

ONTARIO VETERINARY COLLEGE.

The winter session of the above institution closed on the 8th inst. A successful examination was passed, and diplomas were obtained by C. H. Sweetapple, Toronto; W. Stubbs, Caledon; Thos. Baker, Galt; and W. Evley, Yarmouth Centre. In the evening, the professors, students and friends of the College had a repast at the English Chop House, followed by toasts and speeches. Among the rest, "Our Guests," "The Press," and "The Canada Farmer" were toasted, but for some reason or other, can any body guess why? no invitation to be present even, was extended to the ONTARIO FARMER.

SEPARATE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT FOR AGRICULTURE.—English Agricultural Societies and papers are urging the establishment of a separate Government department for the benefit of the agricultural interests of the Kingdom, the same as the Board of Trade for the commercial and manufacturing interests.

MICHIGAN AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.—We learn from the *Western Rural* that the Legislature of Michigan, after a protracted discussion, has voted the Michigan Agricultural College \$40,000 for the next two years, and \$30,000 for the erection of dormitory buildings. The one greatest need of the College for some years has been additional accommodations for students. Instead of the eighty-two they have had, two hundred students could have been taught with but a slight increase of cost had there been buildings suited for their accommodation.

ADULTERATION OF SEEDS.—The Royal Horticultural Society of England has been investigating the charges of adulteration in seeds. They quietly bought up packages from the leading wholesale houses, and had the packages tested, publishing the proportion of good seeds to bad from each package from each house. In many cases, only ten per cent were good, and very few went over fifty per cent. The most common forms of trickery appear to be that, when the stock on hand is short, and the demand good, some worthless kind is roasted enough to destroy the germ and mixed with a few of the desired thing—which, of course, is the only lot that grows. The purchaser gets his "pound of seeds," but only an ounce or two comes up. These adulterations are defended, on the ground that the public will have the lowest price seeds, and that all have to do "what the others do," in order to be able to sell at all. There are a few, it appears, who sell good seed, and these have, after a struggle at first, found that "Honesty is after all the best policy."

EDITOR'S BOOK TABLE.

CATALOGUE OF ARNOLD'S CANADIAN HYBRID GRAPES AND RASPBERRIES. Will be sent to all applicants who address Mr. Charles Arnold, Paris, Ontario.

ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE TRADE AND COMMERCE OF TORONTO.—By the commercial editor of the *Daily Telegraph*. Every business man in the Province of Ontario should have a copy of this valuable pamphlet.

GEORGE LESLIE & SON'S DESCRIPTIVE CATALOGUE of fruit trees and shrubs, roses, grape vines, small fruits, &c. The Toronto Nurseries are deservedly in high repute, and the Messrs. Leslie stand A No. 1 in their class. See their advertisements in the proper department.

ANNUAL CATALOGUES OF SEEDS.—S. Goldsmith, of St. Catharines, sends us his list of Farm and Garden Seeds, which appears to be very complete. Mr. G., offers the Early Rose Potato at 40 cents per lb., 50 cents by mail pre-paid. See his advertisement in our present issue.

KNOX FRUIT FARM AND NURSERIES.—We have received the descriptive and illustrated catalogue of this extensive and noted establishment, which is especially famed for the perfection to which it has brought the propagation and culture of small fruits. Mr. Knox's reputation is deservedly high for supplying plants true to name, well-grown, and in fine condition. His advertisement will be found elsewhere in our present issue.

CATALOGUE OF FRUIT AND ORNAMENTAL TREES, flowering shrubs, roses, grape vines, &c., cultivated and for sale by John Gray, jr. Mr. Gray is a skilled gardener and nurseryman, and excels in the culture of the grape, as the prize list of our Provincial and other shows testifies. His establishment is on the Brockton Road, quite near the city, and conspicuous as you glide in on the Grand Trunk Railway from the West. See his advertisement.

ABORTION IN COWS.—We have received, with "compliments of E. M. K. Glen, Member of Assembly," the report of Dr. Dalton, Commissioner of the New York State Agricultural Society, on the important subject of abortion in cows, a matter of anxious interest to dairymen both in the United States and Canada. We shall give the Doctor's views in a future number. Meantime, Mr. Glen has our thanks for his polite attention in forwarding the report.