

FALL VS. SPRING WHEAT.

From all parts of this district, comprising a circle of twenty miles, we receive accounts that represent the growth of the wheat sown this season as exceeding in extent the amount sown for many years. A large number of farmers in every township in this county, who, of late years, have not sown an acre, are now replanting spring wheat for fall, and the same appears to be the case in many other parts of the Province. In London Township, especially, a complete revolution has taken place in the kind of wheat sown, and already many fields are green in the different parts of the township. In some parts of Dorchester farmers are sowing little or none of any other kind, while in Westminster equal quantities of two crops shows that the farmers in that township are also sowing extensively. In the west and south the same general attention seems to be given to fall sowing. The cause of this change from the almost general use of spring sowing, is represented to be the failure of sowing crops, as compared with fall, during the last two seasons, and the attack of the former crop by insects, this year especially. The crop of fall wheat this year to the acre has been double that of spring in a number of instances, and for this reason the former is again being extensively sown. In some cases, where both fall and spring wheat had been growing side by side, a yield of ten bushels to the acre from the one, and twenty, and in some cases thirty, from the other had been received. Parties who have had an opportunity of knowing, estimate the amount of fall wheat sown this season to be five times that of last year, and from the apparent unanimity of farmers in sowing it, their calculations are probably under the figure. As to the cause of this change in the productiveness of the soil, various opinions are expressed, many attributing it to the changes of the weather, which act more favorably to the seed than the other. Notwithstanding, however, that the change of seed may, to a certain extent, cause a better yield, this will, the farmers know from experience, only be a temporary, and it is well for them to look to the exhausted state of the soil for the primary cause of the deficiency, although, during the last two seasons, fall sowing has been more successful than spring. Our farmers have no guarantee that this will be the case another year, and until the productive matter taken from the soil during the twenty, or perhaps thirty years, which has been almost exclusively cultivated, and a system of rotation in crops adhered to, little confidence can be placed in the yields of any kind of grain. This subject is now being agitated by several leading agriculturists in the eastern portion of the Province, and our farmers would do well to examine into it.—London Prototype

To PREVENT POSTS HEAVING BY FROST.—The Country Gentleman recommends making a notch on each side of the lower end of the post, putting it in the hole prepared, and then placing the points or edges of two flat stones in these notches. Fill up with dirt and firmly ram it down. Another method used with success is to drive a pin through the bottom of the post, allowing it to project a few inches on each side, and place a stone on the ends of these pins.

FOOD FOR FATTENING POULTRY.—The cheapest and most advantageous food to use for fattening every description of poultry is ground oats. This must not be confounded with oat-meal, or with bruised oats. The whole of the grain must be ground to a fine powder; nothing of any kind is taken from it.—When properly ground one bushel of meal will more effectually fatten poultry than a bushel and a half of any other meal. The greatest point in fattening poultry is to feed at daybreak.

Boswell complains to Johnson that the noise of the company the day before had made his head ache. "No, sir, it was not the noise that made your head ache; it was the sense we put into it," said Johnson. "Has sense that effect upon the head?" inquired Boswell. "Yes, sir," was the reply, "on heads that are not used to it."

—On Thursday last, a sad and somewhat remarkable case of air writing occurred between Kingston and Brockville. A sailing scow started from the former port, having on board a deserter from the American army. As a practical joke, he was told the boat would touch at Ogdensburg. The American accepted the announcement as truth, and a short distance this side of Brockville jumped overboard with the intent of escaping to the Canadian shore. He struggled long and manfully, but finally, overcome by the waves, he sank to rise no more.

—The weather was bitterly cold in Quebec last week.

Mr. JOHN MACLEAN is agent for the Canadian Illustrated News. He will be in London and its vicinity the ensuing week.

Commercial.

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.

TRAFFIC FOR WEEK ENDING 4TH DEC., 1863

Table with 2 columns: Item (Passengers, Freight and Live Stock, Mail and Sundries) and Amount (\$21,356 64, 40,316 60, 1,243 17 1/2)

Corresponding Week of last year: \$65,146 31 1/2 (Decrease \$43,789 64 1/2)

JAMES CHARLTON, Audit Office, Hamilton, Dec. 5, 1863.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

RETURN OF TRAFFIC, FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOV. 28TH, 1863.

Table with 2 columns: Item (Passengers, Mail and Sundries, Freight and Live Stock) and Amount (\$26,743 61, 5,518 09, 75,330 18)

Total: \$107,591 77. Corresponding week, 1862: \$112,735 19. Decrease: \$5,143 41.

JOSEPH HICKSON, Montreal, Dec. 4, 1863.

LIVERPOOL MARKETS.

A. R. MACPHERSON & CO.'S REGISTERED PRICE CURRENT.

Table of market prices for various goods like Beet, Prime Lard, Malt, Bacon, Middles, Long Middles, Corn, Flour, etc.

PETROLEUM.

Table of petroleum prices: American Crude, Canadian, American Refined, Imperial Gallon, etc.

JOHN M'INTYRE, MERCHANT TAILOR, AND OUTFITTER.

GENTLEMEN'S GARMENTS MADE TO ORDER. Perfect fit and entire satisfaction warranted. The Latest Patterns of French, English and German Cloths always on hand. Hughson st., Opposite Times Office, HAMILTON, C.W.

The Oldest Established AND MOST COMMODIOUS FIRST CLASS HOTEL. TEL. West of London. Omnibuses to and from the Railway, free. ROYAL EXCHANGE HOTEL. CHATHAM, C.W. AND RAILWAY REFRESHMENT ROOM, CHATHAM STATION. DAVID WALKER, PROPRIETOR. Railway Refreshment Rooms CHATHAM STATION, G. W. RAILWAY.—Refreshments served up on the arrival of all trains.

WOOD ENGRAVING, At considerable trouble and expense, we have succeeded in securing the services of some of the

BEST ENGRAVERS In Canada and the United States, and are now prepared to furnish

WOOD CUTS Of Portraits, Buildings, Machinery, Scientific, &c., for Circulars, Bills, Cards, Books, &c., of a BETTER CLASS, and at from

Twenty-Five to Fifty per cent less than the usual Prices charged in the Province. Make arrangements with us to send a Special Artist to sketch; or send an engraving or sketch of whatever is to be engraved stating size required, and we will quote price at once.

GREGORY & CO. Canadian Illustrated News, Hamilton, C. W. N. B.—Care must be taken to address all Communications to the Office of the CANADIAN ILLUSTRATED NEWS.

JOHN GREGORY & CO., WHOLESALE DEALERS IN KEROSENE, PENNSYLVANIA AND CANADIAN COAL OILS LAMPS, WICKS, SHADES, CHIMNEYS, &c. &c. No. 35, St. Francois Xavier Street, MONTREAL.

THE TWO LEADING HOUSES IN HAMILTON & TORONTO NEW SPRING AND SUMMER GOODS

At LAWSON'S! Immense Stocks and at Unequalled Low Prices. LAWSON, BROS. & CO., Corner King and James Streets, Hamilton, C. W. LAWSON & CO., No. 96 King Street East, Toronto, C. W. Wanted, a first-class Miller.

INSTRUCTION IN MUSIC. MRS. JOHN E. MURPHY would respectfully inform her friends and the public, that she is prepared to receive a limited number of pupils, or instruction on the Piano Forte, at her residence, Mulberry street, between Park and MacNab. References given if required. Hamilton June 20th, 1863.

DAVID WALKER, Royal Exchange Hotel and Railway Refreshment Rooms, CHATHAM, C. W. October, 1863. 24-6m

ESTABLISHED—1813. GORE District Mutual Fire Insurance Company. Head Office, Galt, C. W. PRESIDENT—JOHN DAVIDSON, Esq., Galt. Directors—C. W. Meakins, Esq., Hamilton; James Cronbie, Esq., Galt; R. Hain, Esq., Galt; John Fleming, Esq., Galt; J. Comerford, Esq., Brantford; Milton Davis, Esq., Hamilton; James Coleman, Esq., Dundas; R. S. Strong, Esq., Galt; M. C. Lutz, Esq., Galt; Chas. Watts, Esq., Brantford. Bankers—Gore Bank; Solicitors—Messrs. Miller and Tassie; Sec. and Treas.—Thomas Rich, Esq.; Assistant Sec.—W. A. Shearson, Esq.; Auditor—D. Wright, Esq. D. WRIGHT, Agent, Hamilton, Dec. 1863.

GREAT REDUCTION IN PRICES THE GENUINE SINGER SEWING MACHINES

The Best and Cheapest Machines in the world, at New York City Prices.

The undersigned having the General Agency for the sale of the Genuine Singer Sewing Machines, take great pleasure in informing the public that they have opened offices in Toronto at No. 34, King Street East, and in the city of Hamilton on the corner of King and Hughson streets, where they will keep on hand, at all times, a full assortment of the Genuine Singer Sewing Machines, and will sell the same, at the same prices, as at the manufactory in New York, thus bringing the machines, which have proved themselves after a test of fifteen years, to be the best, and most durable machines in every respect, that has ever been made within the reach of all. The Genuine Singer Machines are celebrated for being more simple to operate, less liable to get out of order, do better and a greater range of work, break less needles, and more durable than any other.

The celebrity of the Genuine Singer Machines, and the reputation which they have acquired over all others, for superiority, has led certain unscrupulous manufacturers of Sewing Machines, in Canada, to make a bogus imitation of the Singer No. 2 Machines, and which are peddled off upon the public for Singer Machines, but in value, when compared with the Genuine Singer Imperial No. 2 Machines, stand in about the same position as bogus coin does to genuine gold. Look out for impostors, and dealers in low machines, who will not only tell you the best, but quite equal to the Genuine, but superior, and that it is your duty to buy Home Manufacturers. But you want a Machine that will prove truly reliable, and really worth what you pay for it, buy the Genuine Singer, and you will not be disappointed. The Genuine Singer, Letter A Machine is the best Machine made for family use. The Genuine Singer, Imperial No. 2, is the best Machine made for shoemaking, &c. The Genuine Singer, No. 2, is the best Machine made for tailoring. The Genuine Singer, No. 3, is the best Machine made for harness makers and carriage trimmers.

All orders accompanied by the cash, addressed to either of our offices, Toronto or Hamilton, will be promptly attended to, and Machine carefully packed and sent with printed instructions to a part of the Province, according to the directions of the Clergymen supplied at reduced prices. Machine Oil, Needles, Thread, Silk, &c. in stock. Wax thread Machines, always on hand. Descriptive circulars sent to all applicants. Sewing Machines repaired promptly, and at reasonable rates. Address, Offices 34 King Street East, Toronto, Or Corner of King and Hughson Streets, Hamilton, C. W.

FOLTS & RICHARDSON, N. B.—Beware of all Chain Stitch or Chain Sewing Machines, if you wish to avoid trouble and annoyance. Buy the Genuine Singer, steel needle Machine, which make the interlocked stitch, and with the date of six different patents, stamped on plate, and you will have a Machine which gives satisfaction. F. & R.

NATIONAL HOTEL, DRUMMONDVILLE, NIAGARA FALLS, C. W. ARTHUR L. GILES, PROPRIETOR.

The above establishment has been lately converted throughout, and is a very desirable Hotel for those wishing to stay a few days at the Falls, being within five minutes walk there. Wines, Liquors and Cigars of the best brand, always kept in the Hotel, and the best furnished with the best market affords. Board \$1.00 per day. Drummondville, June 30th, 1863.

S. M. PETTENCILL & CO., No. 37, PARK ROW, NEW YORK.

No. 6 STATE STREET, BOSTON. Special Agents for the CANADIAN ILLUSTRATED NEWS, and all principal Newspapers in the United States, Canada and Pacific Coast.

A. S. IRVING GENERAL DEALER IN Books, Newspapers, Stationery and Printing. No. 19, KING STREET WEST, TORONTO. [Faulkner's Office] New York Copies received by early Trains every morning, and Mailed or Delivered to any part of the City or Country for 25 Cents per week or \$10 per year. Sole Agent in Toronto for the CANADIAN ILLUSTRATED NEWS.