

provision of roots, such as mangold wurtzel, ruta laga, carrots, &c. He affirms that by proper cultivation, from 30 to 40 tons of carrots may be produced per acre on suitable soil. Our land is generally of excellent quality, and when properly treated returns good crops. The flour and the beef of Canada should be equal to any in North America, and if it be not so, it is the fault of our farmers. As we stated in our last number the markets of France are thrown open to us, and those of continental Europe will in all probability be thrown open likewise. With good lands, and good markets, and every facility for transporting produce, we need only energy, enterprise, and improved agriculture, to develop the boundless resources of our country. Let our farmers bethink them of all this betimes, and set themselves to improve their agriculture, as every other nation of the civilized world is doing. "Aide toi et le Ciel t'aidera."

NEW YORK STATE FAIR.

The month of October was celebrated for the number of Agricultural Shows. The Agricultural Exhibition for the State of N. Y. was opened at Elmira on the 2nd Oct., and continued for four days. It was visited by nearly 50,000 persons, special trains being organized at reduced fares from most of the adjacent States, and from the Canadas. The display of stock was good, but by no means large. Governor Bigler, of Pennsylvania, and Governor Wright, of Indiana, and several other eminent persons delivered addresses. The fair was closed by a Ball and Banquet, and as a somewhat unusual feature, the day following the termination of the fair, was held as a gala day, and prizes were offered to ladies for racing on horseback, and for driving in light buggies. This portion of the entertainment was got up by parties who had horses to exhibit and sell, and the first prizes in riding and driving, were respectively awarded to Miss Conover, of Onondaga, and Miss Desmarest, of Chemung. A little girl, 8 years of age, attracted much attention by the skill and courage with which she rode and managed a spirited horse. The fair was successful beyond expectation.

CONNECTICUT STATE FAIR.

This fair was held the second week in October. Five hundred horses were exhibited, and the show of cattle and working oxen was very large as well as fine. More than 30,000 people were present on the second day, but on the third day a severe storm occurred, which made the attendance very small. Agricultural Shows are fast growing in popular favor in the States, but there is also a strong feeling that it is unwise to postpone them so late in the season. If possible they ought to be fixed before the usual appearance

of the autumnal equinox, but farmers prefer a late period to avoid their interfering with farm operations.

UNITED STATES AGRICULTURAL FAIR.

This agricultural fair was held at Boston on the 23rd, 24th, 25th, and 26th October. Fifty acres of land, within the precincts of the city, and abutting on Harrison Avenue, with a soft marshy soil, were selected and covered with thousands of loads of gravel from the adjacent heights of Dorchester and Roxbury, the land was then levelled and rolled. A half mile course of elliptical form was stacked out for racing. Near the centre, the Architect of the Society had constructed a beautiful and finely proportioned entrance arch, flanked by two lofty towers fifty feet in height. Within the entrance, and near its centre was another ornamental tower about 30 feet in height, erected to serve the purpose of a Judges Stand. Buildings were also raised for the accommodation of the various Committees, and immense stables, stalls, and pens, for the reception of horses, cattle, pigs, and sheep. Ten thousand dollars were appropriated, to be presented in premiums, besides a considerable amount to be given in discretionary premiums for cases of rare excellence; the entries on the 23rd amounted to 450 horses, 400 head of neat stock, 400 swine, and 200 sheep, and considerable additions were hourly arriving. Immense numbers of strangers had arrived in town, and the exhibition opened on the 23rd with a great Equestrian Procession, and terminated on the 26th with some fine races. On the 24th there was a severe storm from the north-east with heavy rains, which re-converted the grounds into a dreary swamp, but on the 25th the weather was fine, and during the day no less than 50,000 persons visited the exhibition grounds. Altogether the Exhibition at Boston was a great success.

We beg to call the reader's attention to an advertisement of Mr. Wm. Evans, junior, which appears in another column. It will be seen, that he purposes opening immediately an Agricultural Implement Warehouse and Seed Store, in the Large Hall over St. Ann's Market. We have no doubt, but that Agriculturists will be glad of the opportunity thus afforded them of examining the great variety of Implements which will be on show, and furnishing themselves with such as may be requisite for the supply of their several necessities. The Board of Agriculture for Lower Canada have extended their patronage to this branch of Mr. Evans' business—the other branch consists in the sale of Seeds—Agricultural as well as Garden. From his long practical acquaintance with the business in which he is about to engage, we have no doubt, but the advertiser will give every satisfaction to the public.

REVIEW OF BOOKS.

THE ILLUSTRATED ANNUAL REGISTER OF RURAL AFFAIRS AND CULTIVATOR'S ALMANAC for the Year 1856. By J. G. Thomas. Price 1s 3d. Albany: Luther Tucker. Montreal: Hew Ramsay.

This is beyond all question one of the most valuable Registers and Almanacs extant. It contains practical suggestions of the highest value, embellished with one hundred and fifty engravings of farm buildings, implements, animals, fruits, and flowers. No farmer should be without the entire series, which will be found alike valuable for instruction and amusement. The price is low, and the arrangement and illustrations excellent. We commend the work most earnestly to the attention of the farmers of Lower Canada. We should think a French translation would be highly acceptable, if any enterprising publisher would undertake to produce it.

THE HORTICULTURIST AND JOURNAL OF RURAL WIT AND RURAL TASTE. Smith: Philadelphia.

An octavo monthly Magazine of rare merit, devoted to American Horticulture, and conducted with great taste and judgment. America is justly proud of her horticulture, and the main object of the work is to impart knowledge and encourage taste in this pleasing pursuit. The work is profusely illustrated with appropriate engravings.

THE WOOL GROWER AND STOCK REGISTER. D. D. T. Moore, Rochester, N. Y.

A monthly journal devoted to the interests of that large portion of the community who are engaged in wool growing and stock husbandry. The work is extremely valuable to the owner or breeder of sheep, cattle, horses, swine or poultry, and deserves an extended circulation.

THE NEW ENGLAND FARMER for Nov., 1855. Joel Nowise, Boston, Mass.

A monthly agricultural journal of the farm and garden, edited by Simon Brown, and enjoying a very high reputation in the Eastern States of the Union. It is printed in a bold type, on excellent paper, with numerous illustrations, and is published at a dollar a year.

THE YEAR BOOK OF AGRICULTURE FOR 1855-1856, by David A. Wells, A. M. Philadelphia: Childs & Peterson. Montreal: H. Ramsay. Price 7s 6d.

This is a most valuable repository of agricultural information, and will meet, we hope and trust, with such an amount of public patronage as to warrant the Editor in continuing his work in future years. The Year Book