



WILD PIGEON ROOSTS.—"H. P. H. asks—"Can any of your readers inform me where a wild pigeon roost, within three or four hours of Toronto, can be seen."

WILD LUPINES.—A correspondent asks:—"Where could I get the seeds, say a peck or a bushel of the wild lupine, which grows so abundantly in the bush. Last year there were thousands near the Humber flats."

NATIVE BEES.—"A Bee-keeper" strongly recommends his neighbours to be satisfied with the Canadian native bee. The honey they make is delicious, and abundant in quantity.

INDICATION OF SPRING.—A correspondent writes, April 12:—"A wasp was picked up ten days ago on the side walk; and our Camberwell Beauty (*Varepa antiopa*), and the common tortoise shell have also been taken."

WEIGHT OF BONE-DEER.—"Peter R. Lamb & Co.," of Toronto, write:—"We beg to inform your correspondent 'CALX,' that bone dust averages from 40 to 45 lbs. per bushel, according to the dryness of the bone or about 50 bushels to the ton, and is worth \$25 per ton. See Advertisement."

A LEGAL QUESTION.—"J. H." of Epsom, writes that it was his intention to raise a few acres of flax this year, but being a tenant farmer, his landlord has notified him that he cannot sell the flax fibre, since he is bound by a covenant in his lease not to sell straw off the premises. "J. H." writes to know whether the stalk of flax is legally considered straw?

WINTER BARLEY.—A correspondent writes from Lambton:—"I would like information from you or some of your subscribers, where winter barley can be obtained. We had some of it here about thirty years ago, but at that time there was no market for it here, and no means to export it, and being kept in a dry place too long, it lost its vitality."

OIL INDICATIONS.—"X. Y. Z." writes:—"Your correspondent who wishes information about oil indications, many obtain it by writing the Am. News Co. New York, for a work entitled 'Petroleum and Petroleum Wells.' It tells what Petroleum is, where it is found, what used for, where to sink wells, and how, and is a complete guide-book and description of the oil-regions of Pennsylvania, Western Virginia, and Ohio."

STRAWBERRY CULTURE.—"Wm. Strouger," of Newcastle, writes, at the request of "many persons," for information as to the cultivation of the strawberry. He says:—"There are many prevailing contrary opinions and methods in this vicinity, but the plant is seldom brought to any great degree of perfection."

ANS.—See article in our Horticultural department.

USE OF MUCK.—"P. Murson," of New Carlisle, asks:—"Would it be a good plan to apply bog earth in its raw state, or in a compost. We have swamps close at hand, both salt and fresh water, would it make a good top-dressing for hay land?"

ANS.—It is better to compost the muck before using it, whether as a top-dressing or in any other way.

BEE-MOTH PREVENTIVE.—"George Nettle, Sen.," of Fort Erie, says:—"I shall feel obliged by your informing me whether you think that a patent for the complete exclusion of the Bee-Moth from the hive, at about the cost of three-quarters of a dollar for each hive, would meet with such general demand as to guarantee my embarking in the trouble and expense of obtaining the patent, and what would be the expense of it?"

HOW TO CULTIVATE SORGHUM.—"Alex McGibbon," of Brownsbury, writes:—"Could you let me know, through the medium of THE CANADA FARMER, how to

cultivate sorghum; also, the time for cutting and how to manufacture it into sugar?"

ANS.—Our correspondent will find his enquiries partially answered in an article elsewhere in this issue, entitled "All about Sorghum." We shall endeavour to give further particulars about syrup and sugar making before the time comes for these operations.

MISSING NAMES OF THE CANADA FARMER.—"J. W. Thomson," of Roseville, says:—"There are two numbers of THE CANADA FARMER which I have not received. Please mail them to me."

ANS.—We shall do so willingly if our correspondent will tell us which two they are.

THE HALDIMAND CHEAP LANDS.—"C. Sutton," R. R. Depot, Brantford, says:—"My last CANADA FARMER has a letter from AGRICOLA, stating how cheap are improved farms in his county (Haldimand). As that is just what I want, I am sorry his name and address did not appear. If you will furnish them in your next, or drop a line at my expense, you will confer a favour."

ANS.—We have not the name and address desired, but if "AGRICOLA" will furnish them, we shall cheerfully insert them in our next, as we have a number of enquiries like the above.

IMPROVED STOCK WANTED.—"James Holliday," of Scotch Line, Perth, enquires:—"Can you inform a young Club where they can obtain improved stock for general purposes, and what would be the price of 1 and 2-year old cattle? Our Club has only been in operation six months, our object being 'To discuss matters of agricultural interest, to procure superior kinds of seed, and to improve the breed of stock by importation or otherwise.'"

ANS.—We advise our correspondent to correspond with Mr. John Snell, of Chingacoty, Mr. F. W. Stone, of Guelph, Mr. Stock, of Waterdown, or some other breeder of improved cattle.

"WHY WAS IT NOT PUBLISHED?"—"W. H. H." writes to enquire about a communication for THE CANADA FARMER which has not appeared in our columns. He says:—"I am not aware that there was anything in it improper for publication. Will you please let me know why it was not published? Our impression is that the letter in question was on a subject on which we had received a number of communications, all of which could not possibly appear. And we take this opportunity of saying to correspondent's, whose productions do not see the light, that it is never from want of appreciation or gratitude on our part, that any are laid aside. The multitude of letters we receive, compels us, however reluctantly, to consign some to the waste-paper basket."

READ'S SUBSOIL PLOUGH.—"Charles Penner," of Kingston, writes:—"In your last number I perceive 'C. West' wishes 'An Old Subscriber' to send him a description of Read's Subsoil Plough. I expect I am the person alluded to, as I addressed you on the subject. If you refer to my letter you will find I subscribed myself 'An Old Subsoiler,' not 'An Old Subscriber,' as you state. If 'C. West' will pay the freight I will, with much pleasure, send him my plough, so that he can try it and ascertain if it will suit the purpose he requires. One strong horse will subsoil six inches deep in the kind of soil he describes. The beam and handles can be made either of wood or iron; mine are wood."

REMEDY FOR FRECKLES.—"D." writes from York Township as follows:—"In accordance with your request and that of your 'fair correspondent, who would be yet fairer,' I herewith send my mother's remedy for freckles—one that is warranted 'not to injure the skin.'—Over fifty years ago, I had sisters who, in the presence of their mother, were regretting that they had freckles in their faces. Mother told them she knew a certain cure, and if they would faithfully follow the prescription she would give it them. This they readily promised to do. It was as follows:—Go down into the meadow by sunrise each morning in the month of May, and wash your faces in the dew from the grass. Do this, said she, and I will engage you will, by the first day of June, have no cause to complain. Neither did they."

Another correspondent says:—"If 'M. P.' will wash her face with fresh buttermilk she will find it remove the freckles."

MAPLE SUGAR MAKING TAUGHT BY THE CANADA FARMER.—"Millar Fleming," of Kincaidine, County of Bruce, in the flush of his joy at having learned how to make first-class maple sugar, writes:—"As maple sugar making is now about over, I hasten to let you know that before we got THE CANADA FARMER amongst us bushwhackers and clodhoppers, the maple sugar we made used to be as black as ebony; now it will compare with muscovado. The full directions given by you have taught us 'how to do it.' All my neighbours wish success to THE CANADA FARMER, and when British America becomes the third power of this terrestrial sphere, may it circulate to every corner! It is, as everybody knows, very pleasant to have our friends cherish sweet thoughts of us, and spontaneous testimonies like the above to the usefulness of THE CANADA FARMER are both gratifying and encouraging."

CHEAP CANADIAN LAND—"ROTTEN OLD ENGLAND."—"Wm. Cathmore," of Wilmington, Del., U.S., writes:—"Will 'Agricola, Cayuga, Co. Haldimand,' please to give us more information, through THE CANADA FARMER, or correspond with me by letter (unpaid), as to where to get cheap cleared land. I was very sorry to see in 'W. R. Carter's' letter in your Number of March 15th, the expression—'But this is in rotten old England, where they maintain all manner of old-world things.' But I got more than compensated in your extract from the Brantford Courier."

ANS.—Our correspondent should have taken "W. R. Carter's" language in an ironical sense, for such was manifestly his design. No one, we are persuaded, has a more profound respect for "Old England" than the writer of the sentence which has annoyed our Delaware correspondent.

SELF-RAKING REAPERS, &c.—"A Subscriber" writes from Hull as follows:—"Would you kindly inform me what machine you would recommend as a combined reaper and mower, one which lays the grain properly, and is a self-raker, and of the lightest draught. The machines in use here are not good reapers, and require too much care in raking off the grain. Please also give the name of the best maker of horse cultivators, with price."

ANS.—We must refer our correspondent to the Report of the Judges at the last Provincial Exhibition, as our best reply to his enquiries about self-raking reapers. In reference to cultivators, we may state that most of our agricultural implement makers manufacture them. Our correspondent does not state whether it is a one or two-horse cultivator about which he inquires, and we recommend him to communicate with the nearest respectable implement maker.

FLAX MILL WANTED.—"John Duncan," of Moore, County Lambton, writes:—"I wish to call the attention of the capitalists of Canada, to the want there exists in this county of a flax mill, as I believe there is not a county in Canada West that is better adapted to its growth, as regards the quality of the soil, and the nature of the climate; and I think also from the extreme difficulty we have experienced in maturing a full crop of wheat, for some years past, on account of the midge, the farmers here would turn their attention to other and surer crops, if there was a market for it, as there would be if there was a flax mill in the county. There is not one, so far as I know, nearer than St. Mary's, county of Perth, and I think it would not pay to send it so far in the straw, so that if some of the monied men in the county will start one he will have the district all to himself. I have raised a little for my own use, for a number of years, and am convinced that there is no difficulty in growing it to any extent."

HOW TO RAISE A THORN HEDGE.—"W. C. S.," of Haysville, gives the following directions on this subject:—"Cull the haws the last week in October or the beginning of November, when the leaves have fallen off the trees; put them into a box or barrel and leave them out in the air exposed for twelve months. In England they bury them in the ground for a year, until the seed is partly decayed. Then sow the seed in rows two feet apart, and when they come up thin them to about two inches apart. In two years they will be large enough to transplant. Cut off the top of the