

**Prizes.**

The following prizes will be given to any one sending in one new subscriber during this month:

Twenty-five cents worth of any of the seeds or plants advertised in this paper. For a Janesville grape-vine two subscribers must be sent, or 25 cts. additional may be sent with one name. Any time this month will answer for the grapes, strawberries or flower seeds; the wheat and oats should be in your hands by the 20th. It is not safe to sow flower seeds for out-door culture until the 3rd of June; they will be better if sown early in hot-beds or boxes, and planted out about the 10th of June. You are not safe from frost until that time.

Boys and girls, get a grape vine; you will be highly pleased to have grapes two weeks earlier than any of your neighbors, and a vine that will thrive farther north than any other.

**To Our Correspondents.**

We are obliged to hold over till our next issue some good practical essays and other communications. The great and increasing number of our agricultural correspondents is to us a flattering testimony of their estimation of the FARMER'S ADVOCATE.

It is an established rule of the press that communications should be written in ink, on one side of the paper, and bear the writer's signature. The name is required for our own information, and will not appear in any instance in which the writer prefers to remain unknown.

**The Farmers of Canada.**

The ADVOCATE is your paper, devoted exclusively to your individual interests. In its success, and in the extension of its circulation, you should feel a personal pride. A very little effort on your part will secure it a handsome club at your post-office, and in proportion as its circulation is extended, will it confer substantial benefits on you personally. See, therefore, that it is brought to the attention of your intelligent neighbors, and that they become subscribers. And when you cannot devote such attention to it as it deserves, induce your Post-master or some other competent person to attend to it.

**Short-Horns and their Prices.**

Some few weeks ago the opening sales of short-horns for this year commenced, and it may be a subject of interest to our readers to learn the results, and whether the value of the breed has maintained last year's prices when submitted to the practical test of the auctioneer's hammer.

The results of these sales, as seen below, prove that notwithstanding the very great depression in the value of property and securities in the United States, the short-horn has maintained the high prices of last year, and even in some families have increased, notably so in the cases of animals of "Bates" and "Princess" pedigree; while in the "Gwynne" family, which is an offshoot from the "Princess," but of miscellaneous sires, the prices were below those of last year.

The first day's sale was that of C. C. Parks, at Waukegan, near Chicago, where 104 cows and heifers and 17 bulls were sold for a total of \$73,755, being an average of \$605 a head all round; the prices ranging from \$2,500, for a Bates "Peri" cow, down to \$90 for a bull calf. Nine of these were bought by Canadian breeders.

The next day's sale was held at Chicago, in Dexter Park, where the herd of Elliot & Kent was sold—62 animals bringing \$34,000, an average of \$549 each. Here the highest price was for a Princess cow—sold for \$3,425; while seven other heifers, of same family, sold from \$1,900 for a yearling, to \$750 for a two months old calf!

Mr. Kissenger's herd was sold the day following, when 41 animals sold for \$24,780, being an average of \$605 each; the prize bull, Kissenger's Breast-plate, selling for \$2,000.

This ended the week, and resulted in the total sale of 227 short-horns of all ages, for \$133,985, or an average of \$591 each. This would have been much higher, but a large number of bull calves, not in very taking condition were sold, and so reduced the average price considerably.

However, taken as a whole, the business proved to be in a very healthy condition, and looking over the names of purchases one is struck with the number of new breeders who buy a cow or two for their farms, to commence with, and breed bulls for their neighbors.

**Commercial.****Crop Prospects.**

We learn from our latest reports from England, that the prospect of the winter crops is very favorable. The condition of the land at the time of sowing the fall wheat was such as the farmer most desires, and the advantage thus received has not, in any perceptible degree, been lost. Our latest reports report the weather there warm and favorable, and the good promises given of the coming crop have their usual depressing effect on the present prices of produce.

From the wheat-growing districts of the United States, we have not such favorable reports of the fall wheat as from the United Kingdom. The tone of the Western papers is discouraging. There is much anxiety for the wheat crop, especially in Michigan, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri and Kansas. The fall wheat has been winter-killed in many places; the frost, as with us, has been very severe, but not so continuous; there have been frequent rain storms, with the inevitable consequences, thawing and freezing, and winter-killing. Added to this is the lateness of the spring, retarding, and, in some instances, preventing the sowing of spring wheat. These gloomy accounts are, most probably, exaggerated, but there is doubtless ground for anxiety among the farmers of the West.

In this Canada of ours, we believe the prospects are encouraging. The fall wheat promises well so far. We have been making enquiries in many sections of the country, and, as far as we can learn, the farmers are very hopeful of good returns. There is, of course, uncertainty yet; but, with favorable weather, our prospects are good.

**Produce Markets.**

ENGLAND.—MARK LANE.—Wheat and corn, downward tendency. Imports of wheat into the United Kingdom, week ending April 21, 95,000 to 100,000 quarters.

LIVERPOOL.—Wheat and corn, downward tendency. Californian White Wheat, per cental, 9s 1d to 9s 5d; Red American Spring Wheat, per cental, 8s 7d to 9s 1d; American Western Mixed Corn, per quarter of 480 lbs., 3s 6d; Canada Peas, per quarter of 504 lbs., 4s.

NEW YORK.—Flour, dull, and in buyer's favor. Receipts, 14,000 bbls; wheat, \$1.18 to \$1.32 per bush; corn, 92c to 93c; barley, unchanged; oats, steady, 73c to 77c; butter, 15c to 17c; roll butter, 20c to 25c. Cheese, 10c to 11c. Eggs, 12c to 13c. Hay, \$12 to \$14 per ton. Wool, 30c per lb. Potatoes, per bag, \$1.20 to \$1.30. Cordwood, dry, \$3.75 to \$4.00; green, \$3.50 to \$3.75.

DETROIT.—Wheat, \$1.22 to \$1.23; corn, 75c; rye, \$1.05; barley, \$2.25 to \$2.60; Canadian, \$2.65 to \$2.75; potatoes, 60c to 90c.

MONTREAL.—Flour market quiet, and transactions limited; extra, \$4.90; strong bakers, \$4.75.

LONDON, ONT.—White Wheat, Deihl and Treadwell, per cental, \$1.60 to \$1.70; Red Winter, \$1.50 to \$1.62; Spring, \$1.50 to \$1.63. Barley, \$1.60 to \$2.00. Peas, \$1.20 to \$1.25. Oats, \$1.32 to \$1.35. Corn, \$1.10 to \$1.20. Rye, \$1.10 to \$1.20. Buck wheat, \$1.15 to \$1.25. Keg butter, 15c to 17c; roll butter, 20c to 25c. Cheese, 10c to 11c. Eggs, 12c to 13c. Hay, \$12 to \$14 per ton. Wool, 30c per lb. Potatoes, per bag, \$1.20 to \$1.30. Cordwood, dry, \$3.75 to \$4.00; green, \$3.50 to \$3.75.

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