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SEEDS.

Now is the time that farmers expect us to give them some flowery accounts of new seeds; but as our transactions are principally among the leading new varieties of farm cereals, we do not cheerfully take our pen to inform you on what you most desire information—that is Spring Wheat. We have tried every variety we had means to procure from the extremities of our country, and from foreign countries; but no variety of spring wheat has paid us since we introduced the Fife wheat to our neighborhood. We have found none that we can recommend our farmers to sow in this part of the country. No crop of spring wheat that we or any other farmer that we know of in this part of the country, has been profitable for years passed. The majority of farmers get into a habit of sowing such a quantity of wheat, perhaps because their fathers did, or because 10 years ago it paid to do so. It takes more than ten years to turn a farmer out of his old plans, and this is one of the reasons that many get behind in their payments, and leave for the States. They would not pay for an agricultural paper. Their own old plans are best, and nothing will change them but stern necessity to leave their farms; because they have not noticed what would pay and what would not. We prefer offering none, than offer what we believe would not be of advantage. To the extreme coast and northern parts of our Dominion. Spring wheat answers well, but the same varieties have not done well when brought to the South and Western part of our country; therefore we say we have none to offer. There is in Canada, one person that has a new variety unknown to us, that has done well for the past two years; but there is only a very small quantity of it yet in Canada. We have seen the head and grain of it, and are watching the result in hope. We should have attempted to import some of it, but we really have expended

such large sums in our undertaking, that we could not spare the requisite funds to do so. We applied to the Minister of Agriculture for money for that purpose. He has promised to aid us continually for 5 years; but he said he had no cash for such a purpose. Farmers, judge for yourselves. The Minister of Agriculture and Public Works, is now expending about \$300,000 in building an Asylum in this city. Probably another \$100,000 will be expended in erecting a Custom House also in this city. How much will it cost, do you think, to pay the salaries of the attendants needed for these establishments alone? How many more cities have to be subsidized in this way—such as Deaf and Dumb Asylums, Blind Asylums, &c. &c. &c.? You poor farmers have to pay every cent of every expenditure; yet not \$100 could be granted towards attempting to introduce a variety of grain that all must require. You must continue to sow the spring wheat you have, or none. Your average yields for the past 5 years, will not half pay a day's wages, if you received for your work only 50 cents per day and board yourselves at that. We speak of this section of the country. You may purchase where you like, but we will not supply you with any, unless we have more confidence of doing you good.

PEAS.—The Crown Peas have given satisfaction to farmers sowing them on good ground. The Excelsiors are the peas we consider suitable for light soils. All the peas in this part of the country are much damaged by the pea bug. We procure our supply from another country, where the bugs have not been such a pest as here. The Dan O'Rourke appears to be in demand in the States, and we believe they will be much more cultivated here. We have not time or space to go into particulars of all the other varieties that are common in the country.

BARLEY.—The Chevalier barley has done so well the past summer that a considerable demand has sprung up for it. It should however only be tried in small quantities as yet, in different parts of the Dominion, as the last

season was a cold and wet one, resembling an English summer. Should we have one of our hot dry seasons next year, and it still answers as well as it did the past, we shall then commend it for general cultivation. It has driven the common barley nearly out of cultivation in England, but it will not do to malt with our barley, as it takes two days longer to germinate.

OATS.—There never was such an excitement raised about oats as at the present time. From our own experience, and from reports, we hardly know what to believe. Many reliable persons in this county speak favorably of some new kinds, others condemn them. Nothing can exceed the laudatory remarks in advertisements, and even in papers, on the other side of the lines. We cannot say whether the Norway oats are a humbug or not. One farmer has brought us heads and grain of an oat that he has raised for ten years past, just resembling them in apparent growth of the head and form of grain. The oats appear rather plumper than those we have. He informs us that he can procure any quantity of the same kind in his neighborhood. The Norway oats are but light, and much injury has been done in the states by sending out foul seed with them, still we advise you to try a few, and believe you will not regret the expenditure; but do not purchase largely under our recommendation. Our Westwell oats are well liked by the majority of farmers; still some object to them on account of their being two weeks later in ripening than other varieties. Our EMPORIUM oats have gained more prizes than any other oat we have sent out. Not a single complaint has come to us about them. They yield satisfactorily, weigh well, do not shell and ripen early. They resemble the White Poland, or Hopeton oat in appearance, and they may be that very oat; but when sown by the side of our imported Hopeton oat last year, they matured earlier, and had much larger heads, and they do not appear to be the same oat when growing, but when threshed they resemble them. The trials should be more complete than they have been, but such miserable office seekers as Rykert & Co., ought not to be in the Agricultural Board, as he has