

enough to see one of their own species nearly eight feet in height.

Any one who could see the crowds returning, and the hearty satisfaction depicted on their countenances, their tongues the while glibly chattering in plain testimony of the enjoyment they had experienced, and the interest the scene excited, would not lose the opportunity of witnessing our Provincial Exhibition.

THE PRICE OF GRAIN.

(From the N. Y. Evening Post.)

The news brought by the steamer St. Louis, from Europe, announces a liberal harvest of grain and lower prices, with a sluggish market. The effect of these tidings will naturally be to produce a decline in the prices of breadstuffs here. When we connect this cause with several other circumstances which we are about to state, the decline, whenever it arrives, will in all probability be very considerable.

A state of things now exists which is favorable to a general decline of prices. Speculation has been checked, losses have been suffered by the fall of stocks and the abandonment of enterprises which a little time since seemed full of promise; incomes have been diminished; employment is not easily found.

The harvests of Europe, it seems, are large, and so we think our own will prove to be. Our wheat crop is certainly much larger than it was last year. In the western states, particularly in the northern part of them, it is estimated that never were so many acres sown with wheat, and never were such abundant harvests gathered in. The high prices of the year 1853 had their natural effect of stimulating production; the farmer who raised the most wheat in that year was the most prosperous; he was encouraged to try the same crop another year, and his neighbors followed his example. In the southern states, as we mentioned the other day, the cultivation of wheat has been much more general this season than usual; fields which last year were covered with the cotton plant have this year yielded wheat of the best quality produced in the United States. This wheat is not yet sent to market, on account of the yellow fever in the southern ports; but we know that it is ready for exportation, and the effect of such a supply in prospect will sooner or later have its effect on the grain market.

Meantime California, which took so largely from us last year, takes no more. The prices in the market of San Francisco give no encouragement to the importation of wheat, and the grain trade there is as effectually cut off as if an embargo had been laid on the port.

The deficiency of the crop of maize has been by many thought likely to have the effect of keeping up the price of grain generally. It begins now to be generally ad-

mitted that this deficiency is exaggerated. The drought by which Indian corn has suffered has, it is true, been remarkably general throughout the country, but it requires a season of extreme dryness to do it essential injury, and in many places it has not been severe enough to affect the crop to any very great degree. In the northern part of some of the western states the maize crop is large, and even here in our own neighbourhood (there are districts in which the drought was either not felt early enough, or was sufficiently mitigated by occasional showers to allow the ears of Indian corn to fill to the average extent. When we consider that, owing to the high price of this grain, more land was planted with it than usual last spring, we shall be led to believe that no such deficiency in the crop as is now probable will be able to prevent the expected decline in the prices of breadstuffs.

BUREAU OF AGRICULTURE,

Quebec, 22d Sept., 1854.

Patents of Invention.

His Excellency the Governor General has been pleased to grant Letters Patent of Invention for a period of fourteen years, from the date thereof, to the following persons, viz:

Michael Egan, of the Town of Niagara, in the County of Lincoln, Brass Founder, for "A new and improved mode of making and preparing moulds for Copper, Brass and Composition Castings." (Dated August 26, 1854.)

John H. Gatiss, of the Township of Barton, in the County of Wentworth, Mineralogist, for "A new and useful improvement in the apparatus for cleaning and scouring Wheat, Rye and Buckwheat." (Dated 28th August, 1854.)

Joel Babcock Hayden, of the Town of Brantford, in the County of Brant, Gentleman, for "An improved Hub, for waggon and carriage wheels." (Dated 4th September, 1854.)

William Nixon, of the Township of Grimsby, in the County of Lincoln, Yeoman, for "A Potatoe and Seed Drill." (Dated 4th September, 1854.)

CLOTTED CREAM.

Fillingham says, "I think I can supply your readers with a far more simple and practicable mode of making Devonshire, or clotted cream, than that mentioned in the Cottage Gardener. Keep the milk in block tin pans, which are far more cleanly and sweet than earthenware or wood. Place yesterday's milk over the top of a kitchen boiler, removing the iron opening; when the pan sounds dead by striking it with your finger take it off, and skim the cream the next morning. The heat will naturally force all the rich and creamy qualities of the milk to the surface."

MONTREAL MARKET PRICES.

Rules at which produce is purchased from the Farmers.

Hay per 100 bundles, 10 to \$12½.
Straw do 6 to \$7½.
Beef, per 100 lbs, from 4 to \$7.
Pork, do from 7 to \$9.
Mutton, per carcase, from 3 to \$7.
Veal, do from 3 to \$7.
Wheat, none coming to market.
Barley, per bushel, from 3s 9d to 4s.
Oats, do from 2s 3d to 2s 6d.
Peas, from 4s 6d to 4s 7½d.
Salt Butter, per lb, 10½d.
Fresh Butter, do from 1s 3d to 1s 6d.

IMPORTANT TO FARMERS.

PLOUGHING MATCH

THE ANNUAL PLOUGHING MATCH, under the direction of the COUNTY OF MONTREAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, will take place on the FARM of Mrs. JAMES MILLS, Coteau St. Pierre, Upper Lachine Road, 4 miles from the City, on THURSDAY, the TWENTY-SIXTH day of OCTOBER, instant,—when apart from the Premiums to be awarded from the funds of the Society, a Purse of FORTY DOLLARS will be given, to be competed for by Ploughmen residing in the Province of Canada: provided more than one Ploughman residing out of the limits of the County of Montreal, shall compete for such prize, but not otherwise. If more than one Ploughman residing out of the limits of the County shall enter as competitors, and that a county Ploughman be awarded the Purse, such successful Ploughman will also be entitled to the first Prize in his own class.

The Premiums to be awarded from the funds of the Society will be published forthwith after the first monthly meeting.

The Ploughs to be on the ground at Nine o'clock in the morning.

JAMES SMITH,
Secy. County of Montreal Agricultural Society,
Montreal, 1st October, 1854.

SUPERIOR FRUIT TREES.

A CHOICE ASSORTMENT of the various kinds best adapted to this climate, for sale at GEO. McKERRACHER'S, Parthenais Street, Quebec Suburbs, and of the Undersigned, at: Sumner Hill, (late J. McGregor's,) Guy Street, Cote des Neiges Road.

JOHN AULD.
Montreal, 2nd October, 1854.

FOR SALE.

A full blooded SOUTHDOWN RAM—and an AYRSHIRE BULL, both imported last year. Further information may be had upon application to Mr. DUNSCOMB, President of the Quebec Agricultural Society.

Quebec, 21st Sept, 1854.
N.B.—Prizes were taken by both animals at the late Provincial Exhibition. J P

NOTICE.

THE MEGANTIC AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, No. 2, will hold their FALL SHOW on the 11th day of OCTOBER, on the Farm of R. LAYFIELD, in the Township of INVERNESS.

A. McRILL, OP.
Secy. Treas.