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To Our Patrons.

We know nearly every one of you are satisfied with the improvements that have been made every year in the ADVOCATE, and that you will be pleased to see it again improved; we know, also, that many of you are willing to aid us. Every farmer and his family are benefited by the ADVOCATE; thousands of farmers that do not take it should have it. Each of our friends can get one new subscriber. Have you shown your paper to any one and asked him to subscribe? Do so, and send us one new name before Christmas.

Seed Report—Sorgum.

Mr. Thomas Hill, of Westminster, brought us a sample of sugar-cane; it is about ten feet long. He gives us the following information regarding it: He planted the seed in the month of June, in rows

three feet apart; he ran the cultivator through the rows to keep the weeds down when it was young. In August he commenced cutting it, and feeding a horse with it; the horse preferred it to grass and thrived well on it. He has continued cutting it daily as he required it. When the stalks became woody and hard, he chopped them into lengths of about a foot and a half long. The horse would get one end in his mouth and eat it. The horse preferred the sorgum stalks, even in this form, to the best hay or grass, and kept in better plight than a horse he fed on hay and oats and worked with him. Mr. Hill thinks a great deal of his trial with sorgum, and will sow more in future. Care requires to be taken when first one begins to feed it, as it is very loosening when green and fresh, but the animals soon become accustomed to it. The part of the crop that was cut early in August made a second growth. The second growth did not grow very high, as the hot, dry weather prevented it from starting soon enough.

The Provincial Exhibition.

Mr. D. M.'s letter in correspondence department should be read by all interested in this Exhibition. His plan is deserving the attention of the Directors, whom, we have no doubt, will act upon it, particularly in regard to the classification of horses. We would suggest that it might be well to appoint a stated hour each day when single horses and matched teams could be seen in the show ring, and that brood mares and colts be judged before 11 o'clock or after 3, so that the visitors might see the different classes of driving horses each day between 11 and 3 o'clock.

The important question in regard to shearing sheep should be discussed. Shall we fix the time that sheep should be shorn, or should we leave it optional with the breeders themselves? The present regulation is only a farce, as some shear their sheep at the appointed time, while many do not comply with the law, and the sheep are allowed to compete and carry off prizes that have not been shorn at the appointed time. Perhaps some of our sheep men will give us their views on this question.

We are highly pleased to announce that some old Government documents have been found that place the title of the exhibition grounds in this city beyond all dispute, and that our County Council, the city authorities and Board of Agriculture may act in harmony, put the grounds in order and erect suitable buildings that may no longer be a disgrace to our Dominion. The Centennial Exhibition buildings have given us a proper idea of the form on which they should be constructed, that is, an oblong form, having all the passages parallel and all articles to be on the ground floor. The crowded state of the galleries of our exhibitions, with the dust and heat, have been so disagreeable to visitors and so injurious to exhibitors and exhibits, that many ladies will not risk the attempt to see the display. Some of the best exhibitors are also disgusted. An alteration is much needed.