

5.) an examination paper in Agriculture, containing the questions and answers at length, which we refer such of our readers as may require more definite information on the subjects of examinations in the agricultural department University College.

Hops.

This crop in England is almost a total failure this season, and prices run consequently very high, from £15 to £25 sterling, per cwt., of 112

It appears that the crop on the continent of Europe is but indifferent, and that not any great quantity will be available for the English market from that quarter. A writer in the *Mark Lane Express*, of Oct. 1st, observes:—"It is in America where the crop is most abundant, the probability is, the importations from that quarter will exceed the rest. But the question arises when they come, will they be generally of good quality? We think not, so long as our yearlings are about present prices; for the mischief done by them in 1854 is not yet forgotten, and samples now to hand of the new crop have some objectionable flavor, and no doubt, if they will lead to the same results. Opinions are given as to the cause—many thinking it indigenous to the land; others to the pine wood, (generally an acid destructive to fermentation,) with which they are cured; we are inclined to think the mischief arises from the land: if from the mode of drying that would have been remedied before now, to prevent complaints, as in 1854."

The hop culture in Canada for the last few years we believe, has been somewhat diminished, and at unremunerative prices, the destruction of the roots in some exposed situations, by the frost, and the difficulties and expense of gathering and curing. American hops, it is said in Canada, possess a rank and unpleasant flavor, and a tendency to bear a disagreeable flavor. We were in London a short time since, by a respectable brewer in the Borough, that several brewers had sustained great losses by using American hops in the last blighting year, 1857. Their beer exported to India, Australia, &c., possessed so objectionable a flavor that it could only be sold at prices involving heavy losses. It is the opinion of several persons that the strong and peculiar flavor of hops grown on this side the Atlantic, arises more from the climate and varieties culti-

rated here, than from the mode of curing and the soil. This is a matter worth consideration by our hop growers, who should aim to produce an article adapted to the British market, since the import duty on hops sent to England has just been reduced from, we believe, some forty-five shillings to about fifteen shillings the cwt., of 112 lbs.

The Provincial Exhibition. The Prize List.

We give in this number the conclusion of the Report of the Provincial Exhibition, with a portion of the Prize List. The remainder of the List will be given in next number. We cannot of course pretend to compete in the *Agriculturist*, published only twice a month, with the daily newspaper press in giving early information of the prizes awarded. Besides, in the very extensive schedule of prizes offered and awarded, errors and omissions of more or less importance unavoidably occur, and, owing to the time required in communicating with parties after they have dispersed from the Exhibition, several weeks must elapse before such errors can be fully rectified, and therefore the official publication of the list is purposely delayed some time on that account. When the list does appear in the *Agriculturist* it has been thoroughly and carefully corrected, and as all the newspaper reports which have appeared, having been obtained before the returns of all the Committees were completed, were all necessarily very imperfect, this is of course the first full and correct list of the awards which has been published. Persons who have not yet received their premiums will obtain them by communicating, either personally, or by letter, giving their proper post office address, with the Secretary at Toronto.

Munificent Gift of the Prince of Wales to the Agricultural Association.

We have the pleasure of being able to announce, on the authority of a letter from the Secretary of His Excellency the Governor General, that amongst the liberal donations made by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, before leaving this country, to our various public institutions, is one to each of the