

**SEEDS.**

As previously stated we offer no wheat for sale this spring, for which you may thank Rykert, Johnston, and other members of the old board, as they have done more than any others to prevent us from carrying out our importations and tests as fully as we could have desired. Perhaps it is for the best, as the time, and labor, and money we have spent in introducing and testing Spring Wheat has only resulted in vexation and loss to us for the past five years; and in future we intend to devote our time, and what little capital we may have left, to something that we believe will be more profitable. Buy your wheat wherever you choose, and sow as we have sown, with but poor prospect for a remunerative return. If any old kind does well there will be no fear of lacking seed next year, as it takes ten years' loss to teach farmers that do not read agricultural papers. To our subscribers we say, let those of you that live 200 miles to the east, 50 miles to the north of us, or any part west in this Dominion, not to sow much spring wheat; rather let your land grow what grass it will, and get another cow or two. We have examined all we could procure on this continent; and we caution you to give no heed to some advertisements which you may see respecting new varieties of Spring and Fall Wheat, as we find old varieties condemned from tests by us passed off under a new name.

**PEAS.**—For a large crop of Peas and little straw, on well cultivated land, the Crown Peas are giving satisfaction. On light soils, and where the land is not so well cultivated, the Excelsior Peas have yielded most satisfactorily. We have heard of their surpassing the yield of the Crown Peas even on good land. You should try a few of them; they can be procured at about half of last year's price, and next year they will be cheaper still.

The accounts of the Norway and Surprise Oats, in the American papers, continue most laudatory. Our own test does not justify us in endorsing all we hear of them; but we think you will find it profitable to procure a few of some of the new varieties. The Emporium and Westwell have both done well with us, and we believe you will find them valuable varieties. The Emporium is an early, and the Westwell a late variety; the former is white, and the latter black. We believe them to be a variety that will seed well, but are light in weight. They are common in some parts of Canada. We have doubts about their being a new variety. This should show you the necessity of proper test. Ours are not half as complete as they ought to. These oats, it is said, were propagated from a seed found amongst other grain imported from that country. There are two kinds of Norway Oats—one plump and black, the other rather long and of a dark grey colour, not so heavy. We advertise Ramsdale's Norway Oats, but do not endorse any remarks which have been made about them. It is necessary that we should have all the leading varieties of cereals. Long have we attempted to turn the views of some farmers to their own interests, but it is slow work. We might as well try to blow against the east wind, as to try to stop or turn the public mind from

error, in respect to Agriculture, in less than ten years. But time is doing it.

If you have money to spend you can rely upon getting from us the best kinds that we are able to procure within our limited capital and our small stock of knowledge; our enemies may term it ignorance if they like; for we have enemies among those who control the expenditure of \$200,000 per annum for which you are taxed. We care not for their enmity. Supported by the intelligent farmers of the Dominion, we can withstand their puny efforts. Aid us by your correspondence, and by adding to our circulation, and we will be in the future as we have been in the past, the *Farmer's Advocate*.

**POTATOES.**—There has been much said about this valuable root of late. Old slow coach fogies have been content to raise varieties that have been growing worse every year. But now the new and more productive varieties are gradually finding their way to the very doors of the old fogies, who in a few years more will be able to go to some of their more enterprising neighbors, and trade off two bushels of their old kinds for a peck of some of the new. We recommend every one of our subscribers to procure a few of the Harrison. You never saw such a potato to yield; you will be delighted when you see them on the ground at digging time. They are a fall and winter potato, of medium quality and mature 10 days earlier than the Peach Blows. You should also procure some of the Early Rose and Early Goodrich. The Calicos are pronounced equal to the Harrison in yield, and superior in quality, by one of our leading potato men in Canada. He says they are the best potato for this country that can be found. From our own test we consider them a better potato for the table, but not so prolific as the Harrison. The \$50 potato we have not yet cultivated, but shall plant some this year.

Do not be afraid to spend a few dollars in potatoes. Procure the best varieties from a reliable source, as there are swindlers in the potato business, as well as in every other business where a dollar can be made.

**Dairymen's Convention.**

In the report of the last meeting of this Association, published in the *Canada Farmer* for March, there is an important omission; and, prevention being better than cure, where a germ of evil appears it is better that it should be uprooted at once. Impartial justice must always give satisfaction, but concealment and deceit will not tend much to the public good.

We wish to ask Mr. James Noxon, the Secretary of the Association, how it is that the following resolution, passed at the last session—held at Ingersoll in Feb., 1870—was not published with the other business of the meeting; and whether such omission occurred intentionally or accidentally. We believe that Mr. Noxon is in a position to explain this matter, and we would feel gratified by his doing so.

Here is the omitted resolution: "Moved by J. Jarvis, seconded by H. Ganes, and resolved,—That W. Weld, Esq., Editor of the *Farmer's Advocate*, has the prosperity of the Agriculturist in view, and we consider his paper is doing a great deal of good to the country; we commend the circulation of the same to our patrons and the farmers generally."

**To Our Readers.**

We have long contemplated giving a good, sound, moral story, of practical life and usefulness, in our columns, and have hinted so before; but being so pressed for room in consequence of our largely increasing advertising business, we had to postpone doing so until this number—which is greatly enlarged. We hope the object we have in view will make the *Advocate* more welcome to the younger branches of the families in which it circulates; and it will be our endeavor to make all matter that finds its way into our columns both amusing and instructive to young and old. We therefore present our readers with the first chapter of the "Family Tryst."

**Answers to Queries.**

"A Subscriber," Rodgerville.

Any one taking the *Advocate* cannot have failed to find in its columns the information asked for. We have, from the commencement, made it our especial business to keep farmers informed upon what we considered the best kinds of grain to sow, &c.; &c.; and as we cannot exclude other matter to repeat the same in every number, must refer "A Subscriber" to our back papers for an answer to his questions.

Ten bushels of potatoes, cut into good sized sets, are considered plenty to plant one acre of ground; and the produce, by cuttings artificially propagated, of one potato, we believe, has produced plants sufficient to set out the same amount of ground. Potato sets, weighing from six to eight ounces have been proved by experiment to give a larger and better crop than those of a smaller size, or sets cut from small potatoes, for the reason that, as in stock, the finest individuals only should be allowed to generate.

**"Where There's a Will There's A Way."**

Reader, if you wish us success; if you think our undertaking of any service or benefit to you, or to the country, use your influence, and a little of your spare time, in aiding to extend our circulation. Show your paper to your neighbors, and add a club of four to our list. Thousands of farmers know nothing of us yet, many of whom would freely take our paper if asked to do so. If the *Farmer's Advocate* has not been true to its name have nothing to do with it.—Remember, that your support to us is voluntary; we do not exist on moneys for which you are taxed. All we ask of you is to extend our circulation. We cannot have much profit in supplying the paper to clubs at fifty cents a year, and pay one quarter of that sum to the government for postage. No farmer can complain of the price. Each of you can get up a small club, or add to those already sent in. Those that did not send in clubs in March can, with a little exertion, send us a few names this month.

"Where there's a will there's a way."

Have you the will?

If each of you only add one name to our list our circulation is immediately doubled. Reader, just add one name more this month.

**Poultry.**

We have often seen and admired Mr. John Plummer's different breeds of Poultry. (See his advertisement on another page.) We have no hesitation in stating that we have every confidence in Mr. Plummer's honor, and parties purchasing from him may depend upon getting eggs true to their name. In this respect he is different from some Poultry men we could name both in Canada and the States. We have heard of fancy-priced eggs that would not hatch, and of others that brought forth cross-bred birds. The price you pay for the eggs, or the number of prizes that have been awarded to the breeder is no guarantee of fair dealing. Be cautious, therefore, in purchasing; and only deal with reliable and conscientious men, like Mr. John Plummer.

**CARTER'S DITCHING MACHINE.**—To persons who are desirous of draining their lands, and wish to see this ditching machine in operation, we would say that an opportunity of doing so will be afforded them in May next. It will be in operation for one week in the vicinity of this city. If the precise time should not appear in our next issue, we will furnish the desired information either personally or by letter. The particular days have not yet been appointed. Do not forget to send your orders through us for implements we advertise. We furnish every guarantee, and sell quite as low and upon as advantageous terms as you can procure them from the manufacturers. Friends of the emporium will patronise us in preference to sending their orders elsewhere.

In referring our agricultural friends to Messrs. W. & R. Simson & Co.'s advertisement of fresh imported Field and Garden Seeds, we may simply mention the fact that this firm has imported Seeds for the last twenty years, and the increasing demand for which is a very safe guarantee that the seeds imported by this old firm are of the most improved kinds.

**TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS AND THE FARMERS OF CANADA GENERALLY.**—The Agricultural Emporium was instituted and is carried on chiefly to be of advantage to, and for the benefit of, those who are or may become subscribers for the *FARMER'S ADVOCATE*, both of which originated in the idea of doing good to the whole Dominion, and as we frequently possess information which would be useful for them to know, will be most happy at any time to impart such to those who may favor us with a call, or by letter to those who desire it. But as there are many who borrow the *ADVOCATE* from their neighbors, or hear of something that they desire to know about, and for that purpose desire to get their information from us by calling, we wish it to be understood that they must first become subscribers ere we can devote our time to them for such a purpose, as we have so many calls, and, with us, as with others pressed in business, time is money. We will be glad to see any one at the Emporium enquiring, with a view to become a subscriber, or a purchaser of whatever we have for sale. From our experience, we find that almost none purchase from us without putting their name on our list for the paper.