

FARM AND GARDEN NOTES.

REPELLING YASMIN.—On the authority of Fick's Monthly it is said that pennyroyal distributed in places frequented by roaches will drive them away...

CARBOLIC ACID.—A bottle of carbolic acid should be kept in every farm house, not merely as a disinfectant, but as a wash for wounds and sores.

JUDGING A HORSE.—In judging a horse he should always be made to stand still. Defects in the limbs or feet that are plainly seen by his care to rest work on diseased muscles when standing.

MULCHING CANS BEANS.—The easiest and for farmers much the best way of keeping cane beans clean is to thoroughly mulch them. This is especially true of blackberries, whose heavy thorns make cultivation difficult.

UTILIZING OLD BONES.—A good way to dispose of bones is to take some vessel that will hold water—an old potatoe kettle is a good thing for the purpose or a hoghead, barrel, or anything of the kind—set it out in the weather, with the top open; put in a layer of bones, then a layer of good unleached ashes; fill up in this way; let it stand one year, and the mass is ready for use.

WASHES FOR FRUIT TREES.—Whitewashing fruit trees is not a desirable practice. It is no advantage to trees, and is unightly and disagreeable. The only wash necessary is one made of strong soft soap to be applied the first of June and September for the purpose of destroying the borer, and one made of soft soap and quick lime if the tree is attacked by bark lice.

Ontario Crop Returns.

Below is a summary of the August Report of the Bureau on the Wheat Crop of the Province, based on information supplied by five hundred correspondents; also Tables of the area and produce of this year and last year's crops.

BUREAU OF INDUSTRIES, TORONTO, August 11th, 1883. The reports of the wheat crop of the Province, made to the Bureau on the 1st of August, are not wholly satisfactory. They show that as regards both quantity and quality much of it is inferior to last year's crop.

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AFTERNOON STOCK SALES.—Montreal market closes steady. Sales of 75 Montreal 188; 10 Molsons' 126; 150 Commerce 132; 25 Richelieu 783; 100 St Paul & Manitoba 1093; 125 Gas 179; 50 do 179.

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Table with columns: County, Acres, Bush, Acres, Bush, Old wheat. Lists various counties like Essex, Kent, Norfolk, etc., with their respective wheat statistics.

Finance and Commerce

FINANCIAL.

THE MONEY MARKET KEEPS VERY QUIET. CALL LOANS FOR STOCK PURPOSES WERE SECURED AT 5 PER CENT, AND THE RATES OF DISCOUNT TO MERCHANTS WERE 6 1/2 AND 7.

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WEEKLY REVIEW—WHOLESALE MARKETS.

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IRON AND HARDWARE.—Since our last, the changes that have occurred in the metal markets are neither many nor very marked. A good firm tone pervades most branches of the trade that shows itself in expressions of cheerfulness, with a fair amount of business accomplished.

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THE COTTON OUTLOOK. COLUMBIA, S. C., Aug. 20.—The cotton caterpillar has appeared on neighboring plantations and is boring the young blooms daily.

BIRTH. YOUNG.—On August 19th, the wife of W. H. Dion Young, daughter, of a son. 421

MARRIED. DRAPER—SCOTT.—In this city, on the 14th inst., by Rev. J. H. Dixon, at the Manse, Thomas H. Draper, of this city, to Mrs. Edward Scott, of Howick, P. Q.

MONTREAL HORSE MARKET. The following is the list of horses shipped to the United States for the week ending August 17th 1883.—August 17, two horses for \$250, one horse for \$185, August 18, one horse for \$250, two horses for \$300, four horses for \$250, etc.

MONTREAL CATTLE MARKET. For shipping cattle the market has continued extremely dull and unfavorable for foreign export. The consequence was that the demand from exporters, who are holding off until the market becomes more settled.

THE BANK STATEMENT. The bank statement for July is fairly satisfactory. Circulation has decreased about \$118,000, as compared with June, but is \$792,000 larger than in May.

THE LIVE STOCK MARKET. Cable advices report a further decline of 1/2d per lb in the price of live cattle in Liverpool and London, owing to heavy supplies of Canadian and American stock.

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