

one line instead of the old fashioned method. He electrified the teachers and every one else. He is traveling round giving lessons, under the patronage of the various Commercial Colleges. His charge was \$1 for a course of three lessons.

We have sometimes attended the Young Men's Christian Association. They have established a free reading-room. We would like to see their power greatly increased. Young men if you join any Society, we would advise you to give it your first choice.

The Sunday School Convention lately holden here was also visited by us. Different things were discussed affecting the management of children, and among others it was considered that prizes of any kind given in any way were injurious.

We also attended the annual meeting of members of the Agricultural Mutual Insurance Association of Canada. Its prosperity surpasses anything of the kind ever before established in Canada. Fuller particulars will be given in our next.

Our remarks about Moore's Rural New-Yorker, were inadvertently omitted in noticing exchanges in previous issues. It was not received last year, but now comes regularly. It is a paper well adapted for a family, highly interesting and amusing, to say nothing of agricultural information contained in it. The youth's department alone is worth double its price to a family, as it is the best conducted of any paper we know of. That department of a paper we look upon as the most important. Our youth, in a few years, are to take control of everything, and the papers of a country have a very great tendency in elevating or debasing the young mind, and editors generally should give more attention to the young.

The Emporium business has been rapidly increasing during the past month. Many deliveries of grain have been made, double the amount of any previous month. More subscribers have also been added to our list than ever before in such a short time. The stock on the farm is also progressing favorably. We have not added much to machinery or implements this month, however the smallest things are sometimes of interest. We have procured one of the patent clothes wires, which are a great convenience for the ladies. Their superiority consists in not breaking, soiling the finest cambric, or

requiring to be taken down, and the clothes not freezing to them.

Our grain from Kentucky, Pennsylvania and England have not yet arrived, but will soon be here. We are receiving enquiries about supplying seed by the car load. Our business is such that we will not give our name to supplying the common mixed samples to be found. The best we cannot procure sufficient of to supply our own subscribers, even at two bushels each. Let our friends be prepared to supply us next year.

QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

We publish our reply to the following letter, as it may afford matter of interest to many of our readers :

REID'S FARM, PORTAGE DE FORT,
January 24th, 1868.

WM. WELD, Esq.—Dear Sir,—Have the goodness to forward me a copy of your paper for one year. I shall be glad if you can let me know the best sorts of seeds for this part of the country?

Spring Wheat,.....	50	acre field.
Oats,.....	50	"
Barley,.....	15	"
Peas,.....	15	"
Turnips,.....	2	"
Grasses.....	20	"

Also the prices and an estimate of costs delivered at Sand Point? Enclosed is stamp for reply.

Yours truly,
W. R.

There is no part of Canada that we know of, where it would be judicious to sow Spring wheat to the extent you speak of unless you have a variety that you know yields well in your section. It is not judicious to take any new variety from any other part of the country, and depend upon it as a main crop. New varieties should be constantly introduced to the different sections of the country in small quantities, say one or two acres, or less, but not more. When they are found to answer well then one is safe in ordering largely, and not till then. As to variety of wheat the Chilian has yielded the most per acre the past year, and withstands the attacks of the midge, better than any other variety we know of, but the quality of flour from it is inferior, and it is never destined to command a high price for milling. The Rio Grande is a better wheat but does not yield so heavily, and we consider it the second best to sow to resist the midge. The Golden Drop has yielded well in the North, and is a good wheat, but in sections where the midge is we would not recommend it. If you have no midge in your section you might try it. The Rio Grande is not scarce, but we have not been able to pro-

cure a bushel that we would sell for seed, on account of careless cultivation. Every sample we have seen has been foul, others may sell it but we want a good article or none. We raised none of it ourselves last year. Our prices are published, and we shall do our best to satisfy our subscribers.

Our Crown Peas we can safely recommend to good farmers that have their land in good heart. They will yield more than the common pea and some say double. They are good milling peas, but careless slovenly farmers, that have run their land out, had better leave them alone.

Our black oats are an excellent variety. We shall call them the Westwell oat, as we cannot find a proper name for them, or have not as yet. We believe we first introduced them to this County. We are as yet confining ourselves to the grain, the small seeds we may speak of in our paper as soon as we are prepared to deal in them.

We can supply you with some good barley at

We would recommend you to sow peas in preference to such a quantity of wheat. They pay better here than the wheat. You should sow more grass seed, and more root crops. You should raise a much larger root crop. In some of the best farming sections in Canada, 12 acres out of a hundred are devoted to roots. We are raising more carrots and Mangol Wortzels than turnips. They are much surer and not affected by the fly, neither does drouth affect them so much when coming up.

We have always found that Stock has paid us better than grain crops, and we do not calculate to raise a grain on our farm unless to be sold as seed. We raise feed for our stock. Good pea straw is better than inferior hay.

We know not the extent of your farm, nor your plans, but we think you would find it more profitable to cultivate your farm with the view of selling wool, mutton, beef, cheese and horses, than to depend on oats and wheat to sell.

Freight in bags from London to Montreal per G. T. R. R. 35c; to Brockville, 41c; Toronto, 20c; Portland 50c.

Bags 27c or 45c each.

COMMENDATORY.

During the past month we have received a large number of letters, speaking in the highest terms of the "Farmer's Advocate." Want of space prevents us from giving them to our readers. We simply make an extract from a letter from J. H. Martindale, Port Dalhousie, a person entirely unknown to us:

"I have read the previous numbers sent, and judging from them, I must say, that I look upon it as the best and most spirited agricultural paper in our New Dominion."