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**Crop Prospect.**

Since our last issue the weather has been cold, in fact, we never remember having so little growth at this season.— We write this on the 20th of May. Yesterday we were on the farm; our boys were throwing straw from the remains of a straw stack, and cattle were eating it, the hay being all consumed; in this part of the country there is barely enough for the working teams, \$26 per ton having been paid by farmers in some instances, and farmers who have never purchased before have gone 20 miles in quest of it.— Cattle are thin; some have died, and there will be a scarcity of early beef this year; there is not yet a bite for cattle except in very favored situations. The fall wheat does not look as well as when the snow left it; some has been killed since, and the stooing process has not progressed as usual, on account of the continued cold.

The old meadows, we think, will cut but a light crop. The newly sown grasses have taken pretty well; the cold and damp weather has rather been favorable for them than otherwise. The cool weather has also been favorable for the working teams. The spring seeding has been well done, with some few exceptions, where the ground has been worked without giving it time to dry after the rains. We think the spring crops look promising and that the fall wheat will be about an average.

Potatoes will not be as extensively planted here as usual: the variety principally planted will be the Early Rose. The potato bugs will be thick; they are now found in numbers in the old potato ground and other favorable situations. The only way to save the potatoes from destruction will be a continual dusting of the vines with Paris Green or other poisonous ingredients. One pound of Paris Green is found to be strong enough to mix with 30 pounds of plaster, and from 60 to 100 lbs. of the mixture is found sufficient for an acre. We think the plants will require five or more dressings with the poisonous mixtures during the season. Buckwheat is recommended as being of great benefit as a protection to the potato vines, if sown in slips in the potato field or about the field. We have not tried it, but have read beneficial accounts from parties having practiced it.

WE ARE in receipt of some numbers of the *Poultry World*, which we can heartily commend to the poultry fanciers of Canada. It is well illustrated, and the articles are full of good, valuable information.— Address H. H. Stoddard, publisher *Poultry World*, Hartford, Conn. Terms, \$1 per annum.

**Agricultural Emporium.**

A preliminary meeting of the provisional directors of the Ontario Agricultural Emporium was held in the City Hall, London, on the 17th of May. It was decided to ask the readers of the *Farmers' Advocate* the following questions and request as many of them as possible to reply to the first question and any others you may see fit:—

1st.—Do you desire to take one or more shares in the Agricultural Emporium of Ontario?

2nd.—What peculiar advantages has your locality to offer for such an institution, as no decision has yet been arrived at as to what county the Emporium will be established in?

3rd.—What man in your locality would be most peculiarly fit for a director for such an institution?

4th.—How much stock do you suppose will be subscribed for in your neighborhood, and what are the names of such men as would be likely to take stock and be an advantage to the company by their membership.

Address your letters to *Farmers' Advocate*, London.

**Stock.**

Mr. Jno. Mason, of this city, has just returned from England. He brings four entire, yearling, heavy draft colts. We think his plan is a good one to import young stock; there is not so much danger or risk in bringing animals when young, as when matured.

Mr. R. Gibson, of London Township, is just about leaving for England for more stock. His last importations were much admired at the last Exhibition.

**Correction.**

In our notice of movements of live stock in May number, we ought to have said Mr. Peter Rennie, of Garafraxa, instead of Mr. Wm. Rennie, of Lyons, sold a beast for Easter at the rate of 10 cents per pound, on foot. The weight was 2500 lbs., making the neat little sum of \$250 for one animal.

WE WOULD call the attention of those wishing to procure Short Horn stock to Mr. Thomson's advertisement in another part of this paper. His previous sale gave so much satisfaction that those who purchased then will most likely purchase more there, if they require stock of that kind. We have known many sales, but few gave more general satisfaction than Mr. Thomson's. Send for his catalogue and see what he offers.

**Flax Seed, Oil Cake, &c.**

SIR,—On reading your article on Flax Seed, Oil Cake, &c., from A. F. Blenheim, it occurred to me that an extract from the *British American Cultivator*, published in 1846, would show how true the remarks then made of what Canada could produce, were:—

"The profits that might be made from flax and hemp growing, and manufacturing the fibre of these plants into the various articles required for domestic use, and also the preparation of the fibre for foreign markets, would be sufficient in a few years to place this country in a position entirely independent of other countries, as far as monetary matters are concerned. At least one million of pounds sterling might be realized annually from this single source, besides supplying our own country with upwards of one hundred thousand pounds worth of hemp and flaxen goods annually.

"Flax and Seed might be made an extensive article of export to the British Isles, for the purpose of crushing into oil and for sowing. The manufacture of Linseed oil might be made a considerable item of profit to this country, but probably it would pay better for sowing, so soon as the superior quality of our seed becomes generally known in the British markets. The more we have become acquainted with the flax and hemp crop, the better have we become convinced of its profitability and general adaptation to this country. We have no idea of urging the farmers to engage in this business, but we shall set an example, which, if they follow, they will never have reason to regret.—*B. A. Cultivator*, Aug. 1846.

Light lands are not remunerative for flax, but on rather heavy soils and reclaimed swamp, it is profitable if hands can be got to work it at the proper season. I tried it on an acre of drained willow swamp, and took the prize for it at the County Show. T. B., Stratheden.

Mr. Barnum, the noted showman, intends sending his monster exhibition to the principal towns and cities in Canada in the month of July. This, we believe, will be the largest and best menagerie and exhibition of curiosities that has ever been in Canada. Let the children see the procession at least—the old folks need not be too fastidious. We know from experience that we like to see a good display, despite our age and old-time notions.

Useful industry does not so much consist in being continually busy, as in doing promptly those things which are of the first importance, and which, will eventually prove most profitable.