

year's keeping, as a general thing. But, it is estimated that the United Kingdom produces double the quantity of pork produced in France, a result accounted for by the fact that feed of every kind abounds in Great Britain, on all the farms.

In poultry, England is a long way behind France, the dampness of her climate being unfavorable to fowls. The English poultry yards are supposed to yield about five million dollars annually, while the annual product of eggs in France is said to be twenty million dollars, and of fowls as much more. A large portion of the population at the south of France subsist chiefly upon poultry so far as meat is required.

We intend in a future number to consider French Agriculture as it relates to horses and sheep, showing the comparative profit of sheep husbandry from wool and meat.

Japan Lilies.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AGRICULTURIST.—I wish to know if any of your readers ever cultivated the Japan Lily. Would they do me the favor of giving me their mode and experience through the *Agriculturist*?

I have had them, but they appear to run out like the Hyacinth. The *American Agriculturist* says: leave them out all winter, and cover them with leaves or rubbish of some kind. Is this the best way? What kind of soil, and when had they better be got in—spring or fall? I do not like to dispense with so fine a flower.

R. B. WERDEN.

Picton, 30th March, 1862.

Berberries for Hedges.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AGRICULTURIST.—I believe the world has been ransacked far and near to find something that would answer for a hedge in this country; but as yet every thing has proved a failure. The Osage Orange is too tender, the Hawthorn dies out in places, and the Buckthorn is liable to be browsed off by cattle in the winter. But according to my observations and experience, I think the common Berberry is the very thing we so much stand in need of, it being very hardy, easy of cultivation, and so offensive that no intruder will touch it. I therefore call the attention of the Fruit Growers' Association, Nurserymen, and all others that are interested, to this important and much neglected subject—give it a trial. Would like to hear of the experience of others through the *Agriculturist*.

R. B. WERDEN.

Picton, 30th March, 1862.

Agricultural Intelligence.

Spring Shows.

We are informed of the following Shows take place this Spring. We request Secretaries of Agricultural Societies to inform us of the date of their exhibitions at as early a date as possible so as to admit of publication in time to be of use to those interested:—

West Riding of York Agricultural Society, Weston, April 23.

Reach and Scugog, at Fpsom, April 23.

Pickering, at Duffin's Creek, April 30.

West Gwillimbury, at Bond Head, April 30.

Brant Township, County Bruce, at Walkerton, April 28.

County Peel, at Brampton, May 1.

North York, at Newmarket, April 30.

County Halton, at Milton, April 23.

Western Branch, Haldimand, at York, April 23.

County Haldimand, at Cayuga, April 24.

County of Lincoln, at Grimsby, April 22.

Hamilton Horticultural Society, 1st May 24.

East Middlesex, at London, April 28.

West Middlesex, at Strathroy, April 24.

East Riding of York, and Townships of Yorkham, and Scarborough, May 7th.

Darlington, at Bowmanville, May 2nd.

County Kent, at Chatham, April 29th.

Flax Culture.

MEETING AT KINGSTON.

(From the Kingston Whig.)

According to public notice a large and important meeting took place in this city at the residence of the Secretary and Treasurer of the Agricultural Society of the County of Frontenac, Saturday the 12th inst., for the purpose of devising means for the promotion of the growth of Flax. His worship, the Mayor, presided, the crowded state of the room, kindly offered by the Council Chamber for the meetings of the Society in future. So great was the interest manifested in the growth of this article that, although the roads were bad, there were parties from every section of the country, as well as from counties adjoining. Henry Robinson, Esq., took the chair, when several gentlemen spoke of the utility of paying particular attention to its growth, being much more profitable than ordinary crops cultivated in this country. William Ferguson, Esq., who has had considerable experience on this subject, dwelt largely on the adaptability of the soil in this neighborhood for its cultivation, and also urged the necessity of making early preparations for the Provincial Exhibition of 1863. His Worship the Mayor