

HINTS ON THE MONTH.

Get your drain tiles from the kiln or station on to the land for spring operations. Have your fence and building timber in the proper places. Prepare an extra fence to enclose an evergreen or willow protection for your stock yards. You should plant some kind as shelter for your stock. It is useful in winter and summer. You that have not sufficient stable room for your cattle prepare now for it. Those that have good stables attend to the proper ventilation in damp or thawing days. We have known valuable stock lost by high feed and too little air, but where one is lost from that cause, we think five thousand are lost for the lack of it.

Try a few experiments on the rats such as Arsenic for an exterminator, also place lamp oil about their holes. We would like to have a few Ferrets—they used to afford capital sport to us in England. We once saw a half bushel filled with rats in a short time from one stack with the aid of Ferrets. They would be useful here. Attend to the meat in the cellars, and see the fruit and vegetables are keeping all right. Remove all that are now showing signs of decay. Have a good pile of fire wood for summer use in the wood-shed or close by. Secure a farmer's boiler. We have a few good ones to dispose of. It pays well to boil feed for hogs, cattle and horses, and they should all be supplied with a meal of warm food once a day, at this season of the year. Now is the time to fill the ice-houses. Get your plaster home now, and use more of it. Prepare your sap buckets, troughs, and good boilers ready for the sugar-making. Attend to the poultry as directed last month. Feed the breeding ewes more generously, with roots and a little grain. See that all your farm and gardening tools are in order. Call and see our Cultivators, and secure the best reaping and mowing machines. They easily save their expense in a short time. Call at the Office and enquire, as we wish to commend the best. We have known too many of these itinerent talkers that go round the country and talk their inferior articles into the farmers. We wish to supply the best and guarantee satisfaction, and can supply at cheaper rates than you can purchase elsewhere. Secure your clover seed early, as we expect it will be high this year.

Do not think of pruning your orchard this month. You may remove the deposits of insects eggs. Some observers may say ha, ha, its all very well for Weld to preach. Just look at your practice. To such we would say we have endeavored to carry out our preaching, as far as our means, knowledge and circumstances permit. Is there one man in the County that has undergone more tyrannical oppression and injustice, and has done more for the

honor and prosperity of the country. If there is let him come forward and give his name openly to the public, and condemn the course we are pursuing. We trust that our hints on the month will injure none and benefit many.

LAND MONOPOLY.

We have noticed with pleasure a series of letters that have appeared in various papers of the Province, edited by the respected and retiring Mayor of this city, David Glass, Esq., in regard to the monopoly and retention of lands held by the Canada Company. We hope the result of the exposition will be the means of allowing these lands to be occupied by settlers, as it is greatly to the detriment and welfare of the settlers that are near these lands, and retard the improvements that would otherwise take place, by retaining these and others in the hands of grasping speculators. Our exports are not what they otherwise would be, and thousands of our inhabitants are thus driven away to the States, on account of exorbitant prices asked by the Canada Co., and other large land speculating individuals or companies.

We would like to see an act passed taxing all unsettled lands at double the rate that settlers are charged. It would be right as settlers enhance the value of the wild lands round them by their improvements. We are pleased to see the subject taken up by such an able person as David Glass, Esq., as he has perseverance and ability for the undertaking. We have ourselves paid to that Company four times the real value of a piece of land that we required, and fifteen times as much as we could procure equally as good land for in Michigan. We have also had money transmitted to us through that Company, the payment of which has been unnecessarily delayed by them, and we think we should not have received it had it not been pretty closely looked after. Perhaps they might be induced to open their books and show if there are not some monies laying to the credit of settlers.

We know of lands that they have sold at exorbitant prices, that the owners would gladly give up and receive the money they have paid, and lose their improvements.

There are in this county alone 1500 acres belonging to the Canada Company. Land within two and a half miles of our residence they refused to set a price on. We see by some of the papers that they have already reduced the price \$4 per acre from what they have been asking. This we suppose is due to the agitation that Mr. Glass has caused. We require the lands in this county to be unlocked to us.

Our Operations for the Past Month.

Attended at the Municipal Elections in Delaware. A listless indifference prevails throughout the Township in regard to the result; attended the Delaware Agricultural meeting of the Township, only thirteen people present. Will give account about its management in a future number; attended at the East Middlesex Agricultural meeting in London. See particulars in this paper. Attended at West Middlesex Agricultural meeting, particulars in next paper; went to Beattie's and Millar's sale in Markham—see this number; addressed the Warden and Reeves—result in this number; shipped an improved Berkshire pig to Wolcott & Campbell who are large manufacturers, and owners we understand of the best herd of Ayrshire Cattle in America; added to our stock one Ayrshire Heifer, and six more pure bred sheep; made arrangements with Mr. Dawbarn & Co., the largest Seed Establishment in Canada; also made arrangement for the supply of Cultivators and Agricultural Boilers of the best kinds for the Emporium; attended to the circulation of last paper, and preparing this, having an eye on the stock and work of the farm. The stock are progressing as favorably as circumstances will permit. The young family are under the instruction of Mr. Peter Bartehistle, who is the best and most thoroughly trained English master we ever met. Do you think this enough work for one individual?

Sale of Thorough Bred Stock.

Mr. Beattie's Sale took place on the 24th of Jan., at which time he sold the whole of his remaining stock except his blood Stallion.

One Durham cow sold for \$300; H. M. Cochran of Montreal was the purchaser. The second cow brought \$260; the third \$150; the fourth \$115, and others at lower rates. The bull calves realized from \$95 to \$155. Sheep, some of which were imported, or raised from his imported stock, sold at \$120 per pair and lower prices; lambs \$90 per pair and downwards. Mr. G. Millar sold some of his stock at the same time, realizing good prices. We succeeded in securing an Ayrshire Heifer and four Leicester sheep. We also purchased another pair of Cotswold ewes. Mr. Beattie has acted as Mr. Millar's salesman for some years past.

We regret that Mr. Beattie is about to leave our Province, as we do not know of a better judge of stock. His obliging candid manner, and good judgment have made him a general favorite among stockmen. He is engaged by a wealthy gentleman in Lower Canada to go to Europe and select stock, and to manage a large farm between Montreal and Quebec.

ENCOURAGEMENT.

The Co. Council at its last session passed the following resolution:

Moved by James Evans, seconded by Mr. Levi and

That this Council having heard the remarks of Mr. Weld of Delaware, with reference to the interest of agriculture, appreciate his labors to promote the interests of the country in general, and that of agriculture in particular, and would recommend an extensive circulation of the *Farmer's Advocate*, edited by him among the farming community, in order that the object that gentleman labors to secure may be realised.—*Carried unanimously.*