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| Salary of 60 dairymaids at the branch factories | \$15,000 |
| Rent and hire of buildings | 10,000 |
| Seven horses at the central factory | 5,000 |
| Other costs of carriage and transports | 30,000 |
| Amortisation of the expenses of buildings, machinery, etc. | 10,000 |
| Sundry expenses, such as writing materials, postage, medical attendance, etc. | 2,000 |
| Total expenses (38,238l. 15s.) | \$603,250 |
| Surplus (2,475l.) | \$45,000 |

The attention this enterprise has here called forth, has given rise to proposals for the forming of several similar companies within different parts of this country, to which result perhaps also your very interesting description of the cheese factories in North America, translated by me into Swedish and lately published, has not a little conduced.

THE savoury odour of Christmas Beef still lingers about the *Sun* office at Truro. Here is the latest cut, and a nice one it is:—

We always take pleasure in publishing figures that show decided improvements in our country cattle, when contrasted with those of a breed gradually becoming extinct in our more advanced rural districts, and consider that the credit is due altogether to the Agricultural Societies, organized by the Board of Agriculture, for we have in some instances noticed that in places where the operations of Societies do not extend, the old breeds of cattle abound to the injury of their owners and the detriment of the country in a corresponding degree.

In our issue of the 10th inst., in case of oxen, we gave some weights of old breeds. This week we are glad to hear from a very fine pair of six years old oxen raised by Geo. C. Phillips, Esq., North River, Onslow, from Durham stock owned by the Onslow Agricultural Society. This pair took the first prize given to fat oxen at the Colchester Exhibition, held in Truro, on the second of October last. That day they weighed separately 1770 and 2170 lbs. On the nineteenth of this month they were weighed again, when the figures stood 1900 and 2280 lbs. respectively. The lightest ox is not what is called an extraordinary sized animal, but he is very well built, and very fat, his girth being 7 feet 6 inches. His mate has few compeers of his age in the Province, is not in very high condition, and girths 8 feet. Mr. James A. Leaman, butcher of this town, killed the small one for his customers at Xmas. We do not doubt that it will go well with plum pudding, and recommend all lovers of agricultural progress and commercial enterprise, to secure a roast off it for that day. The dead weight of animal is 1045 lbs.

We hope Mr. Phillips will retain his large ox for the Provincial Exhibition, as we hear a handsome prize will be given to the best of such odd-fellows, and should the animal feed in the meantime like a Kamtschatkan in a New York hotel, we will not be surprised if he takes it, although Nova Scotia is a large country to beat.

The figures we have given about cattle are mainly important as they indicate results. Unless ages and girths are given, weights do not go for much. We therefore hope that

our thrifty farmers who feed cattle will give all the particulars necessary to inform thoughtful readers of the profit and progress made in the business.

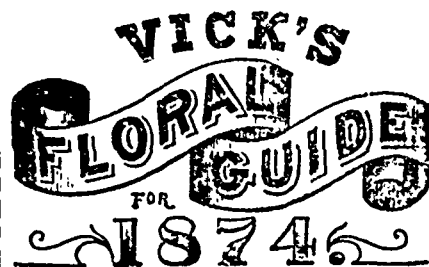
In Mr. Phillips case it appears that in 78 days his pair increased 240 lbs. in weight, being rather better than 1½ lbs. a day to each ox, while in case of a pair weighing 1126 lbs. less, owned by Mr. Longworth, the gain was 54 lbs. more in 6 days less, being a little over 2 lbs. a day to each ox. If whatever reason may be assigned for this difference in favor of the small cattle, it must not be taken as an argument on behalf of the old breed, as at nine years of age the Truro pair are, comparatively speaking, light weights, while that of Onslow at six, like unto giants.

AMONG our Canadian Seed Catalogues this season we find a new name,—Chase Brothers & Bowman, Oshawa, Ontario; the Catalogue is nicely got up, with a coloured picture of a thoroughly typical gardener on the cover, and other illustrations. The selection of vegetable and flower seeds appears to be very judicious, and the commercial information is interspersed with excellent remarks on the best modes of culture of the various vegetables, &c. Messrs. C. B. & B. adopt the American system of sending all small orders of seeds free by mail without expense to the purchaser. They are sent in packages of not more than four pounds in weight each. The firm is evidently an enterprising one, for they send a chromo to all who give them a seed order to the extent of five dollars. The subject-title of the chromo is "The Little Florists." It represents a robust country girl with a smaller boy, both laden with flowers, and their unrestrained figures and brown faces lighted up by the bright sunlight, show very well against the blank plastered brick wall. There is the mansion and its flower garden in the distance, and the gardener's cottage half buried in foliage. The ruddy bloom which these two youngsters have got in the garden is sufficient to drive every father and mother into a gardening fit without waiting for the melting of snow or thawing of ground.

MR. VICK, Rochester, has also sent his Catalogue, or "Floral Guide," which is even neater and more valuable than in any former year. The remarks, reaching almost to the capacity of a treatise, on Floral Decorations, Flower Culture, &c., are full of novelty and sound advice. If we can find room we shall give some samples in a future number. But every lover of flowers should send for a Floral Guide, price 25 cents, to James Vick, Rochester, according to advertisement in another column.

JAMES FLEMING, 67 Nassau Street, New York, also sends a very good Catalogue; there do not appear to be many novelties

in seeds in any of the Catalogues this year, but perhaps they are all the better on that account.



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