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## SEEDS.

Since our last publication we have received large additions to our list, and now have on hand our season's stock. Owing to delay on the part of forwarders, we have not been able to distribute seeds as early as desired, although in ample time for sowing.

George Brown and Mr. Millar have made very large importations of a few kinds, and we have procured a supply from Mr. Millar of his stock of wheat, oats and barley. The barley is an excellent sample of the Chevalier variety. The Tartar oats are very good, but require to be cleaned. The Hopetown oats resemble our Emporium oat, and we think they are the same kind. The wheats are plump and varieties that we have not here, and should be tested in different parts of the Dominion; but small quantities are sufficient for that purpose, and should one variety prove beneficial in a section, it soon increases and a whole county may be benefited by an enterprising person, who may spend twenty-five cents on a trial. We, as yet, have quite as much confidence in the Quebec wheat as in either of the imported varieties, and the Emporium and Westwell oats are tested, and yield satisfactorily; the Westwell is best for strong land, the Emporium for light land.

The peas now on hand are good, and for strong, well-cultivated land, we know the Crown Pea is giving satisfaction; but on poor or foul land it does not answer.

The Excelsior will be much better to persons that have light or poor soil, or land that is not clean. They are surpassing the yield of the Golden Vine on any soil, and on poor soil will yield larger crops than any other pea. We know the farmers that first procured them in different localities, will undoubtedly realize high figures for them for seed for some time to come.

In sections where the weevil and pea bug affect the above mentioned grains, we advise late sowing in order to raise seed, about the first of June; but for a general crop we prefer

earlier sowing, as you will get more bushels per acre, and if fed early the peas will not all fly away and the fanning mill may take away all the shrunk wheat. But for seed you should not sow a buggy pea nor damaged grain. Although they may both grow, yet the vigor of the plant will be impaired to a considerable extent. Oats and Barley should be sown early, still if any of you wish to renew your seed for another season, you might find it advantageous to sow a peck or a half bushel of oats or barley, as that amount now sown would bring you into seed another year.

We advise you to procure a few of the Harrison, Early Goodrich, Peach Blows, Early Rose and Australian potatoes, if you have not yet procured them. The Early Goodrich we have tried, and is far superior to our old potatoes. The Early Rose are spoken of as superior to them. The Harrison will yield a larger crop than any old variety you may have. The Dykeman are large croppers also. The Worcester and Australian are not so large, but their quality is remarkably good. The Peach Blow we consider the best of the common varieties. If you have not a grape vine, send your orders as they can be packed with other seeds, and neglect to plant one no longer. Our Field Seeds are principally procured from Dawbarn & Co., as we have no more reliable firm in the Seed Business in Canada, still no seedsman can command all kinds, and many of the choicest varieties we have to procure from England, and from nurserymen and gardeners in various parts of this Dominion and in the United States. You should send for a few of the Marrowfat Beans, as they command one-third higher price in market than the common white bean, and are much preferable for your own use. While you are consulting the advantages of procuring fresh seed grain and potatoes to yield you greater profits, do not omit procuring a few choice flower seeds. There is a pleasing, lasting profit in the pleasure of seeing and admiring the beautiful gems of flowers. They implant lasting and endearing thoughts of a happy, cheerful home. You

may consider that they are of no consequence, but look not on all the sordid wealth of adding field to field or farm to farm, as the only thing for which you live.

We have filled our orders to the best of our ability, and we believe each person that has procured from us will be satisfied with the result of their investment. At the rates charged by the Post Office for parcels, we are unable to send as large packages as we would otherwise do. We think it would be of advantage to the country and a profit to the government, if seeds were allowed to pass through the post office as cheaply as they do in the States; but for distance and weight considered, we have to pay four times as much as they do on the other side. We hope the government may yet see the advantages of at least allowing agricultural improvements to be taxed less.

## TO CORRESPONDENTS.

We frequently come in for a share of abuse for neglect and mistakes to which we are not entitled. If our correspondents will observe the following rules there would be less cause for complaint:

When writing a communication for the "Advocate," write only on one side of the paper, and number the pages.

When writing a communication for the paper, and on business at the same time, write on separate pieces of paper, and on different parts of the same sheet.

Always give the name of the Post Office, County and Province, and real name, not for publication, but that we may know who the correspondent is.

In ordering the name to be changed from one Post Office to another, give the name of the one to which it is now sent.

In remitting money enclose and register when the money sent is at our risk.

Pinks and Pansies should have a dressing of well decomposed stable manure, taking care to stir the surface of the soil before it is applied.