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### Editorial.

#### Fall Wheat.

There are now a great many varieties of fall wheat grown in Ontario, while a few years ago only two or three sorts were known to the farmers of this province. In all the sections about Toronto, and eastward as far as fall wheat is grown, the White Clawson has long been the most profitable kind. To the west of Toronto, especially about London and westward, the Democrat was for many years the favorite. These two kinds are too well known to need description. Both for eastern and western Canada, there are now much better varieties, that will yield from five to ten bushels per acre more than either, if sown on the same soil and given similar treatment.

#### THE MANCHESTER

has been well tried in Western Ontario, and has proved a good wheat, especially in heavy soils. It was introduced in 1886, and after six years trial it has been found to be both hardy, early and productive. It has a smooth head, red chaff, and beautiful dark amber berry, and would be called by some a red wheat; it usually weighs 63 pounds to the bushel; is only fairly stiff in the straw. The head is more open than in the four or five more newly introduced

sorts herein mentioned, hence does not yield as abundantly.

#### GOLDEN CROSS

is another sort that is well liked in Western Ontario, and seems to do fairly well east of Toronto, though it does not prove so prolific as in the western section. In the east it is not strong enough in the straw, growing in some



places very weak and spindling. It is extremely hardy and tolerably free from the attacks of insect enemies. It is a light-bearded, compact-headed sort, and does best on light, sharp land. It closely resembles Hybrid Mediterranean, which in many sections is an almost worthless

variety, and winter-kills in almost all sections. If you wish to buy Volunteer or Golden Cross, be very certain you do not get Hybrid Mediterranean, or you will in all probability lose your crop.

#### NEW EARLY RED CLAWSON

is a very promising wheat of recent introduction. It is destined to be one of the most profitable and popular wheats of recent years, and seems to do well in all sections of the country. It is a very strong grower; tillers well, making a very thick, close crop, with exceedingly long, compact heads, standing erect and handsome.

Mr. John S. Pearce, London, Ont., in writing of it last year, said:—

"This variety was first offered by us in 1889, and from many favorable reports received from those who purchased it, and from our own extensive trials, we can justly style it the *champion of all winter wheats* now in cultivation. It originated from the now popular Golden Cross, or Volunteer, fertilized on the Clawson, partaking from the Golden Cross the compact head, dark red grain, extreme hardiness, rapid growth, and strong stem; and from the Clawson, baldness, and red chaff, with very large kernel. It is, without doubt, the earliest sort grown; enormously productive. A field of this variety when in full head is sure to attract general attention from its upright growth and evenness, all being of the same height, and standing like a wall through severe storms without lodging. The originator, Mr. A. N. Jones, N. Y., had grown under contract in 1890 96 acres, (all there is in the United States), divided up into about fifteen fields, and on different soils, from the lightest sand to the heaviest clay, nearly all of which we inspected before it was ready for cutting, and finer or handsomer fields we never saw anywhere."

Mr. Pearce has carefully examined fields in various sections of Ontario during the past few weeks, and still considers this wheat the finest in cultivation. It is certainly superior to any before mentioned

