

DESTITUTION.—A Fergus correspondent of the *Guelph Advertiser* says it is truly distressing to witness the destitution and want prevailing in the more recently settled townships of the County of Wellington. Many of the inhabitants are dependent on the products of their cows and the herbs which they gather for the principal part of their subsistence. It is encouraging however to learn, that after all the scarcity of seed the farmers have sown bountifully, and at present there is good ground to hope that they will also reap bountifully.

THE CROPS.—From all parts of the country the reports of the appearance of the incoming crops are very gratifying. The very extraordinary occurrence of so severe a frost, as that of Saturday night 4th, or Sunday morning 5th inst., was no doubt very damaging to tender vegetation, but we believe that the fears expressed of injury to the wheat and other principal field crops, are, except in very few instances, unfounded.

The Halifax, (Nova Scotia,) *Morning Journal* says that the season has been so far, in that Province, one of the most favorable ever known for bringing forward the growing crops. It is asserted by many that vegetation is on the whole more advanced this year by three weeks earlier than in 1858. The hay harvest promises an early as well as an abundant yield.

THE MIDGE.—The St. Catharines *Constitutional* says that the Midge has been already detected there this season in immense numbers.

INDIAN CORN.—The Windsor *Herald* of June 2d says, "that Mr. M. G. Fox of Gosfield had planted 45 acres of this crop. We have learned since that Mr. Fox has been distanced by Mr. W. C. Muckle of the Township of Malden who has planted 61 acres, and two of his neighbors have planted, one of them 30 and the other 40 acres. Essex this year will be celebrated for corn should the weather continue as favorable as it is at present."

BARLEY IN THE WEST.—Some of the newspapers state that in the County of Kent, the world has completely destroyed whole fields of barley, which is an important staple in that region. A Detroit paper states that one farmer has ploughed over a field of twelve acres, and that others are pursuing the same course, and sowing with millet.

The Stratford *Beacon* states that Mr. John Ballantyne, of Downie, one of the most enterprising Agriculturists in the County, has imported a quantity of bone dust, with which he intends to sow Turnips. This appears somewhat singular, in connection with the fact that Mr. Lamb, who has a mill in this city, has been upon the point of exporting his bones to Europe for want of a market in this country.

Horticultural.

The first show for the season of the Toronto Horticultural Society, was held on June 2d, and was highly successful, there being a large variety of plants, flowers, and early vegetables exhibited, and all or nearly all of them in excellent condition.

REMEDY FOR THE CURCULIO.—The New York *Observer* publishes the following recipe:—"To one pound of whale oil soap, and four ounces of flour of sulphur. Mix thoroughly, and dissolve in twelve gallons of water.

"To one half peck of quick-lime, add four gallons of water, and stir well together. When fully settled, pour off the transparent lime water, and add to the soap and sulphur mixture:

"Add to the same, also, say four gallons of tolerably strong tobacco water.

"Apply this mixture, when thus incorporated, with a garden syringe, to your plum and other fruit trees, so that the foliage shall be well drenched. If no rains succeed for three weeks, one application will be sufficient. Should frequent rains occur, the mixture should be again applied until the stone of the fruit becomes hardened, when the ease of the curculio's ravages is past."

FIRST FRUIT OF THE SEASON.—Ripe Strawberries were gathered in the gardens and fields in the neighborhood of Toronto about the 4th of June.