

smother the weeds. We have had wheat after a heavy crop of peas, that was as clean as if the land had been well summer fallowed, and far cleaner than it frequently is after a poor, neglected summer-fallow. But on poor, dirty land, a crop of peas sown rather late in a wet spring, followed in a week or two by such a drouth as we had last season, is about the worst preparation for wheat that can be adopted. The fact is, all our renovating crops, such as peas, beans, clover, turnips, and other roots, need clean, rich land, and the best of culture. Occasionally, in a wet season, a large crop is obtained on poor, badly cultivated land, but this is the exception. Generally such treatment results in half a crop of peas and a full crop of weeds—requiring more labor to harvest them and leaving the land foul. It is best to sow peas with a drill, but if this cannot be done, take great pains in plowing the land, and sow the peas on the furrows without previous harrowing. The seed will roll into the hollows between the furrows, and the harrow, passed lengthwise of the furrows, will cover them. As the object is to get a heavy, smothering crop, it is well to seed thick, say three bushels per acre, or if large peas, three and a half. The small Canada creeper is the kind usually raised in Western New York. Unfortunately the pea bug attacks our peas and renders them unsaleable. They can only be raised for the purpose of feeding out on the farm. There is nothing better for hogs, especially in connection with corn. If fed out by the middle of November the bugs do comparatively little damage. Many farmers feed them to pigs, straw and all without threshing. This will answer very well while the crop is green, and the pigs will eat nearly all the vines, but when the crop is matured it is a wasteful and slovenly practice. If the peas are properly cured, the straw, especially if a large crop, makes excellent fodder for sheep, and should be carefully saved.—*American Agriculturist.*

RECEIPTS OF EDITORIAL TABLE.

Since our last number was issued we have received from H. C. Thompson, Secretary of the Ontario Agricultural Association, the first volume of the Canadian Herd Book. The book is well got up—the binding, paper and engravings are good. It is a credit to our country, and a book that has long been wanted. Every breeder of Durhams should have one at command, as we know of more persons than one that have purchased stock for thorough-bred that have been deceived. The book is an actual necessity for breeders to know what stock really are pure bred or not. The engravings are well executed, and if they have

a fault it is because they are too well done. Each Agricultural Society should possess one. The price of the book is \$4, and even that price we do not believe they will pay for the expense of getting them up. We know not if they are all disposed of, or if they are stereotyped. Such books are not generally kept on hand, and those requiring them should secure them at once.

R. H. Allen & Co., of New York, have sent us a handsome present of a fine collection of American and European vegetable and flower seeds of choice varieties. They have also sent us their illustrated catalogue, containing nearly 300 pages, and the illustrations of plants, shrubs, vegetables, implements, &c. The price of the catalogue is \$1. Address R. H. Allen & Co., box 357, New York.

From Mr. James Keefer, of London, we have received an apple gatherer, by the use of which a person may select any apple on any limb of a tree, and present it uninjured to your friend. They may be very handy for amateurs, and for use in choice orchards among choice fruit. We believe they may be procured of Mr. Keefer, of London, or of Mr. Keefer, of Thorold. Price, \$1.

From Mr. W. Eagleson, of Cobourg, we have received a bag of peach blow potatoes. He speaks of them in high terms. We believe we were the first to import those potatoes from England, but they grew too watery with us. We know them to be a most excellent variety formerly, and they may have answered better lately. We will try them again.

From Mr. R. Saul, of Strathroy, we received a packet of vegetable seed that we required.

Our exchange papers have been so numerous, and we have been so extremely busy during the seed time that we have not attended to, or even opened half of them. We hope to pay more attention to them in future among the new list the most conspicuous is the "Evening Telegraph," published in Toronto. We are highly pleased with many things we see in it, and when we can spare a moment or two, we open one of them. There is evidently considerable talent and spirit evinced in its columns, and we believe if they continue its management as it is commenced they will reach as high, or higher, circulation than any other paper

in Ontario. To all local exchanges we will continue to send our paper to you without receiving yours regularly. Send now and then a paper if there should be any subject you wish to call our attention to mark it, or better place it in an envelope. We receive so many that we have not time to attend to them all. Send particularly when you make remarks about our undertaking or our paper. When wish all our agricultural exchanges to come as regularly as heretofore. Some days we have received upwards of ten papers, and between twenty and thirty letters, and as yet we have to attend to every thing ourselves in the singular tense. We do not set up the type, nor direct the whole, and sometimes have a little assistance to enter the subscribers names in our book, but the different departments of this paper, the superintendence of the farm, the stock, the seed department, the machinery, and the bringing forward and establishing of the Agricultural Emporium, which every person must see is perhaps the most beneficial and useful plans ever brought forward in Canada, and an establishment that must pay a large dividend to the shareholders or proprietors, and a thousand times larger profit to the Dominion, and all knows it requires capital at first to commence such. Still financing and planning has as yet devolved on the individual that first originated the plan.

We received a communication from St. Mary's. Although intended for good, we cannot insert communications unless we know the writer's name. It is not necessary we should publish the name. We have a Toronto editor in a straight box, for he can't get out of the scrape by not knowing, or pretending not to know the writer's name.

We return thanks to you all for your good wishes and good intentions, and hope to merit a continuation of your good wishes.

Among our numerous occupations we may have unintentionally slighted or passed over some communication, or child's answer. W. L., of P. we know for one, that we have not attended to as quick as we ought to have done. However, we will endeavor to put these things to rights as well as we can. Give us time, and assist us, and we will assist you. We return thanks to several Post Masters that have interested themselves in our behalf.

—Enjoy the glory of the sun, and not put out your eyes by trying to count the spots upon his face.