

Come farmers, assist us. Send us accounts of the best grain you know of in your section, or any useful and practical account of plans that you have found beneficial to your farm, and not generally known, or any useful suggestions; or get up a club and gain a prize. Every one of you have some influence and power. Now is your time to use it. Do not be inactive, much has to be done to attain the end aimed at. This is the only paper in the Dominion edited and conducted by a farmer for the farmers.

We return our sincere thanks to those that have assisted us by forming clubs; and have to inform you there are hundreds of post offices in the Dominion, that may easily return a good club by a little exertion. Those who take a little trouble at first, will find themselves gainers, as advantages will be given to the leading men in each section in regard to the best kinds of seeds. Also valuable prizes are given to those that send in clubs. No family should be without the paper. The youths' page alone is worth double the price of the paper to any family.

THE CHILIAN WHEAT.

We can no longer supply the demand for this grain, as it is not to be had, and it is too late to get any from the States this season.

The Rio Grande offered to us is not as good as we would wish. In fact all the grain that we have purchased, and we purchase none but the best samples, show us clearly the necessity of raising the seeds we supply, directly under our own management, or by persons more careful than we have yet found in this Dominion. In nearly every sample we have seen, we can detect a grain or two of other kinds, that should not be in a first class sample. Give us time and your support, and we will make the Agricultural Emporium the most useful and most beneficial institution for farmers that is in this Dominion.

The Emporium oats are the oats that will yield the best, and are sure to take the prizes.

The Westwell Oats are also nearly all sold, only half a bushel can be spared from this time.

We have secured some really excellent Potatoes which we can commend. Our supply of them is also limited. Those that wish to get any must apply at once. Do not think of applying after the 25th

of May for any kind of grain, and even then send a stamp to pay postage and registration, as we may be compelled to refund the money.

THE CROWN PEA.

Some persons that did not read our previous numbers are enquiring the kind of soil suitable for their growth. They require good, well cultivated, clean land. They ripen early. Some sow two and a half, others three bushels per acre. They are an early ripening pea and great crop-per, of good quality and can be cut with the mowing machine. They are not fit for poor, worn-out sandy lands, nor are they suitable for foul, rough land. We believe this pea will be extensively cultivated by good farmers, and we would recommend the introduction of them to any section not having them. They will pay a very great return for the money invested. Our supply is becoming exhausted and parties should apply at once. Two bushels is all that we can spare to any one person.

Mr. J. J. W. informs us to send him a quantity of the Norway oats, if we can recommend them. He sends the cash but we decline filling the order as we have not raised them, nor conversed with those that have. We only act as agent for the sale of them. We intend to try them ourselves, and should they be as represented, we will then be in a position to speak of them. Any new kind of grain we consider worthy of a trial, but we would only recommend small quantities in different parts of the country until tested. As soon as any kind is satisfactorily known, get as much as you can of it. It takes years to raise sufficient of any good kind in the country to supply the demand for seed, and often by the time the most dilatory and backward procure it, the sample begins to degenerate. The first to procure good seeds are the persons that make the money.

Our friends will accept our thanks for their assistance, in bringing our paper into circulation. There are many sections of the country yet unvisited by it. Perhaps some of our readers that have not yet got up a club may do so this month. Remember this paper will be sent one year from the time you subscribe. You will not be under the necessity of having the back numbers laying by you unread. Onward is the cry.

Postmasters.

Whilst many of the Postmasters to whom we have sent copies of the *Farmers' Advocate* for gratuitous distribution, have not only cheerfully given them out, but have also, unasked, used their efforts to increase our circulation and send us subscribers; the officials at three offices have been small enough to refuse to hand them to those who would be glad to receive them, and have returned them to this office. To the former we tender our sincere thanks, and we point out the latter, that the public may know what public spirited friends of progress, occupy some of the offices at the disposal of our Government. Among the latter we will mention the Post Offices of Elginfield, and Fingal. We look with strong suspicion of something being wrong in Strathroy and another place that we will not name at the present time.

Several subscribers complain that they have not received the papers ordered. This is not our fault, as in every case without exception, we have promptly filled each order. We therefore trust that our friends will not blame us, as the fault rests solely with the Postal Department. In case of any further irregularities of the kind, you will please inform us, and we will endeavor to set the matter right.

STILL THEY COME.

Since our last, the following highly commendatory remarks have been received:

"We are pleased to see the steady improvement of your *'Advocate'*, which is gradually becoming a power in the Province."

C. DAWBARN & Co. Toronto.

This firm has long been known as the largest and best seed importers in Canada, and from gentlemen in such a position remarks are of weight.

The following is from the *Perth Standard*.

"This purely Farmer's paper, has been greatly enlarged and improved recently, and now presents a very neat appearance while it is filled with matter of the deepest interest to the agriculturist,—such as only a first-class practical farmer can produce."

"There is no second hand theories about the paper; but founding his base on Canadian experience. Mr. Weld gives his readers most valuable advice. We have no hesitation in pronouncing the *FARMER'S ADVOCATE* the best agricultural paper now circulating in Canada."

Address,

WM. WELD, London, Ont.

Some few may complain because we have not supplied our seeds to non-subscribers. We should be happy to do so but our supply has been too small even for them.