

Editorial Notices.

IMPORTATION OF IMPROVED STOCK.

Mr. William Miller, of Pickering, has already, this season, made a successful beginning, in the most important enterprise of improving the already excellent stock of this part of Upper Canada. His importation consists of four splendid heifers purchased by him at a very high price in Scotland. We are glad to learn that the importation, though made at a heavy expense, was effected without any damage to the young heifers. They passed through Toronto, a few days ago, having just arrived, by way of Quebec; and we are informed that they are of the very highest excellence in point of breeding and quality. They are from the stock of Mr. Booth, an eminent English breeder. Mr. George Miller, we may add, has this Spring obtained two fine Bull calves from animals of the same stock, imported by him last year. The Messrs. Miller are indefatigable in their efforts to improve the farming stock of this country: and their enterprise has been repaid them handsomely in the high prices they have been able to sell the produce of their imported stock at. Mr. Miller, we understand, received with his stock, four of Campbell's Iron Ploughs, of the most approved construction. With improved stock, and improved implements Canadian agriculture cannot fail indefinitely to progress.—B.

COUNTY AGRICULTURAL REPORTS FOR 1855.

The Board of Agriculture offers a premium of £15 for the best Report on the farming of each of the following Counties, viz: Simcoe, Bruce and Prescott. If the successful Report be written by the Secretary of the Agricultural Society of the County, the premium will be increased to £20. Competitors must send their essays to the Board of Agriculture, Toronto, on or before the first day of September next.

BARON de LONGUEUIL'S PRIZE.

We request the attention of our readers to the liberal offer of Baron de Longueuil, which was accidentally omitted in the Prize List, and did not occur to us till the form was made up.

The Baron offers £20 for the best Hereford Bull, of any age not exceeding 4 years, that has covered cows in the Province this season. It is to be hoped that this handsome offer will elicit spirited competition at the next Provincial Exhibition at Cobourg.

We have received a number of catalogues of the stock to be offered by Col. Sherwood, by auction, at Auburn, New York, on the 20th inst., advertised in another column. We will send a copy of the same to any who may desire it. We have also a few catalogues of the stock of Colonel Morris.

Provincial Agricultural Association of Lower Canada

The Annual Exhibition of this valuable Society will take place at SUERBROOKE, on the 12th, 13th, and 14th of September, 1855. Like the Upper Canada Association, competition is open to all Canada. No certificate of entry can be received after the 1st of September. Premium-lists can be obtained on application to the Secretary, Wm. Evans, Esq., Montreal; or to the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture, Toronto.

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RESTIGOUCHE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY FOR 1854.

This official document bears pleasing evidence of the progress of this important Society, which has done a good deal during the past year, as well as in previous years, in advancing agriculture, by the importation of seeds, stock, &c. The agricultural capabilities of New Brunswick, we are inclined to think, are generally very much undervalued.

Market Review.

In England complaints are made of the cold backward weather and fears are entertained for the next harvest. The *European Times* of the 5th May has the following:—

“Everything, in point of fact, wears a gloomy appearance. Even the weather is enough to make people misaerable, if increased taxation, diminished trade, and the prospect of a long war, were insufficient causes of themselves. We are now in the first week of May, with the thermometer at a temperature more like that of January or February than the month of flowers. We have not yet had a glimpse of spring after a winter of unexampled severity. Nature has not yet put on her mantle of green, and the gardens and fields seem, in their gloom and want of verdure, to typify the ills which oppress society. The absence of rain is universally felt, for, considering the season, the drought has been of almost unexampled duration. Grumbling, it is said, is characteristic of the farming profession, if it be so, the husbandman may be pardoned, in this state of things, for giving way to it. His spirit, nevertheless, must be a little cheered by the tendency of prices, and Mr. Bright did not exaggerate the other evening in the House of Commons when he said that the value of wheat had increased to the extent of six shillings a quarter. This rise was attributed, adroitly enough, by Mr. B. to the failure of the negotiations at Vienna and the continuance of the war; but some portion of the rise is evidently due to the absence of sunshine and the want of rain. When we are learned enough to read the operations of nature, and to call the planets which surround us to account for their waywardness, these anxieties about the weather, which play so important a part in the destiny of our land, may probably cease; but in the meantime, the man of business, the philosopher, the statesman, and the patriot, may be pardoned for a commendable uneasiness on this point. A bad harvest would consummate our misery—would prove the heaviest blow which has fallen on England during the century. Let us hope that we may be spared the scourge.”