

Pedlar's Licenses.

SIR,—Enclosed I send you some sections of the Municipal Act, by which you will see that all councils, except township councils, may pass by-laws to license pedlars of every description, and county councils are imperatively required to pass by-laws offering a reward of \$20 for the apprehension of horse thieves. The township reeves who compose the county councils ought to endeavor to get these by-laws passed. Laws may be placed on the Statute Book, but, unless they are enforced, they are useless. Perhaps you could find room for them in the February number of the ADVOCATE, as I believe they are not generally known. Probably few township reeves have taken the trouble to look into the Municipal Act to see what powers they have. J. S.

WHEN TO CUT TIMBER.

The best time to cut fencing, whether posts or rails, is in July or August. When the trees are felled let them remain on the ground until the leaves are withered, this will draw out all the sap; then cross-cut the trees, split the logs, and draw the stuff out of the woods as soon as possible, and pile them in the sun so that they may dry quickly. Bass wood rails, if cut in the winter, will last only five or six years; but cut as above recommended, the wood will harden at once and last many years longer. Set the posts small end downwards and they will last several years longer than if the butt ends are placed in the ground. J. S.

Diseased Fowls.

Just when going to press, we received the following correspondence:— SIR,—My fowls last winter swelled up about the head. Some of them were totally blind in one eye, and a few of them in both, and some of them died. They have a good warm house, and are well fed and watered. I notice one of them the same this winter. If you or any of your numerous readers can tell the cause or remedy, you will oblige, RICHARD WEBB, SR. Sunbury.

[Your fowls have got the disease known as roup, which appears in a discharge from the nostrils and eyes, swelling of the head by reason of an accumulation of matter which cannot find escape. A cure is difficult, and, as the disease is contagious, it is better to kill the affected ones unless they are some very valuable hens. Washing the head with warm water, and injecting into the nostrils a solution of 10 grains of sulphate of copper in an ounce of water with a syringe, will often effect a cure.]

Canadian Herd Book.

SIR,—Would you inform me positively if the Canadian Herd Book is to be discontinued at the Centennial? N. E.

[By the Circular No. 141, sent out by the U. S. Bureau of Agriculture, it is rejected, and animals registered in it will not be admitted, unless entered in other Herd Books.]

The celebrated horse, Prince of the West, of which we gave an illustration last month, is to be exhibited at the Centennial Exhibition. Mr. J. D. Smith, of Newtonbrook, has a half interest in him.

On Jan 6, a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Ontario Poultry Society was held in the Wellington Hotel, Guelph. Among other business, the prize list was revised, and arrangements made for the show, which is to be held at Guelph, commencing on Tuesday, Feb. 29th, and continuing till noon on Friday, March 3rd. Over \$1,000 is to be offered in prizes. The indications are that the show will be a very large one. Several poultry fanciers, &c., from the United States have signified their intention of being present.

Attention is directed to the advertisement of Ellwanger & Barry, Nurserymen, Rochester, N. Y. They are well known, and acknowledged to be the most successful growers of fruit and ornamental trees, shrubs and plants, in the United States.

George Leslie & Sons, of Toronto, have the largest stock of trees and shrubs to be found in Canada.

Notice.

The undermentioned letters have been received at this office, but from want of name or post office the money enclosed remains not credited to proper party. We will thank our subscribers to always write their names and post office address plain. If they have moved, or which to have their address changed, give old and new address:—

- Dec. 7.—No name.....Woodstock, Ont
10.—Wm. Midland (appears like). No P. O. (Can't be made out.)
11.—J. Hindes, Sommerville Temperance Hotel.....No P. O.
14.—No name (a registered letter) Ottawa, Ont.
15.—" " " " Ottawa, Ont.
17.—" " " " Sheffield, Ont.
29.—" " " " Amherstburg, Ont.
Jan. 3.—No name (a registered letter) Fenwick, Ont
3.—" " " " Hawkesburg, Ont.

Persons who can identify above remittances will please write at once, referring to this list, and giving amount enclosed and any other particulars.

Dairymen's Convention.

The annual convention of the Dairymen's Association of Ontario, to be held at Ingersoll, on the 9th, 10th, and 11th of February, will be addressed by Prof. Arnold, of Rochester, N. Y., "Gilt Edged Butter Making," and "Fancy Cheese Making;" Prof. Bell, of Albert University, "Dairymen's Conventions, their object and effect;" L. S. Hardin, of Kentucky, "Swedish method of Butter Making;" Prof. Wetheral, of Boston, "Dairy Stock;" Hon Harris Lewis, of New York, "Food and care of Dairy Stock;" and J. H. Reall, of Philadelphia, "Influences affecting our Cheese interest." The following gentlemen are also expected to be present:—Hon. O. Mowat, Hon. Adam Crooks, Hon. S. C. Wood, Hon. H. M. Cochrane of Montreal, and Thos Ballantyne, M. P. P.

Sale of High-bred Stock.

Mr. J. T. Ireland reports the purchase of the shorthorn bull Pickering lad, bred by John Miller, of Pickering, and the sale of a Berkshire boar to John Ireland, of Nelson.

Mr. L. Mashell, of King, has sold his young bull Mambriño Chief to Mr. Thos. Lloyd, Whitechurch, Co. of York, and the young bull Lord Asher to Mr. W. W. Harman, of Oak Ridge—two fine animals, respectively 13 and 9 months old.

Mr. Dan'l Reesor, of Markham, has sold one of his valuable herd, Duke of Brockton, to Mr. W. Kenny, Paris, Ky., for \$900 in gold. Mr. T. A. Milne, of Markham, has sold 20 head of choice Southdown sheep, many of them from imported stock.

Mr. G. M. Coulter, Reesville, has purchased from Mr. Cochrane the fine young bull 2nd Star of the West.

Mr. John Holderness has purchased from Mr. Lemon Beattie, Toronto, his entire herd of Berkshires.

Messrs. Snell, Edmonton, have purchased from Mr. Rankin, Illinois, the Berkshire boar Lord Liverpool, jr., and from Mr. Richards the boar Royal Prince, bred by Mr. Humfrey, England.

FORTHCOMING CATTLE SALES.

June 14—At Bow Park, Brantford, shorthorns, the property of the Hon. George Brown.

June 15—A public sale at Toronto, property of Hon. M. H. Cochrane, Compton, P. Q.; Simon Beattie, Toronto; and John Hope, Markham.

ICE HOUSES.—Get the four walls up of slabs, logs or boards, with a good thick lining of sawdust and a roof to shed rain, covering the top layer of ice with sawdust, the same as protects the sides. Other materials, such as tan bark, chopped straw or chaff, will do quite as well. About ten or twelve inches of sawdust will answer the purpose. It is not necessary to have double walls, though they are convenient for filling. Drainage is necessary. Have the floor loosely laid upon sleepers, so as to raise it a few inches from the ground. And be sure to build the house on a well drained site—a gravelly soil being best. Pack the ice blocks in well and have ventilation or a free circulation of air over the top of the mass.

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Agricultural Societies.

Agricultural Societies can have the names of their officers for 1876 published as below. Also any items of special note from the Secretary will be appreciated.

- East Middlesex—President, Mr. George Douglas; Vice-President, Mr. R. Whitter; Secretary, Mr. H. Anderson; Treasurer, Mr. J. B. Lane.
West Middlesex Agricultural Society—President, Mr. R. Cade; Vice-President, Mr. George Buttery; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. H. McColl.
Winchester Agricultural Society—President, Mr. Wm. McLean; Vice-President, Mr. Thomas Hamilton; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. James L. Holmes.
Markham Agricultural Society—President, Mr. Robert Marsh; Vice-President, Mr. Henry Jennings; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Wm. Braithwaite.
Hamilton Electoral Division Agricultural Society—President Mr. J. A. Bruce; Vice-President, Mr. Robert Grant; 2nd Vice-President, Mr. J. Ford.
South Wentworth—President, Mr. F. M. Carpenter; Vice-President, Mr. J. V. Spohn; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Jonathan Davis.
Barton & Glandford Agricultural Society—President, Mr. Henry Reid; Vice-President, Mr. Thomas Markham; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Wm Calder.
Puslinch Agricultural Society—President, J. Mason; Vice-President, J. A. Anderson; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. J. Grant.
Delaware Agricultural Society—President, Mr. Bruen Cornish; Vice-President, Mr. C. J. Fox; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. D. Francis.
Eramos Agricultural Society—President, Mr. Alfred Anster; Vice-President, Mr. Chas. McDougall; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Thomas Harris.
Carleton Co., N. B., Agricultural Society—President, Mr. U. E. Dibblee; Vice-Presidents, Mr. T. W. Longstaff and Anthony Kerney.
Plympton Agricultural Society—President, Mr. John Paul; Vice-President, Mr. Joseph Kennedy; Secretary, Mr. D. S. Robertson; Treasurer, Mr. A. Y. Anderson.
Southern Ontario Poultry Association—President, Dr. J. W. Digby, Mayor, Brantford; Vice-President, Mr. C. Edmondson; Secretary, W. Sanderson, Hamilton; Treasurer, Mr. J. W. Burk, Brantford.
Elkrid Agricultural Society—President, Mr. Philip Cornell; Vice-President, Mr. James Poole; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Alex Dougal.
Stanstead Co. Agricultural Society—President, Mr. A. H. Moon; Vice-President, Mr. T. C. Moon; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. E. N. Le Baron.
Hullett Branch Agricultural Society—President, Mr. Jas Higgins; Vice-President, Mr. John Mason; Secretary, Mr. J. A. Nellis; Treasurer, Mr. Thos. Cooper.
Oxford Agricultural Society—President, Mr. John Mann; Vice-President, Mr. A. J. McDonald; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Robt. C. Scott.
York Co., N. B., Agricultural Society—President, Mr. John H. Reid; Vice-President, Mr. John Pickard, Secretary, Mr. J. A. Beckwith.
Kincairdine Horticultural Society—President, Mr. M. Macpherson; Vice-President, Mr. R. Baird; Secretary, Mr. A. M. Williamson; Treasurer, Dr. Martin.
Belleville Horticultural Society—President, Mr. W. J. Palmer; Vice-President, Mr. Peter C. Dempsey; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. J. H. Peck.

Commercial.

THE ENGLISH MARKETS.

Though the prices of breadstuffs have undergone but little change, the tendency, by our last advices, has been downwards. The London Economist says:—"The wheat trade continues dull and inactive, and the more winter like weather has not had any appreciable effect. The supplies of English wheat have been light, but the arrivals of foreign, both at distant ports and off the coast, have been largely increased, and have tended to effect quotations adversely. On the spot, however, no special change in value has occurred, but coast cargoes have in some instances given away 1s per quarter. As had been expected, the quantity of wheat on passage is at length sensibly diminishing, and has already been reduced by some 500,000 quarters. On the other hand, the stocks in the principal parts of the United Kingdom, show on the aggregate a large increase as compared with the light stock held at this time last year.

LIVERPOOL MARKETS.

Liverpool, Jan. 21. Flour, 24s 6d; wheat, 9s 10d to 10s 5d; corn, 28s 9d; barley, 3s 6d; oats, 3s 4d; peas, 40s; cheese, 56s; pork, 82s 6d.

TORONTO MARKETS.

White wheat, \$1 to \$1.02; treadwell, \$1; spring wheat, 90c; barley, 70c to 78c; oats, 35c; peas, 74c; hay, \$12 to \$17.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Flour, \$4.10 to \$5.15 per barrel.

DETROIT MARKETS.

Wheat dull, at \$1.16 1/2 to \$1.19 1/2; corn, 53c; oats, 87 1/2.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

Wheat, \$1 to \$1.10; barley, 78c to \$1 1/4; oats, 31c.

LONDON, ONT., MARKETS.

Wheat, per 100 lbs, \$1.50 to \$1.65; barley, \$1.10 to \$1.00; peas, \$1.12 to \$1.15; oats, 90c to 91c; corn, \$1.05 to \$1.10; beans, 90c to \$1.21; rye, \$1.05 to \$1.10; buckwheat, \$1 to \$1.29; butter, roll, 20c to 22c; in casks, 18c to 20c; tub butter, 18c to 19c; cheese, 11c to 11 1/2c; hay, \$10 to \$12; clover seed, \$5 to \$5.40; potatoes, per bag, 40c to 45c; apples, 40c to 75c; per bushel; cordwood, \$3.75 to \$4.50; dressed hogs, \$3.75 to \$7.

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