

of all kinds; of the flocks which moved from one hedge to another; of the numerous horses, but, above all, the pastures, or on the banks of the stream, the barking of the the confused noises of the sheep, by the murmur of the dogs, the flowing of the waters, the distance, and which, wind, mingled sounds, softened movements, expressed a uniting their effect to all that was diversified. I can state of existence, calm, consolatory, but infinite and not express the soothing power the soul at a sight like sublime ideas, which, for the God of nature, and con- this, and fill it with light, for the God of nature, and con- fidence in his works, like waves, the song of the shepherd is succeed each other, the thoughts of man seem to heard for some moments, the thoughts of man seem to elevate their lives with his song, to relate his wants and his trouble, to heaven, and to ask it to relieve them. How many things does this shepherd, who perhaps has no more than the birds singing, at his side, made me feel and think of! But this delightful emotion passes away like a beautiful dream, like a fine piece of music, like a striking effect of light, like everything that is good, like everything which affects us strongly, and must, for that reason, endure but an instant.—*M. Thi.*s.

EFFECTS OF DEEPENING THE SOIL.—The Liverpool Times gives the following fact, illustrating the beneficial effects of loosening the soil to a considerable depth:

“On Saturday last, there were exhibited in the Exchange News Room, two enormous specimens of the red beet, or mangel wurtzel, grown by Mr. Robert Neilson, in a field on his farm at Halewood. Each of them weighed upwards of 20 pounds. They were not merely curiosities in themselves, but remarkable proofs of the effects which may be produced on vegetation by the deepening of the soil, for the ground which produced these gigantic roots, would certainly have produced double the quantity of potatoes, or of turnips, or of ordinary sized beets, usually grown on an equal extent of land. They show that by deepening the soil, an amount of produce may be got from it much greater than any one has yet thought it possible to raise.”

EXTRAORDINARY PRODUCE.—Of three and a quarter acres of land, on Chatmoss, near Manchester, and only reclaimed some three or four years ago, there has been dug up, this season, 595 loads of potato, of 252 lbs. each, and equal to 67½ tons, and worth fully £300 per ton. The land is under the superintendence of the gentleman of the Manchester union.

Speaking of farming in Belgium, a correspondent of the N. Y. Tribune says: “It is one vast garden: every inch of ground is compelled to produce its utmost. The superficial farmers of America, who imperfectly turn up the soil of a thousand acres, might take a profitable lesson from the care and skill which here enables every acre to support more than its man.”

A LIVING WONDER.—Professor Owen had obtained some years ago, the fossil fragments of a New Zealand bird, from which he ascertained that the living specimens were sixteen feet high. Since then some foreign vessel, passing near to a part of the island not yet explored, saw a giant bird of that size really walking on the shore.—This is one of the few examples, showing that some of the gigantic species of the antediluvian world are yet in existence. The “dodo,” a bird whose foot is preserved in the British Museum, and which was found alive 200 years ago at the Isle of France, belongs to the same class of geological wonders.

THE LAZY CLUB.—A club with this name existed not many years ago in London. The members of the fraternity generally met attired in their night-gowns, with their stockings about their heels, and frequently with only a single stocking on. Their salutation on entering, was a yawn and a stretch, and then without further ceremony, each took his place at the lolling table.—*N. E. F.*

We shall endeavour to give an accurate statement monthly of the Montreal Market prices of agricultural produce, and the average prices of all descriptions of farming stock, with such observations as we may think interesting to our subscribers. We shall also endeavour to give the range of the Thermometer, and the changes in the weather after the next month—and a monthly Agricultural Report, during the Spring, Summer and Harvest.

MONTREAL MARKET PRICES.

Saturday, January 20th.

Wheat, per minot.....	5/0 @ 5/3
Flour, per cwt.....	12/6 @ 13/9
Oats, per minot.....	1/0 @ 1/2
Barley do	2/1 @ 2/3
Rye do	2/6 @ 2/9
Buck Wheat, per minot.....	1/8 @ 2/1
Pease do	2/1 @ 2/3
Beans, Canada, do	4/6 @ 0/0
Do. American do	3/0 @ 4/6
Indian Corn, do	2/6 @ 2/9
Lint Seed, do	4/0 @ 4/3
Potatoes, do	1/0 @ 1/3
Turkeys per couple.....	4/0 @ 6/0
Geese do	3/0 @ 5/6
Ducks do	1/8 @ 2/6
Chickens, do	1/0 @ 1/8
Pork, per cwt.....	22/6 @ 25/0
Beef, do	12/6 @ 15/0
Do. best, per cwt.....	25/0 @ 0/0
Butter, dairy, per lb.....	0/9 @ 0/10
Salt do do	0/5½ @ 0/6½
Lard do do	0/4½ @ 0/5
Tallow do do	0/3 @ 0/4
Mutton.....	2/6 @ 5/0
Veal.....	1/8 @ 10/0
Apples, Canada.....	7/6 @ 13/6
Do. American.....	6/0 @ 10/0
Hay, per 100 bundles.....	25/0 @ 35/0
Straw, per 1200 lbs.....	15/0 @ 20/0

It is not probable that any great advance will take place in the price of grain or flour this winter. Potatoes will be likely to rise in price, from the loss sustained in that crop in the fall. The price of hay and straw, we think, will be sustained, as the winter will be a long one. Butcher's meat will probably advance in price, and be some encouragement to farmers to feed cattle.

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