

and eat their food up clean; you may feed your horses in the same way, only make the feed stronger, by adding more seed or cut hay or oatsheaves. Flaxseed can be bought for from one to two dollars per bushel, and as it is easily raised all farmers may have it by taking a little trouble.

WHO HAS THE BEST COW FOR BUTTER?—Let us hear from such as have extra good ones, and tell us of what breed they are. I have a native cow, which calved on the 25th of November last; we raised the calf, and for the first two weeks we gave it new milk altogether; we then began to mix skim milk with it, and soon fed it altogether with skim milk. My wife began to save the milk for use on the 29th of November and up to the 1st of January, two months, she made 70 lbs of butter and sold \$1 62½ worth of new milk, besides using cream and milk for the table, all from this one cow. Who can beat it?

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THE "AGRICULTURIST"—PRIZE REPORTS, &c.

To the Editor of the Agriculturist.

Dear Sir,—I was really pleased the other day, to receive some numbers of the "*Agriculturist*," which from sheer carelessness on my own part I had not received for '59.

While opening the package in the post-office, I was asked, why do you not take the "*Albany Cultivator*" instead? I replied that I considered it the duty of Canadian farmers to support Canadian papers, but I was told the American one was decidedly superior. Here then is an argument, and a strong one, that we should support our own paper by our subscriptions, and thus give its conductors the necessary means, not only to compare favourably—but if possible to excel even "*the Cultivator*."

I fear it is too common a query—why not take the *Cultivator*? but when placed in this light I feel sure our farmers have intelligence enough to acknowledge the force of the argument—and if even a very little interest were taken in the matter, by the officers of the various Agricultural Societies throughout the country, you would speedily be refreshed, physically and mentally—or in other words, you would have an endless list of subscribers, and lots of contributors.

I admire your plan of eliciting reports of every country in the land upon principle; and practically, because I have a secret purpose of pocketing your munificent prize of \$30.

It is very desirable that these reports should be full, well digested, and reliable—to attain these, time is indispensable.—Might I ask your good offices—in my own behalf as well as for all similar aspirants—to secure us another month's grace, say till the first of May? We practical men, are busy in March—April being comparatively a leisure month, we could more easily devote to this work. Give us time for the work and we will not push you for the pay.

Might I also suggest that it would be advisable to have them transmitted to the board anonymously—designated by mottoes—as is usual with prize essays? It is more comfortable for the judge; and unsuccessful candidates will be more readily consigned to oblivion—at the same time in such a genteel way that they may not be deterred from making the attempt at some future time.

Yours,

EIN LAND BAUER.

[Our correspondent, as well as others who may desire information on the same point, will please observe that the act of Parliament, which we have not power to alter, prescribes, clause 42, that the Reports shall be sent in to the Board of Agriculture, on or before the 1st day of April;—and the secretary of the Board would desire to receive them, if possible, even some time prior to the latest date allowed. In regard to the reports being anonymous, if our correspondent will refer to the Nos. of the *Agriculturist* in which the notice regarding the prizes offered for reports appeared, he will find that they are to be the reports of the societies, adopted at the annual meetings, and it is not therefore necessary that they should be transmitted as the work of any particular individual. Neither is it absolutely necessary that the report should be actually written by any officer of the society, but it must be adopted by the society, and certified as a true copy of the annual report by the President or Secretary for the time being. The merely formal parts, such as the lists of mem-