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EDITORIAL.

THE PEACH CROP.

Mr. Jonathan Carpenter, of Grimsby, was in our office a few days ago and showed us some twigs cut from his peach trees, full of fruit buds almost ready to burst. Mr. Carpenter is more fortunate than his neighbors for reports from the Niagara peninsula, all give a very unfavorable prospect for the peach crop this season. The unprecedentedly warm weather during the winter induced the swelling of the buds and made them susceptible to injury by the occasional cold snaps, some of which were severe. We would like to hear further reports from our peach-growing friends, also the prospect for other kinds of fruit.

PARTY! PARTY!

The leaders of the two political parties at Ottawa are busy just now abusing one another, to the intense delight of their followers, the lesser lights, and the political newspapers, which fill their columns from day to day with reports as widely different in substance as it is possible to make them; a studied effort for difference in reports could not more effectually accomplish the end, than is given by the different versions of the same speeches by reporters of the party papers. Thus while the political leaders are diverting legislation from its proper channel, detailing the sins of omission and commission of political opponents—their name is legion—the party papers all over the land, the little fellows snatch the cry given by the great party organs, the *Globe* and *Mail*, and growl and bark over imaginary wrongs as well as real errors, until the mass of the people through these misrepresentations are unable to form intelligent opinions of what is being done. They are becoming, however, pretty well satisfied that there is a very large amount of humbug connected with the country's legislation, and that this paying men for publishing the family history of each other and especially their alleged dishonest acts, which by the way seem most prominent—avails but little for the

A certain line of action is marked out by the Government, and the Opposition, as in duty bound, arrange for a determined attack upon it. This may be legislation, but it is not as we understand the term, nor is it in the country's good. What we understand by legislation is discussing and framing laws in the interest of the country and its inhabitants, and could our legislators be induced to so consider it, and the people as well, much more good might result from the large annual expense Parliament entails upon the country. As non-partizan in our views we are pronounced on this subject, and look to the farmers of the country, the burden bearers, the taxpayers, to inaugurate a reform in this direction; such a reform as will tend "to purify the whole political atmosphere of the country," and this can only be done by laying aside party prejudices, selecting men for members of parliament whose recommendation consists in their honor and integrity, and their desire to legislate for their country's good, irrespective of party feelings or prejudices. Will this be done at the coming election, or will we divide on party lines and go it blind again?

A WONDERFUL SUBSTANCE.

The Chicago *Western Catholic* says: "It is indorsed by Bishop Gilmour, of Cleveland, Ohio, and by some of our most honored and respected priests throughout the country who have used it for rheumatics with success where all other remedies failed. We refer here to St. Jacobs Oil. We know of several persons in our own circle who were suffering with that dreadful disease, rheumatism, who tried everything and spent hundreds of dollars for medicines which proved of no benefit. We advised them to try St. Jacobs Oil. Some of them laughed at us for faith in the "patent stuff," they chose to call it. However, we induced them to give it a trial, and it accomplished its work with such a magic-like rapidity that the same people are now its strongest advocates, and will not be without it in their houses on any account.

Mr. Joel D. Harvey, U. S. Collector of Internal Revenue, of this city, has spent over two thousand dollars on medicine for his wife, who was suffering dreadfully from rheumatism, and without deriving any benefit whatever; yet two bottles of St. Jacobs Oil accomplished what the most skillful medical man failed in doing. We could give the names of hundreds who have been cured by this wonderful remedy, did space permit us. The latest man who has been made happy through the use of this valuable liniment is Mr. James A. Conlan, librarian of the Union Catholic Library of this city. The following is Mr. Conlan's indorsement:

UNION CATHOLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CHICAGO, Sept. 16, 1880.

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Very respectfully,
JAS. A. CONLAN, Librarian.

CROP, STOCK, AND BEE REPORT.

(Continued from last week.)

Four weeks since we sent out a few blanks to be filled in and returned. The following questions were asked, they being considered of the most importance at this season of the year. We have gone over the reports, and out of a large number received, publish those which, taken together, represent the average state of crops, etc., in each county:

No. 1. How has the wheat in your locality stood the winter?

No. 2. What is the present outlook for a crop?

No. 3. What number of acres were sown last fall in your township?

No. 4. What number sown in the county?

No. 5. How has the clover and timothy stood the winter?

No. 6. What is the outlook for the crop?

No. 7. Is any stock in your locality being fed for the foreign market? If so give details as far as possible as to numbers, &c.

No. 8. Where is the principal market for horses taken out of your neighborhood?

No. 9. What is the average price obtained this spring?

No. 10. If you keep bees, please give us a report of how they wintered; the number of hives kept over, and their present condition.

NORFOLK COUNTY.

1. Better than common. 2. Very good. 3. Very poor. 4. Fair. 5. Norwichville. 6. High.—Amos Pettit.

ELGIN COUNTY.

1. Splendid in Yarmouth. In fact it looks better this spring than for several years back. 2. The probabilities are that we will have an enormous crop. 3. 4,000. 4. 20,000, about. 5. Timothy stood the winter well. Clover badly heaved out. 6. Expect an ordinary crop of timothy; that is 1½ tons per acre. 7. The farmers do not to a great extent raise thoroughbred cattle. The number for home consumption are probably two hundred. 8. Manitoba, Montreal and Dakota. 9. Heavy horses from \$150 to \$200. 10. Bees are not kept to any great extent. Those who have them say they have wintered well, and are in a healthy condition.—Ferguson Bros.

1. Very good so far; but not like last year, nothing spoiled with winter frost last year, but otherwise this year. 2. Very fair; but April is the month that kills our fall wheat. 3. Clover and timothy are very much killed around here. 4. Cannot say how many. 5. St. Thomas. 6. From \$60 to \$175 a head. 7. None kept by me.—D. McIntyre.

1. Very well in Southwold; looks strong and healthy. 2. Very favorable. 3. Area very large. 4. Not well; the clover thrown out by frost. 5. Rather discouraging. 6. A great many, and high prices paid. 7. Montreal. 8. \$100. 9. I keep none; but many do, and they have wintered well.—Henry Pupley.

1. Good. 2. Is better than last year. 3. 20 per cent. 4. Clover bad; timothy looks better. 5. Not very good. 6. About 400 to go out on grass for July and August market. 7. United States. 8. \$250.—C. J.

OXFORD COUNTY.

1. High dry land good; wet low land badly froze out. 2. Fair. 3. Clover badly froze out; timothy good. 4. Fair. 5. Not much stock fed for foreign market in this section. 6. Manitoba. 7. \$115. 8. Wintered