

la Pocopeie, *British Whig*, Kingston, *Age*, Strathroy; *Dispatch*, St. Thomas; *Sentinel*, Cobourg; *Messenger*, Millbrook; *Guardian*, Richmond P. Q. *Expositor*, Seaforth; and a host of others, all deserving our warmest congratulations, each trying to their utmost to advance the agricultural prosperity and other interests of their respective neighborhoods, and we are sorry that our space at present prevents our noticing them in a proper way. We hope to refer to them again shortly.

Agricultural Emporium Seeds

Since our last publication, we have been filling our seed department with the choicest and best seeds that we can procure. We now have many valuable varieties from different parts of our Dominion and of our own growing, still we regret to state our stock is not yet as complete as it should be. The greatest drawback to the completion of our seed department is, that throughout the whole of this Dominion we cannot procure as good, clean, and pure varieties as we wish to disseminate. But too few farmers take pains to raise really clean and good seed; all raise for the market or the miller, and few dealers have any other chance but to select from milling samples. For good seed, only the best grain should be sown, and the land to produce good seed should be under the best cultivation. We all tend to degenerate our seed, by too careless a mixture of a few grains of other kinds, and the lack of making a speciality of seed raising; but for a general crop we would recommend mixed seed; it is found most profitable in England, but what we find necessary in Canada are pure varieties, to allow of the mixture being made by the grower for milling. No single farmer unaided can produce all the varieties of wheat in a pure state, to supply the demand, and no one has yet attempted to do so. Nothing has been more neglected than this most important branch of our requirements. There are many that will talk loudly about their seeds at a bar room meeting, but have they yet produced such a clean and pure sample, as to stand the inspection at the Emporium. We hope they may yet do so. They may have hand-picked a bag for a prize, or cleared 100 bushels three times to get a two bushel prize, and yet not be able to supply the three bushels to pass the inspection of what seed should be. We have been laboring to induce farmers to pay particular attention to seed, and many are now raising for us. We have on our farm, far too many varieties for one person to attend to, but are doing the best our means and abilities will allow, to make this institution what it ought to be. We really expected the government would ere this have paid us for the land, timber, and expences which they have incurred upon us by taking a part of our farm from us, without paying one cent for it. Had they paid us our just claims, we should be in better position to increase our plans of testing seeds.

We hope and believe, the New Board of Agriculture will not only see the necessity of our undertaking, but use their influence to aid its progress, as much as the Old Board have been using the immense sums for which we have been taxed, against this institution. We are diverging from the seed question. When we take our pen, thought will lead us from point to point and we have not always time to re-write.

We have no wheat that we can rely on as being midge proof, for spring sowing. We find the late sown wheat has escaped the midge better than the early sown. The Rio Grande has yielded best with us, and from most of the reports we have received, we deem it the safest; still other persons have had good crops from other varieties. The best accounts we have heard are of the Quebec wheat, still we may be deceived in it. We have imported some new varieties, costing us ten dollars per bushel. We recommend our readers in different parts of the Dominion, to try them in small quantities. Should one prove more favorable than another, they will soon increase and we shall know where to procure our supply.

We cannot as yet, nor shall we ever be able to endorse what is said about the Surprise or Norway oats; however, we shall have a small stock to dispose of. Our Westwell and Emporium oats, are quite equal to the other varieties as far as our experience with them. We know we might make money by lauding and selling them, but we wish to commend nothing that we are not satisfied about its utility.

Crown Peas have given good farmers entire satisfaction, will yield the largest crop, can be cut with a mowing machine, and put in half the space in the barn that other varieties require. But they will not suit bad land or bad farming; they require good and clean land, if you have it not, don't sow Crown Peas.

Barley has paid better than wheat, and we think it safer than spring wheat. We have but a small quantity of imported on hand, and will only supply our best in small quantities. Our sample is excellent.

Field Beans are raised by the acre in one section of our Dominion. We have a few for you to test in this vicinity and other parts.

Russian Barley is not as good for malting, as other varieties, but we believe, in sections where Fall wheat cannot be raised to advantage, and farmers require a cereal that can be relied on, this will be a great acquisition, as we know many farmers are using it in the place of wheat, as it makes such bread that few can detect it and for milling purposes it will come into use. It is not yet generally known, and is dear. This is a plump, bold, white and bright sample. The Black Bald Barley is similar in its nature, and we believe

both varieties will be largely grown, if the midge affects the wheat as much as it has done.

We advise you to try a packet of our corn, as we believe you will be the gainers by it. It is large, early, and of good quality.

Potatoes. If you really require the best table potatoes that we have seen or tried, be sure and procure a few of our Australian potatoes, as we have found nothing to equal them for a really fine, white potato. As yet they are not much known. They are not as prolific as the Harrison, but for quality they excel it. We would recommend you to try some of the varieties of potatoes. Three cuttings sent by mail last year, yielded 22 lbs. By this means any one can procure a variety at their own P.O., at little cost, and in a few years may supply the neighborhood in which they live, with seed that may be of great profit to the producer, and add to our export receipts. We have not yet our list as complete as we shall have it next month, as a large number of varieties that are ordered and on the way, both from England and the States have not yet arrived. Be sure and get next month's paper.

THE EDITOR'S TABLE.

SEED CATALOGUES.

We have to acknowledge the receipt of Ellwanger and Barry's, of Rochester, N. Y., got up as usual, with great taste, containing many hundreds of varieties of magnificent flowers and shrubs for which this firm is so celebrated.

Vick's, of Rochester, too, has forwarded his illustrated Guide to Flower Garden and Catalogue of Seeds. This is got up regardless of cost, and contains all that the most fastidious could wish, together with fine, colored, engravings.

M. O'Keefe, Son and Co. (of Rochester,) Catalogue of Seeds, and Guide to the Flower and Vegetable Garden is before us. This is a nicely got up and comprehensive affair, and contains many things worth perusing.

Washburn & Co., seed merchants of Boston, Mass., send their large and finely illustrated, Amateur Cultivators Guide to the Flower and Kitchen Garden. This is well got up, regardless of expense, and is a model of American enterprise.

Florey & Co., of Boston, Mass., publish a comprehensive and splendidly embellished catalogue, for the receipt of which we thank them. It contains a large number of illustrations of flowers, vegetables, and shrubs, and will compare favorably with other publications of the same sort.

Evans & Co., of York, Penn., forward their catalogue of Field and Garden Seeds. This is a neat little affair, containing a variety of useful matter and hints, together with a list of prices and reflects credit on the proprietors.

Gregory & Co., of Marblehead, Mass., present their annual Illustrated Catalogue of Garden and Vegetable Seeds. This is a capitally got up pamphlet, and should be seen to be appreciated.

Geo. A. Deltz, of Chambersburg, Penn., the enterprising and energetic proprietor of the experimental farm here, sends us his annual publication, containing an immense amount of useful and highly instructive matter, entertaining to all who take an interest in the land. We wish him all the success that his great undertaking ought to bring him.

R. H. Allen & Co., of Water street, New York, send their neat and well assorted catalogue of all kinds of seeds. It contains some useful hints to Florists and Gardeners.