

by the Farmers' and Gardeners' Club, recently established in this city, we thought it better to present the subject to our readers in connection with the report of the discussion.

AGRICULTURAL AND HORTICULTURAL SEEDS.—

As the season of sowing will soon arrive, we can confidently recommend to the notice of our readers Mr. Fleming's advertisement in the present number. We hear many complaints in different part of the country that seeds purchased at some of the stores were either untrue or would not properly vegetate. As root-culture and gardening are every year advancing in Canada, and the former being of essential importance to the improving farmer in the sustentation of his stock, the selection of pure and sound seed is a matter of the greatest consequence. Mr. Fleming, we know, imports largely from the most respectable houses in London and Edinburgh; besides growing a considerable quantity of some kinds himself, or under his own immediate direction. We believe he carefully tests the vitality of all seeds which he offers for sale. A concluding hint to our readers, not always sufficiently understood, or at least, attended to:—After you have procured true and sound seed, be careful to see that the indispensable conditions, of good culture and manuring are so far complied with as not merely to ensure the *generation* of the seed, but a *profitable crop*. It has long been a maxim among practical men, that in *root culture* especially, *the highest farming pays the best*.

BACK NUMBERS.—In answer to the enquiries of several correspondents, we beg to state that we have still on hand a quantity of the January and February numbers, and will be happy to supply all the Subscribers they may send from the commencement of the year.

SUBSCRIBERS are coming forward rapidly, and we are grateful to many kind friends for their efforts. The *Agriculturist* should be laid in every Farmer's house, and we hope all who take an interest in the promotion of intelligent Agriculture, will aid in accomplishing this object.

We direct the attention of our readers to the advertisement of Mr. S. Bates, Bellingham, Mass., with reference to Cranberry culture.

TORONTO MARKETS.

February 26.

Business on the Toronto Market since our last issue has been very dull, and no trading, except to supply immediate wants, has been going on. The peace rumours now so prevalent have had a great effect on the breadstuffs and stock markets, and will, before long, lower the prices of other articles. Dealers are very cautious about buying, and nothing of any importance will be done until the question of "Peace or War" is definitely settled.

WHEAT has come in at the rate of about ten loads per day. The price during the early part of the month ranged from 7s. to 8s. 6d. Later, however, prices have fallen, and 5s. 9d. to 6s. 3d. are the ruling figures. Very little is coming forward, and farmers as well as dealers appear to be desirous of awaiting the issue of peace negotiations.

FLOUR.—Wholesale dealers in flour have stopped operating altogether, although there is a good deal offering. Millers who have purchased wheat at 8s. 9d. to 10s. are rather alarmed at the heavy fall in prices.—We have heard of several thousand barrels of No. 1 superfine offering at \$5½ to \$5¾ per bbl. Very little farmer's flour has been offering.—At the depots sales are made by retail at \$7 to \$8 per barrel.

OLDS have been plenty, at 2s. 6d. to 2s. 8d. per bushel.

HAY has been selling at from \$20 to \$30 per ton; the qualities being various, no definite price can be fixed.

PORK has been in demand for city consumption.—Several large importations all the way from Chicago have been made. Prime hogs sell at \$6 a \$7½ per 100 lb. Packing for export has entirely ceased.

POTATOES have been scarce, and have sold at 3s. 9d. a 5s per bushel. It is probable that importations to a considerable extent will be made on the opening of navigation. Last spring several thousand bushels were exported from Toronto to Buffalo and Cleveland.

BUTTER has been scarce, and sales of fresh rolls are readily made at 1s. 7d, a 2s. 1d.—Tub Butter brings 1s. 2d. a 1s. 4d. per lb.

In other articles there is no change to note.