

association. The directors have already received very encouraging reports of the prospect of an attractive display of the products of the West India Islands, and with the large number of special attractions which are being secured, this exhibition promises to surpass anything that has ever been attempted in the Maritime Provinces. The association finding their outlines and grounds in the city unable to accommodate the number of applicants coming in have secured the splendid grounds and buildings of the Moosepath Driving Park Association, where the stock exhibit will be held, and arrangements are being made for rapid transit between the exhibition buildings and these grounds during the exhibition. Our agricultural readers should not lose a moment in securing space for their exhibits.

Our Subscription Picture—"Canada's Pride."

From all over the United States and Canada we are receiving most flattering letters regarding this splendid picture. For the benefit of new subscribers, we will again state the terms on which it can be obtained: Any paid up subscriber who sends us one new name, will receive an unframed copy. The picture will not be sold but in conjunction with the ADVOCATE, except as follows: One picture on a stretcher, varnished and nicely mounted, will be given for four new subscribers or \$2. For five new names we will pack and express a copy of this picture finely framed and covered by a glass 24x36, or will send one on receipt of \$2.50. Those desiring a more elaborate frame, can have it by sending ten new names or \$5. All pictures sent by mail will be prepaid, but the charges will not be paid on those framed and expressed. Read carefully the following unsolicited testimonials:

Sir,—Your picture, "Canada's Pride," came duly to hand. I must thank you for such a beautiful engraving, it is well worthy of a frame and a place in any farmer's house.—Andrew Gilmore, Huntingdon, Que.

Sir,—"Canada's Pride" is really a masterpiece of art, and should find a place in the home of every Canadian who is a lover of his stock. I shall have it placed above my writing desk, so that I can admire and study it while at work.—H. Bollert, importer and breeder of thoroughbred Holstein-Friesian cattle, Cassel, Ont.

Sir,—Please accept my thanks for the portrait of Canadian horses entitled "Canada's Pride." I consider it a work of art. The grouping of the horses is particularly good. It is one of the best works of the kind I have ever examined.—Fred. H. Beach, Secretary of the American Branch Association of the North Holland Herd Book, New York City.

Sir,—Your picture, "Canada's Pride," received. I think it as good, if not the best, portrait of the kind that I have ever had the pleasure to examine, and worthy of a place in the home of every farmer or lover of good horses. It shows what wonderful improvements have been made in draft horses, and also the skill and patience of the artist.—W. M. Wiley, Secretary American Essex Association, New Augusta, Ind.

Sir,—I acknowledge the picture named "Canada's Pride," and have hung it in the most conspicuous place in my office. I like the picture very much, indeed there is something grand as well as attractive about it. The animals are exceedingly well arranged.—Chas. Burgess, Secretary the American Shire Horse Association, Wenona, Ill.

Sir,—I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of the beautiful engraving, and assure you it is fully appreciated.—S. E. Prather, Riverdale Stock Farm, Springfield, Ill.

Sir,—The picture, "Canada's Pride," is at hand. Accept thanks for the beautiful work of art. It is exceptionally fine as to arrangement, as well as to the artistic workmanship. I value it highly.—E. N. Ball, Secretary Michigan Merino Sheep Breeders' Association, Hamburg, Mich.

Sir,—A copy of your subscription picture, "Canada's Pride," came duly to hand. You may feel assured the same will be framed and hung up in my house, for I find it a picture which will bear much examining. It is greatly admired.—N. S. Fish, Secretary and Treasurer of the Brown Swiss Cattle Breeders' Association, Grooton, Ct.

Sir,—Your picture, "Canada's Pride," is a work of art, and shows the high standard of excellence attained in the draft horses of Canada. And I tender my congratulations to the breeders of Canada, who are blessed by having in their midst an agricultural paper like the FARMER'S ADVOCATE, that has displayed the energy, and furnished the expense necessary to make it possible to adorn their walls with this elegant engraving.—J. D. Conner, Secretary of the American Association of Importers and Breeders of Belgian Draft Horses, Wabash, Ind.

Sir,—We are in receipt of copy of "Canada's Pride." The picture is a very good one indeed, and is well worthy of a fine frame.—Mortimer Levering,

Secretary American Shropshire Registry Association, Lafayette, Indiana.

Sir,—The engraving of "Canada's Pride" received today. I consider it the finest picture of draft horses I ever saw. The animals appear so life-like and attractive that one cannot help but admire them. I shall frame the picture and hang it in my office.—J. Horatio Earll, Secretary New York State American Merino Sheep Breeders' Association, Skaneateles, N. Y.

Sir,—I am in receipt of the engraving sent me. I consider it a production of much merit, and will take pleasure in framing the same and giving to it a conspicuous place in my office.—C. E. Stubbs, Secretary National French Draft Horse Association, Fairfield, Iowa.

Sir,—Please accept thanks for the beautiful engraving, "Canada's Pride." It surpasses anything of the kind I have ever seen. I am proud to know such a work of art can be executed in Canada.—John Jackson, breeder and importer of Southdown Sheep, Abingdor, Ont.

Canadian Velvet Chaff Wheat.

Since our last issue we have carefully watched the growth of this wheat, and have continued our enquiries concerning it. We are more than ever convinced of its value. Read what thrashers say of it:—

Codrington, May 15th, 1890.

Dear Sir,—I take great pleasure in speaking in favor of the wheat grown by Mr. J. B. Stone, and now called the Canadian Velvet Chaff. I have run a threshing machine for over forty years, and know when grain turns out well. I threshed for Mr. Stone the past harvest, and the new wheat was better by fully one-third than the Clawson, and gave more than the Clawson from the seed sown than the best Clawson I found last season. SIMON WHITNEY.

Deseronto, May, 1890.

Dear Sir,—This is to certify that I threshed for Mr. J. B. Stone in the fall of 1888; that I threshed the wheat now called the Canadian Velvet Chaff, and that the yield was far ahead of all other varieties I threshed that season. WM. GOULD.

Brighton, May 9th, 1890.

Dear Sir,—I have seen this new wheat grown by Mr. John Stone, and now called the Canadian Velvet Chaff, every year since he had the produce of the first grain, which gave from the one grain 50 kernels. I have helped thresh it the two past seasons, and the yield was fully one-third above all other varieties, and it has wintered the three past winters better than even the hardy Clawson. Yours respectfully, JAMES SWEET.

Dear Sir,—I have seen this new wheat, originated by Mr. John B. Stone, ever since he commenced to grow it, and have helped harvest and thresh it, and the yield has been far better every year than any other variety I have ever worked in or handled, and it is very hardy, standing the winter better than the Clawson. Yours, &c., JOHN REYNOLDS.

All the millers who have examined it write as follows:—

J. B. Stone, Esq., Norham, Ont.:—

Dear Sir,—In reply to your favor of the 5th re sample of wheat sent me, would say I think the wheat is just what we want in this country, the berry being large and even with a very thin bran and the flour appears very white. I am of the opinion it is just what we want for the eastern markets, as they require a very white flour, and I am confident this new wheat will be a great improvement on what we now have for that trade. You will please use your best influence with the farmers of this locality and induce them to grow it in place of the Clawson, which has gained their favor as a fall variety, but is a poor milling wheat for the millers. I am sure the variety you are growing this year will prove individually and collectively, to both millers and farmers, a profitable change. Hoping, sir, after harvest you will favor me with some of the wheat to distribute among our farmers in this locality. CHAS. SMITH, Proprietor Campbellford Mills, Campbellford, Ont.

J. B. Stone:—

Dear Sir,—You wish me to give you an opinion as to the demand for a wheat that will make pastry flour. We have no hesitation in saying that the demand is practically unlimited for home and export consumption. We judge from the appearance of the sample of wheat you sent us that it will be suitable for making that class of flour. SILLS & BRO., Millers, Exporters, &c.

A copy of our subscription picture, "CANADA'S PRIDE," has been sent to every person to whom it is due. If any such have not received it, in order to obtain another copy they must notify us at once.

Johnson's Pure Liquid Paints.

We recently passed through Mr. W. Johnson's paint works in Montreal, and were astonished to see the great number of large, powerful crushers and grinders at work. We were not aware that we had such extensive paint works in our Dominion. Not only is this establishment supplying the leading wholesale houses in Canada, but in the vessels that pass close by its doors, numerous quantities are shipped to South American ports and other parts of the world. These paints have an unequalled reputation in this city. When one uses paint, it is found to be the cheapest to use the best. We can, in confidence, speak most highly of Johnson's Pure Liquid Paints. See his advertisement in another part of this journal.

Wilkin's Potato Digger.

Wilkin's potato digger advertised in this and previous editions is, we believe, a very good implement—the cheapest and best of the kind we have ever tested. As announced in the November issue of 1889, page 352, we gave it a trial last fall on our grounds, where it did excellent work, and pleased us so well we at once procured one for our own use. We would advise farmers, seedsmen and gardeners, to write Mr. Alex. Wilkin, Birr P. O., Ont., who will give full particulars as to price, capacity for work, &c. Mr. Wilkin is the inventor and proprietor of the machine, and is, we believe, a very reliable straightforward man, he has a good implement which he sells at a reasonable price, and deserves liberal patronage. Read his advertisement in this issue.

The Ontario Minister of Agriculture.

Since our last issue the Local Elections in Ontario and Quebec have taken place, and, as is always the case, some are pleased while others are disappointed. The contests in both Provinces have been characterized by unusual energy, and in some cases by bitterness. Now, that the contests are over, it is the duty of every citizen to drop the hatchet and grasp the pruning hook, and to forward, in every possible way, the interests of the country. The Mowat Administration has lost two members of the Cabinet, Messrs. Drury and Gibson. Mr. Ross, having previously resigned, Mr. Mowat has three Cabinet positions to fill, that of Treasurer, Provincial Secretary, and last, and most important to the farmers, that of Minister of Agriculture. This office should be filled by a practical man, one who is in touch with the farmers, who knows their wants and can sympathize with them; while he is practical, he must be a man of broad and liberal views and possessed of much executive ability. Several gentlemen are mentioned in connection with this office, but the one who should be appointed is Mr. John Dryden, M. P. P., of Brooklin, Ont. For years, he has been looked upon by the farmers over the length and breadth of this Province as the most suitable man. We do not hesitate in saying that his appointment would give the greatest satisfaction to the farmers throughout Ontario. By education, training, and ability, he is eminently fitted to fill this important office. No member in the Local House is so widely and popularly known by the farmers all over the Province; conversant with every detail of the farm and live stock. He is just such a man as would fill this position, a representative farmer in every particular.