

minutes. More time, however, was required to move and adjust the machine to its exact place than in doing the work. On the whole, it was considered a great success, and worked to perfection, and, I was told, saved an immense deal of labor; and, besides, it suited my friend's ideas; and others would agree with him, that 'it was better for the oxen to work at fixing the posts than himself.'

### WEATHER RHYMES.

The old settlers of New England preserved some of the old English rhymes and prophecies of coming weather. Some of them are so often true as to be now considered almost infallible.

When the glow-worm lights her lamp,  
Then the air is always damp.

If the cock goes crowing to bed,  
He's sure to rise with a wet head.

When black snails do cross your path,  
Then black clouds much moisture hath.

When the peacock loudly bawls,  
Soon we'll have both rain and squalls.

When ye see the gossamer flying,  
Then be sure the air is drying.

A rosy sunset presages good weather; a ruddy sunrise bad weather.

A bright yellow sky in the evening indicates wind; a pale yellow sky in the evening indicates wet.

A neutral gray color at evening is a favorable sign; in the morning, an unfavorable one.

The clouds, if soft and feathery, betoken fine weather.

A rainbow in the morning  
Gives the shepherd a warning.

That is, if the wind be easterly; because it shows that the rain-cloud is approaching the observer.

If at sunrise or setting the clouds appear of a lurid red color, extending nearly to the zenith, it is a sure sign of storms and gales of wind.

If the moon shows like a silver shield,  
Be not afraid to reap your field;  
But if she rises haloed round,  
Soon will we reap on deluged ground.

A rainbow at night is a sailor's delight.

This adage must also be a good sign, provided the wind be westerly, as it shows that the rain-clouds are passing away.

When rooks fly sporting high in air,  
It shows that windy storms are near.

The evening red and the morning gray  
Are certain signs of a beautiful day.

Another agricultural implement swindle is noted by the *Fergus News*. A few days ago two strangers who gave their names as Roberts and Mecke drove up to Mr. Alex. Carroll, East Garafaxa, while he was cutting a field of hay with his reaper. They represented themselves as being proprietors of an establishment where implements are manufactured on an extensive scale in the western part of the

province; said they could furnish agents with cutting bar and knives complete for a reaping machine for \$5, and that the retail price was \$15, thus leaving the handsome profit of \$10 on each sale effected. They wanted an agent in East Garafaxa, and would be happy to give the lucrative and desirable appointment to Mr. Carroll. As a guarantee of good faith in the matter they required his note (which was, he thinks, something in the shape of an order) for one hundred and fifty dollars, payable in twelve months, but which would not, they said, be then or at any other time collected unless he sold enough cutting-bars to cover the amount. The matter was talked over in the house, and on the advice of friends and neighbors Mr. Carroll signed the note for \$150! The only thing he got in return was a cutting-bar for the reaping machine, which the sharpers made him a present of, and if he ever gets anything more it will afford us unfeigned pleasure to make the fact known. Roberts and Mecke are both tall men; one is advanced in years, and has dark grey hair; the other is a young man. They drove a span of bay horses with black manes and tails. Will our brethren of the press assist us in exposing the swindlers.

At the Illinois State Fair, to be held in DuQuoin, two prizes are offered of \$250 and \$150 for steam ploughs and road engines.

An Industrial Exhibition of Manufacturers, Arts and Products, is to be held at Cincinnati during the month extending from September 6th to October 7th.

Hay is selling at \$28 to \$32 per ton in Bangor, Maine. The drought has caused a very short crop; but at present prices corn is cheaper per pound than such hay. Why don't house-keepers feed corn and straw?

The local committee of the recently Provincial Exhibition held a meeting at Kingston. It is estimated that it will take \$4,427 to place the Crystal Palace and grounds in proper order. The City Council is expected to furnish this amount.

The first purchase of the new wheat now coming in to Parkhill are of superior quality, and in excellent order. Mr. W. Shoults, our enterprising grain merchant, has already shipped two carloads of the new white of superior quality. The new crops promise to reward the farmers handsomely this year.

The crops of all kinds in the township of Nissouri far exceed anything that has been in this township for many years. Fall wheat will average at least 30 bushels per acre; spring wheat, oats, barley, Indian corn, potatoes, &c., will yield a proportionate amount per acre. The fall wheat is mostly harvested and the farmers are now nearly all engaged cutting barley and hay.

Though hay is light in the county of Simcoe it is said to be of excellent quality. The *Barrie Gazette* says the fall wheat may be said to be the heaviest crop garnered for years. One field near the town will turn out forty bushels to the acre. Spring wheat and oats will turn out a light crop; but nearly everything else will be beyond the ordinary yield.

In the section around Galt the *Reporter* is sorry to learn that the apple, pear, plum and other fruit crops will almost be a failure this year. The blos-