

on Tuesday evening, September 23rd, after which, no entries will be received on any account whatever. It was agreed that the trial of ploughs sent in for competition, should take place on Tuesday, September 23rd, Professor Wilson, of Edinburgh, having kindly undertaken to procure the Society, a dynamometer of the most recent and improved construction. The President, Baron De Longueil, has generously offered, in addition to his handsome premium for the best labor-saving machine, to supply hay to stock at his own cost; and the owners of wharves at Kingston, have also consented, with a considerate liberality, to forego the usual landing charges for live stock and articles brought to or returned from the exhibition. Altogether, the prospect of a first rate show is of the most encouraging description, and we are convinced that nothing will be wanting in the Local Committee, or the inhabitants of the good old town of Kingston, to make it such. After another consultation with the Local Committee, and the disposal of numerous details, the Board adjourned.

G. B.

### RED ROOT—ENQUIRY.

*To the Editor of the Agriculturist.*

Cooksville, May 28th, 1856.

SIR,—I should feel much obliged to you if you would give me some information respecting a most noxious weed that has now got into our farms in this neighborhood, and which has so overrun some of them, that it has entirely choked the wheat. It is called here the Red-Root. I first perceived it about eight years ago, when I did not know what it was. As I then had only a small patch of it, and as I seeded the field down, I forgot all about it, (although I soon found it in all my other wheat fields, and I kept it down by hard weeding,) I broke up the field that had the small patch in it after it had been in grass for five years, and I gave it a good summer fallowing, and put in wheat; and last Spring I found that I had about a quarter of an acre of Red Root as thick as it could lie on the ground, just where the small patch was. I mastered it by constant hand weeding, but I had to go over it five times. I have just been looking at my wheat, and I find that there is some of it in every field. Could you tell me the real name of the weed, and the best means of destroying it; for I find naked fallows ploughed ever so well will not do; and also where it came from; for I think it must have been brought here with some seed wheat; for I don't think there was such a weed known here ten years ago. I send you a plant of the Red Root.

ALBERT PARKER.

REMARKS.—The specimen sent by Mr. Parker is well known as the *Red-root*, or *pigeon-weed*, in the adjoining townships, and probably has extended to most parts of Upper Canada. It is nearly, if not quite as difficult to keep under as the Canada Thistle. We have not had much personal experience with it, nor do we know much of its history. We understand that farmers in the Niagara District keep it down by Spring cropping for a few years, successively. Will some of our readers who are able to shed light on the subject, do us the favor of replying to our correspondent through the next number of the *Agriculturist*?

### MORE ABOUT FENCES.

*To the Editor of the Agriculturist.*

SIR,—On looking over the April No. of your journal I was not a little surprised to see that that part of the country is so far behind in regard to Fencing. In this part of the country there is no controversy as to which kind of fence is best. The Agricultural Society of the County of Renfrew, 1855, awarded Mr. John Fisher, of McNab, the first prize for the best fenced farm. County of Lanark, Mr. Jas. Snedden, do.

The fences that took these prizes are the straight picket. It is undoubtedly the best and the most durable and cheapest that has yet been tried in this vicinity. In this Township the plan is universally adopted. I would make mention, in particular, of James Morris, Esq., John McIntyre, Flat Rapids; James O'Connor, and many others.