

AGRICULTURAL

SAMPLES OF CHOICE GRAIN FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF SEED.

To the Editor of the True Witness: Dear Sir,—By instruction of the Hon. Minister of Agriculture another distribution will be made this season of samples of the most productive sorts of grain to Canadian farmers for the improvement of seed.

Oats—Banner, Wide-awake, Improved Ligorvo, Waverly, Goldfinder, Abundance and Thousand Dollar. Wheat—Preston, Red Fife, Percy, Stanley, Huron, Laurel and White Fife.

Barley—Six-rowed.—Mensury, Odessa, Mansfield, Claude and Royal. Two-rowed.—Sidney, Invincible, Standwell and Canadian Thorpe.

Potatoes.—Carman No. 1, Early White Prize, Canadian Beauty, Uncle Sam, American Wonder, Bovee, Early Andes and Late Puritan.

Every farmer may apply, but only one sample can be sent to each applicant, hence if an individual receives a sample of oats he cannot also receive one of wheat, barley or potatoes, and applications for more than one sample for one household cannot be entertained.

Applications should be addressed to the Director of Experimental Farms, Ottawa, and may be sent in any time before the 1st of March, after which the lists will be closed so that all the samples asked for may be sent out in good time for sowing.

Director Experimental Farms, Ottawa, Dec. 1, 1904.

DEVELOPING MARKETS FOR BUTTER.

The Dairy Division of the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, has again this year operated a number of creameries in the Northwest Territories, so that farmers in districts adapted to dairying might be able to obtain a cash income from their cows until such time as they are able to carry on the work for themselves.

British Columbia has naturally been the chief market for Territorial butter in the past and still continues to take the bulk of the shipments. Freight rates and other expenses are so heavy that a satisfactory trade with Great Britain cannot be carried on at present, but a considerable export trade is being developed with Japan and other Oriental countries.

The Yukon butter trade is also being recovered for Canada. The total amount consumed in that territory annually is over 500,000 pounds, of

which nearly 200,000 pounds has this year been contributed by the Government creameries in the Northwest Territories. When the country was first opened several shipments of tinned butter sent up by Canadian firms were found to be very inferior in quality, and, consequently, the Canadian article got a bad name and the market was practically monopolized by the United States.

THE VALUE OF STRICT DAIRY LAWS.

There has been some opposition to our stringent legislation such as the Dairy Products Act of 1898 and the Butter Act of 1903, which forbids the manufacture and sale in Canada of adulterated dairy goods, including filled cheese and process butter.

The case has attracted almost universal attention in Great Britain, and the triumphant vindication of the purity of Canadian dairy products will prove a great advertisement of our goods.

GREEN CUT BONE.

The net cost of any food is the all important point, and frequently ignorance upon this point deters poultrymen from using foods which compared results had with and without their use, are cheaper than foods with which such poultrymen are better acquainted.

ROOT GRAFTING.

The scions for root grafting are cut in fall or winter or any time before the buds swell. The roots should be dug and stored now. Most nurserymen use only pieces of roots for each graft, but many prefer whole roots.

When a horse's shoulders tend to become sore see that the collar fits well, is kept clean, always dried at noon and never allowed to remain on the horse during meal times, says American Cultivator.

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LESSONS OF THE LAST IRISH CENSUS.

(Dublin Freeman's Journal.)

The facts and figures of the last census return, 1901, as revealed, arranged and summarized in the admirable Presidential address delivered last night by Mr. Robert E. Matheson, the very able and distinguished official who holds the office of Registrar General, at the opening meeting of the Statistical and Social Inquiry Society of Ireland, make very melancholy reading for Irishmen interested in the welfare of Ireland.

For a long time indeed, Irish emigration was openly and ostentatiously encouraged by the Government. It was contended that the country was over-populated, and that agriculture, trade and commerce would thrive, and the residue would be rich and prosperous.

In considering these figures it must be remembered that decade after decade the population has decreased, until from over nine millions fifty years ago it has fallen to less than four and a half millions, while the population of Great Britain has all the time rapidly and steadily increased.

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under twenty. The decrease is directly or indirectly accounted for by emigration, the effects of which seriously disturb the age composition of the population of Ireland as compared with that of the other divisions of the United Kingdom.

But, as has been said, the most suggestive and the most appalling figures of all are the lunacy returns. "In England and Wales the proportion of the insane per 10,000 of the population has increased from 30.89 in 1871 to 40.75 in 1901, that in Scotland the proportion per 10,000 increased from 33.97 in 1871 to 45.37 in 1901, and that in Ireland the population of the mentally deranged per 10,000 of the population rose from 30.49 in 1871 to 56.18 in 1901.

PATENT REPORT.

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Business Cards. THE Smith Bros. Granite Co.

The following was clipped from the "Granite," Boston, Mass.:

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90,326—Christen Christensen, Valleyfield, Que. Egg boiling receptacle.

The "Inventor's Adviser" is just published. Any one interested in patents or inventions should order a copy.

A good nature is always a good character. Toe the devil's line and you must march to his time.

Society Directory.

ST. PATRICK'S SOCIETY—Established March 6th, 1866 incorporated 1868, revised 1894. Meets in St. Patrick's Hall, 92 St. Alexander street, first Monday of the month.

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ST. ANN'S T. A. & B. SOCIETY, established 1868.—Rev. Director, Rev. Father McPhail; President, D. Gallery, M.P.; Sec., J. F. Quinn, 625 St. Dominique street; M. J. Ryan, treasurer, 18 St. Augustin street.

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C.M.B.A. OF CANADA, BRANCH 26.—Organized 18th November, 1878.—Branch 26 meets at St. Patrick's Hall, 92 St. Alexander St., on every Monday of each month.

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR BENEFIT ASSOCIATION GRAND COUNCIL OF QUEBEC.

Organized at Niagara Falls, N.Y., July 4, 1876. Incorporated by Special Act of the New York State Legislature, June 9, 1879.

For INFORMATION ADDRESS: P. E. EMILE BELANGER, Supreme Deputy.

Secretary, Quebec Grand Council, 55 D'AIGUILLOX STREET, QUEBEC.

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BANK OF MONTREAL

Proceedings at Seventh Annual Meeting of Shareholders

A SATISFACTORY

Past Year has been One for Dominion of Directors

The eighty-seventh annual meeting of the shareholders of the Bank of Montreal was held in the Board Room of the institution on the 5th instant.

There were present: Hon. A. Drummond, K.C.M.G., President; Sir William C. Messers, G. F. C. Smith, C. J. Fleet, K.C., George Henry Morton, R. B. Arrol, B. A. Boas, F. S. C., Angus W. Hooper, Gault, Thomas Irving, John Morrison.

On motion of Mr. R. O. George A. Drummond, Vice-President, the meeting was unanimously voted in the absence of the President, Right Hon. Lord Strath Mount Royal.

On motion of Mr. C. J. Fleet, K.C., seconded by Mr. H. C. J. Fleet, K.C., the gentlemen were appointed scrutineers: Messrs. F. K.C., and Mr. G. F. C. that Mr. James Aird be the meeting.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The report of the Directors, Shareholders, at their eighth annual meeting.

Capital Stock Rest Balance of Profits carried forward

Unclaimed Dividends Half-yearly dividends, payable, 1904

Notes of the Bank in circulation. Deposits not bearing interest. Deposits bearing interest. Balances due to other Banks

Gold and silver coin currency. Government demand notes. Deposits with Dominion Government by Parliament

general bank note circulation. Due by agencies of this Bank and other banks in Great Britain Due by agencies of this Bank and other banks in foreign countries Call and short loans in Great Britain and United States

Dominion and Provincial railways Railway and other bonds and stocks Notes and Cheques of other Banks

Bank Premises at Montreal. Current Loans and discounts and elsewhere (rebate included) and other assets Debts secured by mortgages and other securities Overdue debts not specially provided for

Bank of Montreal, Montreal, 31st Oct.

THE GENERAL MANAGER

The General Manager reports as follows:

Referring to the statement before you, the principal compared with last year's increase in the deposit balance of \$13,265,000, in the of \$9,143,000, in the current of \$8,699,000, and a decrease balance due by our own and other banks outside Canada of 114,000.

There is nothing that calls for special remark in connection with these amounts, except the case of the loans and deposits, which represent a temporary nature and will