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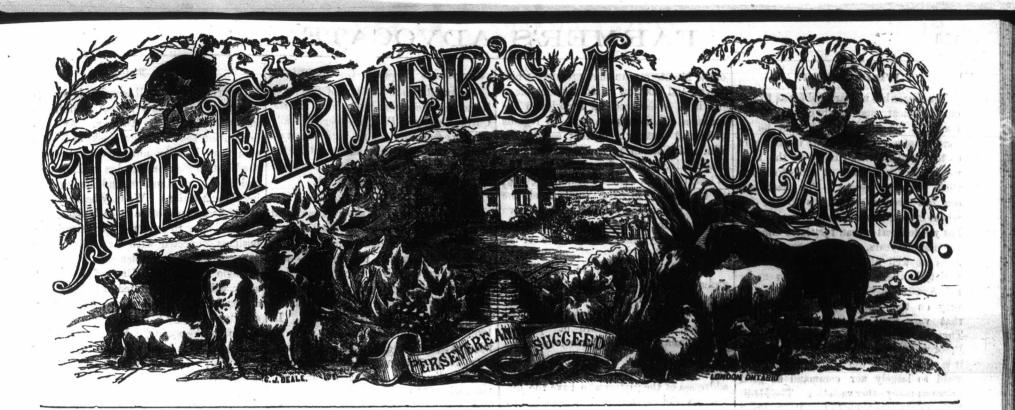
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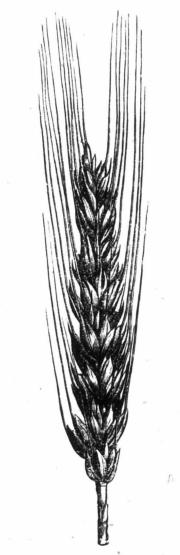
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Trials of Implements.

We believe the recent trial of agricultural implements, held under the auspices of the Provincial Board of Agriculture, to have been the best ever held in the Dominion. The judges were selected with respect to their abilities, and we believe acted fearlessly and conscientiously, and that a general feeling of satisfaction was impressed on the spectators that witnessed the trials. A prize earned under such auspices is of very great advantage to a manufacturer ; but at the same time many really good manufacturers will feel aggrieved, as the majority of proprietors of implements believe they have some superior advantages over others. «It is impossible to please every one.

All who attended the trial are well aware that the grain and grass to be cut was very light and stood well; and as every farmer will have some spots of lodge grain and lying grass, some of the implements that might work well in a good standing crop, might not do their work at all satisfactorily in a heavy crop. The land on which the ploughs were tested was rough and stony enough for a trial of some kinds of ploughs, but for double-furrow or gang ploughs, or for ploughing for a seed bed, the land was unadapted, and the best decisions were arrived at that circumstances would allow of. We deem this exhibition of much more importance than the township exhibitions we have attended, as manufacturers, agents or friends may influence a decision at a small township exhibition, but still they give a good opportunity to farmers to judge for themselves. But even at a township trial the majority will be led by some friend, and machines that are rejected from some neighborhoods are the only kind that are preferred in other sections. Nearly al our manufacturers of reapers and mowers have good efficient implements, but some there are that, from the inferior quality of the material used and being improperly fitted, will not last quarter as long as some

ing purchasers to him, we mean those that want really a good animal and pure blood. We have transactions with Mr. Stone and have never found a more honorable and reliable gentlemen in Canada ; you will find his stock just what he says it is : the sheep well wooled, healthy and of the purest blood. The pigs are raised from imported stock; you need not go there for a bad one.



Pests to Farmers.

FOXES AND SKUNKS.

Through the pages of this journal we have treated on many of the pests that are injurious to us, and now purpose touching on others equally injurious and disagreeable. Ever since the spring opened, we have heard many complaints of the damages done by foxes and skunks. On our return to the farm on Saturday last, while seated in the dining-room with the windows wide open and the lamp burning, the dog outside gave a sudden bark, and going to the window looked out just in time to see a fox taking his departure. During a residence of nearly thirty years we have only seen one fox on our farm, but every time we have returned to the farm this season some fresh accounts are detailed to us of the depredations of the foxes within a distance of two miles of the coming season. Perhaps you might us. Sixteen young foxes have been captured in our neighborhood this season, a | we have foxes and other pests about us larger number than we have heard of hav- they must be fed. And who feeds them ? ing been killed in the same radius in any | Who can estimate the cost of keeping three years of our residence here. One few hundred foxes lunning about the neighbor had young turkeys carried off, country. You may depend they would out in the back part of our farm, and in the animals. their nest were found lamb's legs and the remains of fowls, turkeys, &c. Remember this is in the county of Middlesex, which some consider greatly advanced, and only 14 miles from the city of London. Last year there was a wild cat within half a

township to bring the matter before the different county councils of your several counties, and let them offer such a reward per head as they may deem sufficient to induce some of the young men to make a business of destroying the pests, and we would know no more of their devastations. The cost would be a mere trifle in comparison with the benefit derived. We will take the two cases above alluded to : seven turkeys at one dollar a piece, and fowls worth four dollars-eleven dollars loss to one poor woman, and a flock of geese valued at twenty dollars from another poor woman. Many smaller and sometimes larger sums are lost, and ten or twenty dollars is a sum of great importance to the majority of our small farmers. There are many farmers in a county that may escape loss by them for many years, but may have quite as great a loss as any not miss a lamb or a pig, but as long as

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The above cut represents the "Weeks Moreton Lodge Sheep. We would call the attention of our readers all of sheep and pigs advertisement in this paper. We can speak with confidence in recommend-Wheat." This variety has done as well as

The question which first presents itself to our minds is, of what use or benefit are foxes, skunks and wild cats? We have the answer yet to learn, and presuming that all farmers who have to depend on their farms for a livelihood, will join us in the opinion that they are of no use to us, the next question is, shall we keep them No, not if we can help it; and the object of this article is to raise the hands of every one of our readers against them, and sug-

mile of that city.

another lost a whole flock of geese, and foot up a bill far larger than you would they have not left our own farm entirely | imagine, therefore we say let us unite, put unmolested, as a litter of them were dug a general tax on all, and exterminate

Northern Ohio Fair.

Ohio appears bound to be ahead this year. \$25,000 in prizes. Only \$5,000 for fast horses. We think it would be a nice trip across the lake, and would like to go, and will if we can get away, and if some of our delinquents will furnish us with cash enough. If any of our Canadian readers

do not meet us there they might send us an account of the exhibition. You will see particulars in advertisement.

ERRATUM .- In the Emporium price list for July and August, read Collard Harrow \$20, instead of \$12.

Cows Holding up Their Milk .- J. A.