

**THE PREMIUM SANFORD CORN.**—From its history and testimonials from those who have tested it the past season. East, West, North, and South endorse it as being the best field Corn. It ripens early and yields largely. Has taken highest premium at Suffolk County (N.Y.) Ag. Fair for three successive years, also in Canada.

**WORCESTER, OR REILLY POTATO.**—This valuable variety has not been well-known until the past season, when Mr. B. Harrington of Lexington (who had grown it for a number of years), induced by his high opinion of its value, and the united testimony of all who had ever grown or eaten it, challenged a trial in quality with any seedling, old or new, from any State in the Union. Last September, at the Annual Dinner of the Committee of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, a trial took place at the Parker House, Boston. There were present many distinguished horticulturists: among them Col. M. P. Wilder, Charles Downing, Esq., Hovey Breck, President Hyde, B. K. Bliss, Albert Bress (originator of the famous Early Rose), besides all the various Committee, numbering about 40 present. Among those offered for trial was the Early Rose and several other varieties, considered by their respective friends the best. But it was the unanimous decision that the Worcester was the best table potato offered. It proved to be very mealy, dry, and of the most delicate flavor; free from any earthy taste; fair size; form inclined to roundish; color light pink; flesh very white; skin thin; eyes deep; and of superior baking quality. Another characteristic of this variety is, that it will be found dry and mealy when but two thirds grown. For twenty years it has stood the test of disease much better than other varieties. They mature in ninety days from planting.

**PERSIAN WATER MELON.**—New Watermelon introduced by the celebrated traveler Bayard Taylor, brought by him from the Caspian Sea, and heretofore entirely unknown in this country. It is globular and elliptical in form, of pale green color, with dark stripes; flesh crimson, and remarkably firm texture, with only half an inch of rind; a peculiarity of this melon is, that it can be taken off the vine to ripen, and will keep till winter. It grows to a very large size.

**THE ALTON LARGE NUTMEG.**—This melon is said to combine more desirable qualities than any now before the public. Its great productiveness, beauty, size, and firmness of flesh, made it unequalled as a shipping variety; while its delicious flavor and long-bearing season render it worthy a place in every garden. Melons of this variety sold the past season in the Chicago market for double any other variety.

#### EXCHANGES.

We have to acknowledge the receipt (as one of our exchanges) of the Canadian News published at 11 Clements Lane, Lombard St., London, England. The enterprising proprietor F. Algar, Esq., has long been known as using every effort to bring forward anything that will conduce to the interests of Canada. It is full of useful, entertaining matter, and should be in the hands of all who contemplate coming here, as from its sources of getting the best authenticated information, its reliability and integrity is unsurpassed. It is a weekly publication, at three pence per copy, including postage.

The "Clinton Era" comes to hand with its

usual amount of good, solid, practical information, full of details of the doings of the important section of the country it is located in. We always welcome its receipt with pleasure.

The "Clinton Expositor" is another test of the enterprise of the press in the foregoing locality, full of useful entertaining matter which must make it welcome wherever it puts in an appearance.

We have not shipped many of our orders yet, as we have been very busy in making arrangements and moving to our new office, which is much more spacious and better situated than the old office. It is now on Richmond Street, and any of our readers that come to the city by the G. W. R. R. will be sure to pass by or enter our office. Manufacturers of Machinery that have any superior article for sale might now find a space for it in our ware-room. This is the place for farmers to receive a price for good seed. We will pay \$1 50 per bushel for good, pure, clean Main or Tartar oats, raised in Canada.

#### IMPLEMENTS.

We hear such good accounts of Mr. Sells Churns that we will allow any reliable persons to take and try them, and if they are not satisfied they may return them. We shall have a large stock of them, as we believe they will give satisfaction, as they have already done to those trying them. His washing machine is also giving satisfaction to all that we have heard from, and may also be supplied on trial. We will not undertake the sale of any implement that we do not think will give satisfaction. Send your orders early, if for Cultivators, Reaping Machines, Seed Drills or Threshing Machines, Hay Forks, patent Bee houses, and patent smoke-houses.

#### Officers of the Ingersoll N. & W. Oxford Agricultural Society.

Adam Oliver, M. P. P., Esq., President, Wellington Davis, Esq., Vice President, and Wm. H. Gane, Sr., Secretary and Treasurer.

Error in Agricultural Officers List in last No.—Should read Richard Coates of Aldboro, President, Mr. McKillop, Vice President.

Continued and increased approvals of our undertaking are continually coming to our office. We quote the following from the Seaforth Expositor. "The 'Farmer's Advocate' puts in its regular appearance. We prize it for its real practical information. It deals in no abstruse theories, that cannot be reduced to practice in every day life. We are pleased to learn that its circulation is largely on the increase."

NOTICE.—All new subscribers that send \$1 will be presented with any one of the 25ct. packages of seeds. All that get up a club of four subscribers, may have two 25ct packages of seeds. For larger clubs, the Threshing Machine, \$105, the Seed Drill, \$65 and a cash prize of \$20 are open, and numerous others from \$2 to \$5 for clubs of fifteen or more.

#### PRICE LIST FOR IMPLEMENTS.

The best Field Seed Drills.....	\$65 to \$80
Feed Mills.....	\$30 to \$40
Cultivators (one horse).....	\$12
Sells' Washing Machine.....	\$10
Baker's do do.....	\$10
Darvel's Corn Sheller.....	\$10
Newell's Little Giant Corn Sheller.....	\$4
Hammond's Horse Hay Fork.....	\$5
Thomas' Smoke House.....	\$8
Thomas' Patent Bee Hives.....	\$6 to \$5
Little Giant Threshing Machine.....	\$105
Farm Bells, ten dollars and upwards.....	
Sells' Patent Churn.....	\$5
Young's Patent Sheep Marks, \$3 per 100.....	

NOTICE.—Requiring more space and room than we have at present, we have made arrangements and have taken a premises on Richmond St., opposite City Hall, London, Ont., where we shall be located on and after the 1st. of April, and shall be glad to see our friends and patrons.

#### PRIZES AWARDED.

J. Irving, Wingham.....	\$5 Cash.
M. London.....	Prang's Chromo.
C. Gubbins, Troy.....	Hay Fork.
W. Harvey, Elmvalle.....	Corn Sheller.

Numerous prizes of seeds have been gained last month, and will be sent on the 6th of this month.

NOTICE.—For the future our Land Register for the sale of Farms will be conducted by Mr. Wm. Bawden, Auctioneer, Talbot St., London, where our old office used to be. We have upwards of 30,000 acres for sale at prices varying from \$2 to \$70 an acre. All applications either for the sale, or those wishing to purchase should be addressed as above, with stamp enclosed for reply.

#### POTATOES AND THEIR ORIGIN.

Long may we remember with gratitude the great and rare discovery of Sir Frances Drake, who claims to have discovered in the wilds of South America the potato. This was seven years prior to Sir Walter Raleigh's expedition. He (Sir Walter) is believed to have planted at Yonghall in July, 1587, the first potatoes ever grown in the British Empire, and from these few the country was furnished with seed. The patent passed the great seal in 1754. A scientific gentleman named Hercot, who was also one of the explorers, describes under the head of roots those called in Virginia open ark. The potato when first discovered was diminutive in comparison to the present growth; and as the handful of fragments that fed the vast multitude, so the few scattered roots gathered by lone explorers have increased till millions now banquet. Well may we herald His name with gratitude and bless the Hand that led ambitious wanderers to the distant wilds where lay hidden such rare treasures—such great blessings. We acknowledge the potato superior to all the root kingdom. They are harmless, nutritious and wholesome. Active as a medicine, healing to the afflicted, indispensable to the cook, fragrant and tempting to the epicure, and can be shaped into almost every dish. They are inviting, from the most dainty preparation, down to their original selves, wrapped in their ragged coats.—RURAL GENT.