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Editorial.

"Farmer's Advocate" Prize Package of Fall Wheat.

For sending in the name of one new subscriber we will send to any address in America, post paid, one pound of the Canadian Velvet Chaff Wheat, fields of which have yielded fifty bushels per acre; also a small package of Winter Fife, a new American kind introduced into Canada last year at \$1.00 per ounce; it is a red bald velvet chaffed wheat bearing long heads; also a package of Red Cross Wheat, a new bearded, productive, early sort. We do not offer these for sale, but if you are desirous of them and are too busy to obtain a new subscriber you may have them by paying four years' subscription in advance, but we would much prefer to have a new subscriber.

Canadian Velvet Chaff Wheat.

It affords us great pleasure when we are enabled to furnish you with any information that we believe will add honor and wealth to our country. The increasing and overwhelming testimony regarding this wheat all tends to show that there has been originated in Canada a wheat that appears destined to elevate the reputation and price of our flour. Several of our prominent millers state that this wheat produces just the quality of flour required to mix with the red wheat to enable bakers to make the best quality of bread. The productiveness of this variety, its hardiness, and power to withstand the continued thawing and freezing, its adaptability to the winter wheat sections in Ontario are now fully borne out by the testimonials of leading farmers from Northumberland to Middlesex. Every farmer who grows fall wheat should at once procure sufficient seed to test it for himself in sections where it is not yet known. Mr. J. B. Stone, the originator, has now made arrangements with Messrs. Steele Bros. & Co., and Wm. Rennie, of Toronto; J. Bruce, of Hamilton, and Messrs. John S. Pearce & Co., of London, all reliable and well known seedsmen, to supply this wheat to the public generally this year.

As our readers are well aware we discovered this wheat in a remote corner three years ago. Since then we have given a good deal of time in carefully investigating and testing it. After last harvest we concluded it was a valuable sort, but at that time there was so little of it in existence we urged Mr. Stone to have it all sown, placing it in different sections of the Province. This he did; it has done exceedingly well everywhere, and now, in order to introduce it generally, he has arranged to have the above

named seedsmen introduce it. In a letter, under date of July 24th, 1890, addressed to this office, that well known farmer, of Brooklin, Ont., Mr. John Dryden, M. P. P., writes:—

"DEAR SIR,—The Canadian Velvet Chaff Wheat has done remarkably well, and seems to possess the essential qualities to ensure success in this climate. It is hardy, early, stiff in the straw, free from rust and apparently a heavy yielder. There is but little difference in quality over the entire field. None lodged of any consequence, and, I think, promises to yield 35 bushels per acre. It is well filled and contains no small grains. I will harvest it the end of this week if all is well. Yours truly,

"JOHN DRYDEN."

A meeting of the Dominion Farmers' Council was held on July 19th, President Little in the chair. After a number of members who had examined fields of the Canadian Velvet Chaff wheat had spoken of its merits, Mr. Gibson spoke as follows:—"I have examined a field of the Canadian Velvet Chaff wheat grown on Mr. McEwen's farm, and am highly pleased with it. I can speak emphatically of the merits of the wheat for the production of the best description of pastry and biscuit flour. I have known forty per cent. above the price of ordinary baker's flour to have been paid in some cases for the best brands of pastry flour, and the Canadian Velvet Chaff Wheat is a sort that is now much enquired for by millers who would pay a higher price for it. I offer the following resolution:— 'Moved by R. Gibson, seconded by F. Shore, That the Velvet Chaff Wheat examined by us is very promising while growing, and it is calculated to elevate our flour in the market, especially for pastry and biscuit purposes, more nearly taking the place of the old Soule and Deihl varieties.'"

For the last three years the average yield per acre of this wheat has been much greater than that of any other sort. Mr. Dryden's letter shows what it promises in his section. His farm is not situated in a locality where fall wheat is generally successful and 35 bushels per acre is probably double the average fall wheat yield in that section.

Though very homely in appearance, the toad is valuable to the farmer and gardener. They may be encouraged by keeping about the garden small pieces of boards or old shingles, held two or three inches from the ground by blocks or stones. Beneath these shady retreats our homely insect destroyer delights to squat while plying his trade. Boys and girls, be good to the toads. In France the Government maintains small lettered boards informing the people that toads (and some other reptiles and insects) are among their best friends, and what records they have made.