

## Education.

The farmers of Canada have now twenty-nine million dollars in the various moneyed institutions in Canada. A very large proportion of this is owned by persons who have saved it at the expense of their families, who have been kept toiling instead of fitting themselves to take the positions they ought to hold, that is, to be the legislators of the land. How few of our farmers' sons are prepared for these positions! Surely it must redound more to the disgrace rather than to the honor of many who see their families in ignorance, instead of giving them knowledge, while having the means to do so laying in some bank unused. We would advise some that we know can well afford it to read the advertisements in this paper. The educational colleges of this city have a wide-spread reputation. We by all means advise you to send your boys and girls to the best schools you can afford to; it is all nonsense—the poor excuse we know many wealthy farmers will make: "Yes, it is very good to have education, but our school is good enough;" they cannot afford to send John or Mary to a better one. At the same time they are hoarding property every year.

## To Correspondents.

We regret that the contribution from Mr. Messenger was received only after our paper had gone to press. Other contributions also had to be deferred from the same cause till our next issue. We should have all communications not later than the 20th of the month.

**GARDENING FOR PLEASURE.**—Many of our readers no doubt already have the works on gardening, written by the senior member of the firm of Peter Henderson & Co., seedsmen and florists, 35 Cortlandt Street, New York. We are glad to see that Mr. Henderson has just written a new book, expressly to meet the wants of the novice in gardening, and which he calls "Gardening for Pleasure." It is written so plain that any one, however ignorant in gardening matters, will have no difficulty in putting its teachings into successful practice. This book, as well as his former ones, is offered by Peter Henderson & Co., in their advertisement in another column.

Mr. James Vick's Seed Catalogue for 1876 is on our table. The illustrations are nearly all new, and the catalogue is very handsomely got up. If you wish to keep posted on the choicest flowers, send 25 cts. to Rochester and get it.

**SHORTHORN SALE.**—The attention of our readers is called to the sale of valuable shorthorns by E. Jeff, Bond Head, on the 13th January, 1876.

Attention is called to the advertisement of E. Moody & Sons, Lockport. This house is one of the oldest and largest in the Nursery trade in the United States.

A DOUBLE white camelia, six feet high, and same width, brought \$80 at a recent sale of plants in England.

A DETROIT newspaper is responsible for the statement that the Michigan farmers owe the merchants \$5,000,000.

EIGHTY-FIVE cows and calves died recently at Morristown, N. J., from disease caused by eating the half-decayed aftermath on the overflowed meadows.

THE purchase of a tract of 42 square miles from the Kansas Pacific Railway, to be settled by English and Scotch farmers, has just been effected.

A KANSAS man, during the "locust visitation," corralled about 160 acres of the festive grasshoppers, and has been shipping sardines to the east ever since.

At a recent sale at Monticello, Ill., an imported Percheron stallion was sold at \$1,525, an imported Norman for \$1,600 and an imported Belgian for \$1,525.

THE starch factory at Washburn, Maine, has had a successful run. That at Presque Isle closed recently. The factory at North Fairfield has grated 40,000 bushels of potatoes.

## Stock Sales.

John Snell's Sons, Edmonton, Ont., sold on Nov. 30th, to N. H. Gentry, Sedilia, Missouri, three imported Berkshires, boar and two sows, for \$1,600, viz.: Lord Liverpool, \$700; Royal Duchess, \$400, and Sovereign Lady, \$500. Messrs. Snell report the demand for Berkshires (good ones) greater than they ever knew it, and at higher average prices than ever before.

Among their recent sales to parties in Canada are the following:—To Amos Cutler, Lobo, one Berkshire sow by Lord Liverpool, in farrow to British Sovereign. Laing Bros., Owen Sound, two sow pigs and one boar. Rev. W. Stewart, Darling, boar and sow. Andrew Caldwell, Jarvis, boar and sow. A. Burpee, Sheffield, N. B., one boar. Wm. Spence, St. Mary's, boar pig and ram lamb. A. Kains, Byron, two sow pigs and one boar. M. B. McIntyre, Renfrew, boar and sow, and two Cotswold ewe lambs. George Solton, Paisley, one boar pig. Thomas Weaver, Paisley, six Cotswold ewes. Wm. Binions, Matilda, one boar pig. Dennis Hawkens, Sepoy, one boar pig. Ontario School of Agriculture, Guelph, 10 Cotswold ewes, one imported ram, one ram lamb. George Wilson, Toronto Tp., one ram lamb. R. D. Foley, Bowmanville, one Berkshire sow. James Gardhouse, Etobicoke, one ram lamb. H. Snell, Clinton, two ram lambs. B. Snell, Willscroft, one ram lamb. Thos. Duff, Bradford, one ram lamb. B. Watson, Edmonton, one ram lamb. Samuel Ferguson, Brampton, one ram lamb. Donald Fraser, Ernestown, one ram lamb. A. Ferroll, St. Bernard, Quebec, one shearing ram. Wm. Ward, Chiquacousy, one ram lamb. Wm. Wilson, Ashgrove, one ram lamb. Wm. Murray, Chesterfield, one boar pig.

## The Joint Sale at Toronto.

The sale in Toronto on the 3rd was very successful, as the following figures will show:

## J. R. CRAIG'S SALE.

## COWS AND HEIFERS.

Kirklevington Duchess 18th, M. H. Cochrane, Compton, Can., \$4,000.  
Kirklevington Duchess 8th, F. J. Barbee, Paris, Ky., \$2,520.  
Duchess of Raby, S. Beattie, Toronto, \$3,050.  
Peri of Malvern, W. E. Simms, Paris, Ky., \$1,425.  
Grace 4th, S. K. Streater, Cleveland, Ohio, \$3,300 (Resold to J. R. Craig for \$3,450).  
Rose of Cambridge, W. E. Simms, \$2,350.  
Duchess of Huron, J. V. Griggsby, Winchester, Ky., \$2,000.  
Duchess of Cambridge, A. L. Stebbins, Port Huron, Mich., \$2,750.  
11th, Duchess of Springwood, J. Snell's Sons, Edmonton, Ont., \$2,000.  
5th, Duchess of Springwood, Hon. Geo. Brown, Bow Park, Ont., \$2,050.  
12th, Duchess of Springwood, W. E. Simms, \$2,210.  
13th, Duchess of Springwood, T. L. McKeen, Easton, Pa., \$1,600.  
Careless 8th, M. H. Cochrane, \$2,400.  
Duenna 8th, M. H. Cochrane, \$575.  
Cambridge Queen 5th, same, \$500.  
Moselle, J. Snell's Sons, \$1,225.  
Ruby Duchess, J. V. Griggsby, \$1,975.  
Oxford's Princess of Athelstane, Hon. Geo. Brown, \$300.  
Lady Blanche 3rd, J. Snell's Sons, \$475.  
Lady Seraphina 6th, same, \$1,300.  
Seraphina Duchess, W. M. Miller, Preckering, Ont., \$950.  
Sanspareil 11th, Hon. Geo. Brown, \$625.  
Seraphina 1st, F. W. Stone, Guelph, Ont., \$500.  
Seraphina 3rd, W. S. Slater, Webster, Mass., \$400.  
Seraphina 6th, C. S. Smith, Acton, Ont., \$485.  
Lady Le Moore and b. c., W. S. Slater, \$700.  
Sensation, C. S. Smith, \$300.  
Isabel 2nd, Col. D'A. Bolton, Cobourg, Ont., \$230.  
Isabel 3rd, M. H. Cochrane, \$305.  
Isabel 5th, J. Pipe, Guelph, Ont., \$150.  
Beauty, J. Snell's Sons, \$160.  
Maid of the Lea, same, \$440.  
Young Rosalie, J. Pipe, \$100.  
Belle of King, J. Snell's Sons, \$205.  
Nettie, M. W. Terrill, Middlefield, Conn., \$130.  
Geneva's Rose, H. Meredith, Cambridge City, Ind., \$275.  
Minerva, F. J. Barbee, \$190.  
Isabel 4th, Hon. Geo. Brown, \$130.  
Hattie Hoyt, J. Guardhouse, Highfield, Ont., \$145.

## BULLS.

17th Duke of Airdrie, A. McClintock, Millersburg, Ky., \$4,500.  
2nd Geneva Lad, N. G. Pond, Millford, Conn., \$480.  
Knightly Duke, H. G. Leuty, Britannia, Ont., \$1,000.  
The Squire, A. Elliott, Galt, Ont., \$110.  
Lord Lorne, W. Williams, Burlington, Vt., \$250.

## SUMMARY.

39 cows and heifers, av. \$1,170.00—Total, \$45,065.  
5 bulls, av. \$1,268.00—Total, \$6,340.  
44 head, av. \$1,181.92—Total, \$52,905.

## COL. J. B. TAYLOR'S SALE.

## COWS AND HEIFERS.

Peri Oxford, T. L. McKeen, Easton, Pa., \$1,700.  
Bonny Red Rose 2nd, T. L. Harrison, Morley, N. Y., \$1,150.

Rosa Sharon 1st, Hon. Geo. Brown, Low Park, Ont., \$450.  
Rosa Sharon 3rd, same, \$350.  
Rosa Sharon 4th, same, \$310.  
Tuberosa 12th, A. M. Winslow's Sons, Putney, Vt., \$1,000.  
Lady Barrington 2nd, B. B. Groom, Winchester, Ky., \$925.  
Lady Barrington 3rd, Hon. Geo. Brown, \$500.

## SUMMARY.

8 females, av. \$708.12—Total, \$6,385.

## MR. B. SUMNER'S SALE.

## COWS AND HEIFERS.

Grace Sharon, A. McClintock \$2,000.  
Alice Maud 3rd, Hon. Geo. Brown, \$250.  
Nelly Gwynne, W. S. Slater, \$750.  
Oxford Gwynne 3rd, same, \$700.  
Madora 14th, same, \$1,000.  
Constance of Lyndale 3rd, N. G. Pond, \$1,500.  
Constance 7th, F. J. Barbee, \$1,600.  
Lady Franklin, Col. D'A. Bolton, \$200.  
Miss Cambridge, Hon. Geo. Brown, \$300.  
Oxford Lass 8th, D. E. Hulton, Portageville, Mich., \$370.  
Sunrise, M. W. Terrill, \$1,400.  
Goldendrop 11, S. W. Jacobs, West Liberty, Iowa, \$1,100.  
Fulvia, M. W. Terrill, \$100.  
Onaida Rose, B. B. Groom, \$3,700.  
Vanda, M. W. Terrill, \$150.

## BULL.

Baron Hubback 2nd, M. W. Terrill, \$2,500.

## SUMMARY.

15 cows and heifers, av. \$1,108.00—Total, \$16,620.  
1 bull, \$2,500.  
16 head, av. \$1,195.00—Total, \$19,120.

At the second day's sale several cattle were sold at prices ranging from \$600 down to the low figure of \$25. The sheep brought \$45 per pair.

At the sale of horses we noticed the following prices:—Prince of the West, a pure Clydesdale stallion \$2,450; North Lincoln, imp. stallion, \$1,300; Luicks-all, imp. Cleveland stallion, \$1,775; Donside Champion, Clydesdale stallion, \$1,750.

## Commercial.

## The Speculative Situation of Wheat.

In breadstuffs, as well as in banking and railway stocks, there is active speculation. Money, in a great measure, controls the markets and prices, and this season its power has been widely felt. It was well known that the quantity of No. 1 wheat was not great, and that soft and damp samples would be in unusually large proportion. To profit by this condition of the produce, a combined effort has been made by wealthy grain merchants to control the stock of prime spring wheat in America. They expected that there would be an unusually strong demand for prime samples, from the comparatively large quantities of inferior and, in many instances, damaged grain. All the prime wheat offering was bought up rapidly by the speculators, sometimes at prices not warranted by prices in the English markets. The speculators have, as yet, been disappointed of obtaining the expected high prices. Second class wheat has been bought by consumers and converted into flour, without mixing with the higher grade. The difference in price between prime and second was so great that millers would not pay it, and hence speculators have their full purchases in hand. There has been, so far, no activity in the grain markets, and the large stocks in the several grain centres and shipping ports precludes the expectation of any advance in prices for some time.

The stock of wheat in the country is unprecedentedly large. On the first of December there were in New York and Brooklyn stores and harbors, canals and rivers, 8,500,000 bushels. In Buffalo, Milwaukee and Chicago, there were over 6,000,000 bushels, very much of it below the grade of No. 2. At the same date there were in Liverpool 800,950 quarters of wheat. In London the comparative stock of wheat on the 1st of Dec. was 596,950 bushels, in 1875, to 162,192 bushels in 1874.

With such large stocks available, we can see no prospect of an early advance in prices. The holders of prime wheat may hold on to their stocks, but the consumption of inferior grades continues, and of the receipts of these there is no diminution in the markets. As was to be expected under the circumstances, there has not been a decided advance in prices.

The prices of wheat are, however, as low as they are likely to be this season. The effect of the growing crop upon prices is very great, and the prospect for the English crop of wheat of 1875 is not very good. The weather at the time of sowing the fall crop was unfavorable. There was a continued fall of rain, so that the area sown was much restricted, and of that sown much was got in when the land was in bad condition, and some of the seed perished in the ground.

Liverpool, Dec. 22.—Flour, 25s 6d; Wheat (Red) 10s; Red Winter, 10s 3d; White, 11s; Corn, 33s; Peas, 41s; Pork, 87s; Cheese, 54s.

Toronto Markets.—White Wheat, per bushel, 95c to \$1.02; Spring Wheat, 95c; Barley, 65c to 83c; Oats, 35c; Peas, 70c; Hay, per ton, \$14 to \$17; Butter, rolls, 20c to 24c per lb; Keg or Crock, 17c to 20c.

New York.—Wheat dull and unchanged; \$1.09 to \$1.50 per bushel; Barley, 85c; Corn, 68c to 74c; Oats, 45c to 52c.  
London, Ont.—Wheat, \$1.45 to \$1.60 per cwt; Barley, \$1.10 to \$1.50; Peas, \$1.17 to \$1.20; Corn, \$1.10 to \$1.20; Oats, 88c to 90c; Rye, \$1.05 to \$1.10; Hay, \$12 to \$14 per ton.



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