

DUCKS BETTER THAN HENS.—It is stated that Mr. Comaile, of the Paris Academy of Science, tested for a year the laying of three ducks and three hens, with this result: Hens 257 eggs, ducks, 617 eggs.—Ducklings are more easily raised than chickens, being a hardier fowl, and not subject to many diseases incident to the chicken tribe.

ALL FLESH IS GRASS.—The declaration of the Psalmist, "All flesh is grass," is literally true. The cattle upon a thousand hills are busily employed in transmuting vegetable matter into a new material which can supply the alimentary necessities of carnivorous animals and omnivorous man. Cattle, sheep, etc., begin the process of preparing suitable nutriment for us, being unpatented machines for transforming vegetables into flesh. When the act has been accomplished we virtually eat the machine.

In the late report of the Connecticut Board of Agriculture, it is stated by a Mr. Hyde that an Alderney calf of his dropped a calf at eleven months and ten days old, by a bull weighing 1,800 lbs.

The best bank ever known is a bank of earth; it never refuses to discount to honest labor. And the best share is the plowshare, on which dividends are always liberal.

Wheat is grown extensively in some parts of India. It is said that 10,000,000 quarters of fine wheat are rotting in the Punjab for want of demand. The freight to England is so high, that at present prices, it does not pay to import grain from India.

Hay should, for all horses, always be of the very best quality. Of all the other causes put together that occasion teick and broken wind, where one horse get in that state from any of them, or the whole of them combined, nineteen become so from the effects of bad hay.

CURING POLL-EVIL.—A correspondent writes: "I laid open the swelling with a knife and forced it to run; after it had run twenty-four hours I washed out the incision with soap and water and sprinkled quick lime in the cavity. This process of washing out and liming I repeated every twenty-four hours for about two weeks, at the end of which time the swelling had gone down and the sore healed over. This I did two years ago this present November, and there is no sign of the return of the poll-evil."

LONDON MARKETS.

LONDON, Jan. 25th, 1869.

Fall Wheat, per bushel	1 00	to	1 00
Spring Wheat do	95	to	1 00
Barley do	1 10	to	1 20
Oats do	47	to	50
Peas do	75	to	79
Corn do	65	to	75
Rye do	78	to	82
Hay, per ton	8 00	to	10 25
Butter, prime, per lb	20	to	23
Eggs, per dozen	15	to	20
Potatoes, per bushel	70	to	80
Apples	70	to	60
Flour, per 100 lbs	2 50	to	2 55
Mutton, per lb., by quarter	8	to	8
Beef, per pound (on foot)	3	to	3
Wool per lb.	25	to	36
Perk	7 00	to	7 50

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Prize List For January \$2100

For Getting up Clubs

FOR THE

FARMERS' ADVOCATE

- 1st. G. Shearman & Co., Stratford, one Threshing Machine.....\$100
 - 2nd. Donations, cash.....50
 - 3rd. Jno. Sells, Vienna, 1st Prize Cider Mill.....30
 - 4th. George Leslie, Toronto Nurseries.....25
 - 5th. G. W. Baker, Oakville, 1st Prize Washing Machine.....10
 - 6th. H. S. Murray, Richmond Street, London, one Set Silver Spoons.....8
 - 7th. Thos. Bryan, Jun., London, 5 prize Hay Rakes & \$3 00, and Ferris & Coywood, Dutchess Nurseries, Poukeepsie, N. Y. one Walter Grape Vine 3 00.....6
 - 8th. W. J. Smyth, Marble Cutter, Special Prize, Cash.....5
 - 9th. Prang & Co., Boston, one beautiful Chromo-Lithograph.....5
 - 10th. Jas. Hammond, Hammond P. O. one Duncans improved horse Hay Fork.....5
 - 11th. Lewis T. Newell, Geneva, Ohio, The Universal Corn Sheller.....5
 - 12th. Another Corn Sheller presented by the same party.....5
 - 13th. F. Rowland, Grocer, London, a packet of Groceries.....5
 - 14th. D. Regan, Dundas Street, London, one pair Boots 5
 - 15th. J. Carter, Aylmer, 1 Double Barbed Horse Hay Fork.....4 50
 - 16th. Plummer & Pacey, London, Patent Horse Rake 4 50
 - 17th. One of Prang's Poultry of the World, from E. A. Taylor's book store London.....2
- to all that send in a club of 15 and do not gain a higher prize.

For clubs of twelve one of Currie & Ives Pictures of tropical and summer fruits.
We present a free copy of the paper for one year, to persons that send in a club of eight and gain no higher prize.

The above prizes are offered for all clubs of over fifteen at 75cts., and to be returned to this office by the 24th of January. The cash sent in must amount to the value of the prize offered. One hundred dollars sent in for 100 subscribers, will gain the Threshing Machine if none are over it, and if more than one are above it the highest will take it and the next lowest prize will be awarded.

LADIES PRIZES.

- One Silk Dress, presented by T. Beattie & Co. London.....\$ 00
 - One Concertina.....3 00
 - One handsome picture, Garden Orchard and Vine 1 50
- this prize to be awarded to any ladies that may send in the largest club list over eight; this does not prevent them from gaining higher prizes if their clubs are large enough.

LITERARY PRIZES.

- 1st. A handsome Marble tabletop, presented by Messrs. Teale and Wilkens, Marble Cutters of this city.....\$18
 - 2nd. One handsome lamp, presented by E Rowland \$5
 - 3rd. "Farmers' Advocate" for one year
- These are to be presented for the best and most suitable articles composed and written for this paper, with the writer's name attached, not to exceed one page on some leading Agricultural topics.

The above magnificent Presents were given to us by those who wish prosperity to the Agricultural Emporium and "Farmers' Advocate," and we offer them as Prizes for getting up clubs for 1869.

If you have not yet commenced to get up a club, begin at once and gain one of the prizes.

SPECIAL PRIZES TO

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES.

- and County Councils, and for largest club list at 60cts.
- 1st. The travelling of Anglo Saxon in the county, \$1,500
 - 2nd. One Leicester Ram Lamb, by John Snell, Edmonton.....\$100
 - 3rd. One Ayrshire Bull, by G. Morton, of Morton.....\$50

As the time for the meetings of the Agricultural Societies had not arrived, the prizes offered last month will still be open to them with the additional prize added.

Agricultural Societies will not have to pay postage, and clubs must not be less than 50. County Councils at the same rate. They may take papers for the Townships, and should do so. Middlesex did so last year.

The names sent in by club list or single subscription may be reckoned with those sent by County Councils or Agricultural Societies, in deciding the first prize.

The Emperum Horse, Anglo Saxon, has taken all the honors that could be placed on him by seven sets of provincial judges. His stock has taken first second and third prizes at provincial exhibitions. He is a roadster of dark bay color and is a sure stock producer; stands 16 1/2 hands high; weight, 1,400 pounds; is clean limbed, of docile temper, good action, heavy enough for any farm work and handsome enough for the finest carriage. Joseph Grand, one of the best horsemen in Toronto, says he is worth \$3,000 per annum. Thos. Swinbourn, veterinary surgeon, Montreal, says we cannot import a more suitable horse for the improvement of our stock. J. P. Whiteter, late president of the Provincial Exhibition, says, from suitable mares, he believes we can raise stock from him that will surpass anything in this continent. The price for his services will be put so low that a limited number must be given.

List of Prizes Gained last Month.

- A. G. Machell, King.—J. Abel's Feed Mill, \$25.
- John Day, Thamesford.—G. Leslie's Fruit trees, \$25.
- J. Richardson, North Pelham.—J. Elliott's Plough, \$16.
- W. A. Ayerst, Wyandot.—J. N. Lake's Sewing Machine.
- W. H. Gane, Ingersoll.—M. Cousins' Straw Cutter, \$14.
- J. Tassin, Madoc, Jones & Co.'s Farm Bell, \$12.

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THE FOURTH VOLUME OF THE FARMERS' ADVOCATE FOR 1869.

This journal having met with such great encouragement from the practical men of the country, will be published at the usual cheap rate, and is to be vastly improved. An additional staff of able assistance is now engaged for the coming year, and we aim to make this journal the most valuable publication in Canada. To those wishing to procure or know about the best kinds of Stock, seeds or Implements, or to purchase or dispose of land, it is now unsurpassed, as it gives accounts of the Agricultural Emporium, where the trials are made and seed imported.

Terms of the paper, \$1 per annum in advance. In clubs of four or more, 75cts. Single copies 10cts, 12c per month if not paid in advance. To Agricultural Societies in Clubs of 50 60cts per annum. Advertisements for single animal, not more than five lines, 50cts! Agricultural advertisements on inside page, 10cts per line. Agate space. Outside page, 20cts; specials 30cts; editorials 50cts. Agricultural correspondents find a free space in our paper and are requested to write. Every farmer should take the paper that advocates his interest.

We have issued six supplements and extras this year, and intend issuing a greater number next year, and send as usual, post free, although we have to pay the postage. The coming year, we intend to issue this journal with its supplements and extras, oftener than any Agricultural Paper in Canada.

We return thanks for all past favors, and believe we have gained the confidence of our readers, that our motto is true. We solicit a continuance of your patronage, and hope that each one of you will exert yourselves a little, by either getting up a club or inducing some active person to do so. The great and generous presents given by the really industrious men of the country for encouragement of our enterprise, must convince the most sceptical that this is no humbug. If you have any doubts, refer to any member of parliament. If you have not yet commenced to get up a club, go to work immediately and you must be a gainer. You have just the same chance as anybody else, to gain any of the large prizes. See advertisement. They will be awarded on the 20th of this month. Have your list filled and sent in in time, as we intend giving the accounts in the Feb. No. We are obliged to advance our rates slightly, as we have to prepay postage.