

it in any way at all. I would also particularly recommend our farmers to have their sow pigs spayed. Those they do not intend to breed from will fatten much quicker, and I am sure make as good pork as a barrow pig. To prove the truth of my remarks I need only refer you to England where every pig is castrated at a very early day, except those they intend to breed from. My first suggestion needs no comment, it commends itself to every one possessing common sense.

A SUBSCRIBER.

Toronto, June 1860.

### THE CROPS ABOUT COBOURG.

[The letter from which we make the following extracts came to hand too late for our last issue.]

EDITORS *AGRICULTURIST*,—Our crops have been got all in in excellent condition. Indeed I think I never saw the ground in better order than it has been this spring. All spring crops are looking well. The fine rains of last week were very beneficial. There is little fall wheat around here, and at the back parts of the Township much had to be ploughed up and the ground sown with spring wheat.

Our early sown carrots and mangels are coming up. Turnips not sown yet. Large quantities of newly seeded clover had to be ploughed up, as the seeds were winter killed, so that hay will not be a large crop, even if what is left should turn out well.

I have much pleasure in noticing your great improvement in the punctual coming out of the *Agriculturist*. I have no doubt that it will be greatly for the interest of the paper. I have so often complained on this point that it gives me the more pleasure to notice the change for the better.

I may notice, as a mark of the goodness of the spring, that I had some rye fairly ahead out on the 17th of May. It was from some seed that had been amongst the Kentucky seed wheat I got last fall.

Cobourg, May 28, 1860.

### ONION MAGGOTS.

*To the Editor of the Agriculturist.*

Are you aware of any remedy against ravages of the above pests. I have several beds of fine young onions that are gradually yielding up the ghost under a deadly attack. Last year I suffered in a similar manner, as did hundreds of others in this locality. We have tried salt, soot,

and lime, but to no purpose. If you can furnish a remedy you will ensure the gratitude of a large number of your subscribers.

W. ELLIS.

Prescott, June, 1850.

[The remedy for the onion maggot is to sow the onions upon rich stiff clay soil. There is no other that we know of that can be depended upon. There is no nostrum or specific sufficiently powerful to kill the maggot that would not destroy the onions also. In a strong clay soil the fly cannot get under the root of the onion to effect the mischief as it can in sandy or loamy soil. If clay soil cannot be had, select the strongest soil available, and tramp it down as hard as possible before sowing. We are assured by experienced gardeners in this city that after they have found it useless to attempt growing onions on their light soils on account of the attacks of the maggot, they have succeeded perfectly on the strong clay soils.]

### ALSIKE CLOVER.

MR. EDITOR,—Will you or some of your correspondents inform me what is the proper time to cut Alsike Clover, if intended for seed; and also the time when intended for hay?

W. A. C.

Ancaster, June, 1860.

### Agricultural Intelligence.

LOWER CANADA EXHIBITION.—We learn from the *Montreal Farmers' Journal* that the Board of Agriculture of Lower Canada have decided to hold their exhibition for this year at Quebec. The following resolutions were adopted by the Board at a recent meeting:—

“That the Board of Agriculture after having taken into consideration the propositions of the Board of Arts and Manufactures relative to the holding of a Provincial Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition at Montreal, at the occasion of the visit of the Prince Royal, are of opinion that the ground is not convenient and proper for the arrangements of the Agricultural Exhibition in contemplation. Considering besides, the offers of the Board of Arts burdensome to the Board of Agriculture, they feel that they will be unable to co-operate in the approaching Exhibition with the Board of Arts and Manufactures.

“That considering the inability of the committee to come to an arrangement with