

The Fall wheat in the vicinity of Brantford, and in the townships of Beverly and Ancaster is said to be badly winter killed.—*Stratford Examiner*.

The present appearance of the crop is encouraging. It is both healthy and strong. The prospect is good; but whether the promise which present appearances hold out is to be realised, is a question. There is nothing to guarantee us against rust, the wheat fly and the wheat midge. But rust is known to be occasioned in part by unseasonable sowing, for which there was no excuse last Fall, and is not likely to be any this Spring. And in proportion as the quantity of Spring wheat is increased, will the danger from the fly diminish; for that insect confines its depredations chiefly to Winter wheat. This accounts for the circumstance, unprecedented in Upper Canada, of Spring wheat having averaged a greater yield than Winter wheat last year. The result has been that a very large quantity of Spring wheat will be sown this year, and to that extent at least a moderate yield of wheat may be said to be guaranteed. As to the Winter wheat what the fly may do to it, no one can predict; but with a reasonable exception from the attacks of this enemy there is every prospect that it will turn out well.—*Leader*.

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## Editorial Notices, &c.

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TRANSACTIONS OF THE NEW YORK STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY. Vol. XVII. 1857. Albany: 1858.

We are again indebted to the courtesy of B. P. Johnson, Esq., the able and indefatigable Secretary of the New York State Agricultural Society, for a copy of the Transactions of that important organization, which stands in a similar relation to the Agricultural Societies of this continent, as that of the old Highland Society, of Scotland, to those of the British Islands and dependencies. We always anticipate something new and substantial in the annual production of the New York State Society, and, as yet, we have never been disappointed. As the Society and Agriculture of the Empire State progress, which both have rapidly done of late years, so this annual exponent of their measure of progress keeps true to its duty, and fails not to record faithfully and suggestively, the principal elements of the onward movement. We have neither time nor space at present to enumerate ever the chief papers and topics of information which this portly volume contains; such as those on the agriculture and agricultural schools of Europe, Dr. Fitch on insects infesting evergreen forest trees, and others of equally great value from the Transactions of British Societies. We shall hereafter refer more in detail to some of the subjects embraced in this valuable publication.

THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MAINE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE, FOR 1858. Augusta. 1859.

We have received from the Secretary of the Board, S. L. Goodale, Esq., the Report and Transactions of the Board for 1858, which is a very interesting document, containing several articles to which we intend hereafter more fully to refer. The volume is highly creditable to the zeal and judgment of the Secretary, who besides superintending its preparations has himself largely contributed to its pages.

### AMERICAN STOCK JOURNAL.

We have received three numbers of this useful and well-conducted periodical. It is the only American journal, we believe, exclusively devoted to the breeding and management of Live Stock, and judging from the numbers which have reached us, we anticipate for it a successful career. Such a work was much wanted. It is published monthly by D. C. Linsley, Editor and Proprietor, 140 Fulton Street, New York, at the low price of \$1 per annum, in advance, and will form, at the end of the year, a handsome royal octavo volume, well-printed and illustrated, of about 400 pages.