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The *Monthly Reports* of the Department of Agriculture, Washington, we usually receive through the kindness of Mr. Selden and Mr. Monaghan. The new Commissioner is maintaining their useful character.

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THE AMERICAN PROTECTION POLICY.—Horace Greeley purposes to write, during the year 1869, an elementary work on Political Economy, wherein the policy of protection to home industry will be explained and vindicated. This work will first be given to the public through successive issues of the *New York Tribune*, and will appear in all its editions—Daily, \$10; Semi-weekly, \$4; Weekly, \$2 per annum.

FLYING STRAWS.

The season has so far been comparatively mild, with enough snow for sleighing in the interior of the Province.—The White Striped Borer is abundant at Kingston, Ontario, and very destructive to apple trees.—A Mill Pond on the

Sackville River, which was run dry the other day, was found to have become completely filled up with saw dust. How can we expect salmon in Bedford Basin or trout in the river?—The *Toronto Globe* is to have an Agricultural Department.—Up to 19th December there was not more than three inches of frost in the ground, and only a few inches of snow.—The "Early Rose" potato is said to be the belle of the season, producing in the States 300 or 400 bushels to the acre with very little manure.—The average yield of wheat over England is 27 bushels per acre; the average consumption 160 millions of bushels.—The second volume of the "Jersey Herd Book" has just been published by John Brooks, Princeton, Mass.—The Early Rose potato is selling at \$1 per pound weight, or \$5 per peck.—Mr. Samuel Thorne, the celebrated breeder of New York State, has sold his entire flock of Southdown Sheep to Mr. Adin Thayer, Jr., Hoosick Falls, N. Y.—The Yarmouth County Society has at length discovered the proper season for a young man to sow his wild oats: see Report.—The Chief Inspector of Sheep of the Colony of Victoria reports favourably of the efficacy of carbolic acid in the cure of "foot rot": the sheep are made to walk through a shallow trough containing a greasy mixture, with which the acid has been incorporated.—Merino Sheep are going out, in the States, and the Potato fever is coming in.—To cure a kicking horse, tie up some prickly bushes a short way behind him in the stable, so that his feet will be pricked every time he kicks.—The Royal Horticultural Society offers prizes for *useful and noxious fungi*.—A great Poultry Show, "the finest in America," was held at Philadelphia during Christmas week.—The "Clinton" is said to be the hardiest of Grape Vines, standing the coldest weather, in the most exposed situations, without any covering.—The Cherry crop was almost a failure in the Atlantic States.—Professor Gamgee proposes to cure beef by means of sulphurous acid gas.—Salisfy should be kept in the ground all winter, like parsnips.—At the close of the season the Geraniums and other bedding plants of the London parks and public gardens were distributed freely among the working classes.—Hop-growing has been overdone out West, and hops are a brewers' drug in the market.—Hawking is being revived in Scotland.—California is likely to become the greatest raisin-producing country in the world; Malaga grapes are grown for this

purpose.—C. E. Brown, Esq., Yarmouth is acting as agent for the *American Agriculturist*, and Agricultural Societies may obtain their copies through him.—In reference to the defeat of Canadian apples at the recent Halifax Exhibition, the editor of the *Canada Farmer* seeks consolation under the reflection: "We do not know how far our Canadian apples were duly represented."

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