

EARLY ROSE POTATOES GIVEN AWAY.

One package of four ounces sent free, per mail, to every new subscriber that sends in \$1 during this month, for the "Farmer's Advocate," for 1870, and the remainder of this year's numbers sent free. In clubs of four at \$1 each, we will send one peck per rail or express to the getter up of the club.

Remember from one of our four ounce packages last year forty one pounds were raised. The Harrison may be sent in the place of the Early Rose, and in double quantities except when sent per mail. They are the most productive potato we have ever seen. Send your orders at once and be ready for spring planting.

TAKING AGRICULTURAL PAPERS.

Why is it that so many who follow the noble and useful pursuit of farming, are so adverse to studying the experience and practice of our best farmers, as published in our agricultural periodicals? When you urge the claims of our journals, and ask them to subscribe and thus help to sustain papers devoted to their interests, they will tell you that they cannot afford it, while at the same time they take one or more simple trashy story papers, which are poisoning and ruining the minds of their children; or perhaps they will tell you that they have not time to read, while at the same time they can, many of them, find time by the hour to sit at the store or bar-room and jabber on politics. I often think that it would be far better for them to be at home with their families.

Others again will tell you that they want none of your book-farming—that it is all a humbug, and that they know as much about farming as those who write for the papers. On, profound wisdom! I cannot help thinking that, if they are really past learning, they are fit subjects for translation to some higher sphere. For my part, I expect to study and try to profit by the experience of my brother farmers, as found in our papers: and I desire no greater treat than, after the labors of the day are over, to take an agricultural paper and read its valuable pages at home with my family. Now, brother farmers, let us sustain our papers, and let me also urge each one to contribute to its pages something of his experience on his farm, to prove all things and hold fast that is good.

SEED GRAIN.

The prosperity of our Dominion must depend on our productions of the soil. Grain is our main staple export. Too little attention has been paid to the dissemination of good varieties of seed, a change of seed is even of greater importance than in Europe, as our climate tends to refine the quality of grain for a time, and in a few years it ceases to yield a good return, showing a change to be necessary. There has been no establishment in Canada where proper tests have been made of different kinds, and no place where a person could reliably procure a change. In many countries the same kinds of wheat are known under different names. Our country has lost more from the lack of proper seeds and proper information about

them than the Intercolonial Railway will cost. In looking over the list of \$12,000 of prizes, we only see \$36 awarded for fall wheat, excepting the Canada Company's prize, and the two others that it has caused to be offered. These prizes have, we believe, been invariably, for years past, awarded to the Soules Wheat, which is undoubtedly one of our finest wheats, but most liable to the attacks of the midge, and the encouragement and discrimination of that variety has caused more loss to our country than any other variety known. The whole of the \$36 remaining must be awarded to red or white wheats. The amber wheats, which we believe to be the most valuable, cannot take a prize.

In the spring wheat department there is advertised \$64 to be given away as prizes; one-fourth is to be awarded for a Midge Proof variety. We know not how it can be given, as we have tested all varieties we could procure and can safely offer \$100 for one ounce of Midge Proof Spring Wheat, for we have not yet found it.

The second quarter of the money has to be awarded to the Fife Wheat; there is no kind of Spring Wheat we know of that has suffered more from the attacks of the midge. We think, for the advantage of the country, that some alteration should be made by the managers of the Agricultural Affairs of this Dominion, in regard to the encouragement of testing new varieties and giving reports of them, as they must tend to the general good.

WHO ARE THEY.

There are some people in Canada that would try to complain about the inefficiency of the tests that have been made for the Agricultural Emporium, and of its management, &c., &c., &c. At the same time they may never have purchased a single grain nor any animal, perhaps not even paid the subscription to the Farmers' Advocate, and at the same time they may be in receipt of salaries or expending public money for which the country is taxed for the express purpose of advancing the Agricultural prosperity of the Dominion. We know of no person that comes under this clause that keeps the Farmers' Advocate paid for in advance.

We have now made arrangements with Mr. G. Roach of the County of Wentworth, to supply our customers with his celebrated stock of Essex and Improved Berkshire Hogs. Mr. Erskine Irvine, the celebrated breeder of South Down sheep, has also made arrangements with us, and his flock will be at our disposal, at least such as he will sell.

NOTICE—Our heavy seed business for this fall is closed; only small quantities to test will now be supplied in 25c. packages. Call at the Water-room on Richmond Street and see samples.

FALL SHOWS TO COME.

- Euphemia and Dawn, at Florence, on Thursday, October 14th.
- Bothwell at Thamesville, on Wednesday, Oct. 6.
- Raleigh, in the Town Hall, Middle Road, on Thursday, Oct. 7.
- South Perth, at St. Mary's, on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 5 and 6.
- North Perth, at Stratford, on Thursday and Friday, October 7 and 8.

West Williams, at Parkhill, on Friday, Oct. 8.
 Harwich, at the Bridge End, Wednesday, Oct. 13.
 Orford, at Duart, on Friday, October 8.
 Lambton, at Sarnia, on Wednesday and Thursday, October 6 and 7.

West Middlesex Agl. Exhibition at Strathroy, on Wednesday, 6th of Oct. Entries to be made on or before the 5th.

North Middlesex, at Ailsa Craig, 12th and 13th.

The East Riding of York and Markham Agricultural Societies Fall Fair will be held on the Agricultural grounds, Markham, on Wednesday and Thursday, the 6th and 7th of October. Upwards of \$2,000 in prizes will be awarded.

Elma and Wallace show will be held at Lis-towel on the 5th October.

The Raleigh township show will be held at the Town Hall on the 5th October.

The Tilbury East fall show will be held at Valetta on the 12th October.

Chatham township show will be held at Wallaceburg on the 14th October.

The Nichol show will be held at Fergus on the 5th October.

The Zona fall show takes place at Bothwell, on the 15th of October.

The fall show of Eramosa, will be held at the Centre Inn on the 30th inst.

The annual exhibition of the Pakenham Branch Agricultural Society takes place on Wednesday the 27th inst., at the drill shed in Pakenham village.

The annual Agricultural exhibition of Sophiasburg, will be held in Demorestville, on the 2nd October; the Hillier and Hallowell (united) exhibition will be held in Wellington on the 5th of October, and the Ameliasburg exhibition will be held at Robin's Mills on the 15th of October.

The County of Kent Agricultural Society will hold its annual exhibition at Chatham on Thursday, the 7th of October next. The prize list contains an extra prize of ten dollars, "for the best new mechanical invention applicable to agricultural purposes."

The Whitby and East Whitby Townships Agricultural Exhibitions will be held at Oshawa on the 7th of October. North Ontario county fair at the village of Uxbridge on the 5th and 6th of Oct. Reach and Scugog townships fair at Prince Albert on the 28th of September. Pickering township fair at Brougham on the 12th and 13th of October.

The fall show for the riding of South Grenville, will be held on the 29th instant at Prescott.

Markham, on October 6th and 7th; over \$2,600 in prizes.

The McGillivray Fall Show will be held at Mack's Hotel, Oct. 9th.

Application is made to us for China Wheat, and any person having a good, clean samplet would do well to send us a sample and state price.

What rural amusement does a nigger afford his brethren at his death?—Going a black-berrying—(burying.)

When may a man be said to have a fishy origin?—When his father was a good old sole, and his mother a little common (plaide)

LONG CORN.—The Decatur Magnet says:—Mr. Joseph Long recently brought to their office a half a dozen stalks of corn of the California yellow variety, which were fourteen feet in height. It was a specimen of a thousand acres now growing on his farm in Friends' Creek Township, this county. He also brought a couple of ears of sod corn planted in raw prairie the past spring. It was of the Potomac yellow variety, and measured fourteen inches in length.