

AGRICULTURAL.

To the Minister of Agriculture, and Members of the Legislature of Ontario.

GENTLEMEN.—Having heard a second time from one of the worthy members of your House, that there is but little prospect of anything being done by you at the present session towards the introduction and dissemination of new and proper seeds we would beg to call your attention to three addresses that we have already sent to each member of your honorable House, also to the commendation of the County Council of Middlesex, which has been duly forwarded to the Minister of Agriculture by order of the said County Council. Also to a petition from the East Middlesex Agricultural Society which has been laid before you.

We are well aware that every Agricultural Society is convinced of the necessity of some plan being adopted for the introduction of fresh seeds. We have imported some seeds from England and from the States, and have tested some kinds also. From communication with others we have ascertained what kinds we are in need of. We have also proposed a plan to you whereby you may greatly assist our export receipts by a little timely assistance, which would be no loss to your finances, and would not entail on you a heavy annual expense of salaried clerks, and which may be returned in a few months to you with great advantage to the country. There has been no step in agriculture that requires more immediate attention than the seed question at the present time. We sincerely hope that you will not close this session without taking some active steps in this matter to be put in operation in time for seed to be brought into the country and sown this Spring.

Should a person be encouraged that has devised and put into operation a plan that is pronounced by persons capable of judging, the best that has been brought forward for our agricultural advancement.

Should a person that has had land, timber and money taken from him by the Government without offending against the laws of the land be remunerated? Should four years labor for the public welfare be longer unnoticed by the authorities in power? We hope that you may not close this session without considering the utility of our undertaking, and enabling us in some way to extend in a greater

measure the usefulness of our enterprise.

Yours Respectfully,

WM WELD.

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VETERINARY.

The Hamilton Times notices a new and fatal disease among horses. After being attacked by the disease, the horse's tongue becomes swollen, and apparently paralysed, and death follows in a few hours from suffocation. Mr. Ruben Sparks, who resides near Hamilton, has lost four valuable animals during the past week. The disease appears to be contagious.

Now is the time for Veterinary Surgeons to show their skill, or for us to know if any are taking any interest in the public welfare. We do not know if any veterinary surgeon has examined or attended them. If one more skillful than another knows anything about the disease, or remedy, or can suggest the best treatment, our columns are open and free for the expression of their views on the subject. Be short and concise.

Not only does wheat, all ground together into what is called Graham flour, give increased power to the brain by furnishing phosphorus, but so likewise do eggs, oysters, and all kinds of fish and beans. This matter is of importance to all who wish to have their minds constantly strong and bright.

Sale of Marquis of Hastings' Stud.

We extract the following from the Leeds Weekly Express, to show the high prices that are obtained in England. We believe the Marquis's Stud consisted of 70 horses, and cost for keep and attendance alone, an average of £1000 per annum, to say nothing of the betting money. Many animals not mentioned in this list sold for most ridiculously low prices, in comparison to the cost. We believe he has lost immense sums of money by them such as would seem almost incredible to many of our readers were we to quote them. Many may doubt the following list of prizes. We have no wealth in Canada to squander in such a way. We look on racing, and raising blooded horses as on gambling, and we never knew a winner of money by that means, but was a much greater loser, not only in cash and reputation, but we hear of deaths of the most appalling character caused by it.

This sale which attracted great attention among racing men, took place on Saturday, and was

largely attended. The two principal lots, the Derby favorites, Lady Elizabeth and the Earl, were, it was understood to be bought in. See-Saw was said to be purchased for Lord Stamford. Captain Machell bade up to 6000 guineas each for Lady Elizabeth and the Earl. We append a list of prices and the purchasers:

	Guineas,
Redcap, 6 years.....	Mr. Hughes 200
Miss Havelock, 4 yrs. Duke of Newcastle	460
Lord of the Dales, 3 yrs. ... Lord Uxbridge	500
John Davis, 6 yrs.....	Duke of Hamilton 1000
Lecturer, 4 years.....	Mr. H. Hill 750
Black Prince, 4 yrs. ...	Sir F. Johnstone 220
Challenge, 3 yrs.....	Mr. Cavaliero 2000
King Cross, 3 years.....	Jos. Dawson 160
Uncas, 3 yrs.....	Mr. H. Hill 200
Red Riband, 3 yrs.....	Mr. Payne 150
ines, 3 yrs.....	Mr. John Harrington 500
Equerry, 2 yrs.....	Mr. Padwick 200
Purser, 2 yrs.....	Mr. Padwick 100
Little Prince, 2 yrs.....	Mr. Padwick 190
The Earl, 2 yrs.....	Sir F. Johnstone 6100
See-Saw, 2 yrs ...	Lord Wilton 2300
Mameluke, 2 yrs.....	Lord Jersey 1050
Belfast, 2 yrs.....	Mr. Edwyn 700
Lady Barbara, 2 yrs.....	Captain Barlow 200
Grand Duchess, 2 yrs.....	Mr. Hill 520
Naivete, 2 yrs.....	Mr. Padwick 700
Summer's Eve, 2 yrs.....	Mr. Morris 300
Minnie Warren, 2 yrs ...	Lord Uxbridge 410
Athena, 2 yrs.....	Mr. Padwick 2100
Lady Elizabeth, 2 yrs ...	Sir F. Johnstone 6500

YEARLINGS.

Lady Di by St. Albans.....	Mr. Hughes 190
Lada, by Dundee.....	Mr. Cockin 110
Enope, by Weatherbit.....	Mr. H. Hill 105
The Conjuror, by Newminster.....	Mr. Prior 300
Jove, by Thunderbolt.....	Lord Wilton 430
Rowallan, by Dundee.....	Lord Uxbridge 340
Bathsheba by Trumpeter.....	Mr. Pryor 750
Arbaces, by Oxford.....	Mr. H. Hill 420
King of Clubs, by Ace of Clubs	Mr. H. Hill 220
Lopez, by Buccaneer.....	Mr. H. Hill 280
Iberia, by Weatherbit.....	Mr. H. Hill 370
Merrymaker, by Trumpeter	Sir F. Johnstone 300
Lord Bothwell, by Dundee.....	Mr. Morgan 200
Kamschatka, by Trumpeter	Mr. Stephenson 620
Lord Warwick, .....	Mr. T. Hughes 100
Colt, by Kettledrum.....	Lord Uxbridge 200
Colt, by Thormamby.....	Mr. Edwyn 500
Filly by Orlando.....	Mr. H. Hill 510
Basilia, by Trumpeter....	Captain Clayton 1000
Lady Cecilia, by Stockwell.....	Mr. H. Hill 1650
Robespierre, by Stockwell.....	Capt. Machell 800

GOODRICH POTATOES.—Mr. Goodrich raised over 16,000 seedling potatoes of which number less than 10 sorts have proved of value to the general cultivator. They are the Cuzco, raised from the seed of the Wild Peruvian, and its progeny the Early Goodrich and Harison; the Garnet Chili, from seed of the Rough Purple Chili, and its progeny Calico; lastly the Pinkeye Rusty-Coat, from seed of the Western Red, and its progeny the Gleason.

In addition to those is the Early Rose, not raised by Mr. Goodrich, but obtained from seed of the Garnet Chili in 1861, by Mr. Albert Breece, of Vermont.—Practical Farmer.