integral parts of all well regulated agricultural exhibitions. We regret to say that these enterprising managers have overlooked the advantages which might accrue to Agriculture by the introduction of bull fights, the engagement of such men as Heenan, Sayers, and others of that ilk, to give sparring exhibitions, &c., &c. But then, progress in all these matters is as certain as progress in Agriculture, and in the management of Agricultural Fairs has been sure and steady.

Who will be the historian we herewith advertise for?—MOORE'S RURAL NEW-YORKER.

DURABILITY OF TIMBER.—THE WORKING FARMER publishes a paragraph which states that the piles sustaining London bridge, principally of elm, were driven 500 years ago, and are but slightly decayed. Those on which rests the old Savoy Place, in London, were put down 650 years ago and are perfectly sound; and that those which uphold the bridge over the Danube, built by the Emperor Trojan, 1,600 years ago, have some of them been examined and found to be petrified to the depth of three quarters of an inch. This shows the effect of water in preserving timber immersed in it, by which the air is measurably excluded from contact with it.

Have you the Crown or Excelior Pea.

Agriculture is our policy.

TO OUR PATRONS.

The present number closes the 4th volume of our paper. Many things have not been quite as well as we would wish, still we feel pleased they are as well as they are. Our paper was enlarged at the commencement of last year. We are again contemplating an additional increase in size, embellishments, and other improvements. We have given you such information in regard to seed, as could not be furnished from any other source in Canada. Many of you have profited by our tests of seeds. Many more might have done so, to the advancement of the general welfare of our country. We have neither spared our time nor the means at our disposal, to furnish you with accounts of seed, &c. &c., and to afford you a paper containing really useful information. We have rejected no practical communications, and still invite you to use our paper. We believe that you are satisfied that our paper is rightly named. We hope that each one of you may use your influence to again increase its circulation at the same ratio that it has increased in previous years. It is by your united efforts that we are enabled to improve our paper. We trust that each one of you may, on an average, be able to induce one more person to subscribe. Remember unity is strength. Now we have a paper untrammelled, let us by our united efforts endeavour to make it equal to any published on the other side of the lines. We have gained in circulation more rapidly than any other Agricultural journal, and new names are already coming in. You may depend, the more subscribers you send to us, the better our paper will become. Reader, cannot you get up a club?—There are tens of thousands of people in Canada that ought to take an Agricultural paper, and do not. The timely hints thrown out is such, that any person with common ability cannot fail to be a gainer of many times its worth.

You can go to the next concession as soon as you have canvassed the one you live in. You can show your paper, and talk about it wherever you are. You can easily gain some of the certain prizes that are offered, and introduce into your section, seeds that must be of great profit to you. You may gain a very valuable implement. Commence at once. Some of your neighbors require some of the valuable things we are advertising. If you send us a good club list, you can have a profit on all orders that you may send to us for implements, seeds, &c. &c. If you make a business of it, you can make money by it, and do good to us, yourself, your neighbors, and your country. Begin at once. Now is the best time, before other papers are taken. All farmers should have an Agricultural paper that is no way connected with party politics.