

THE WORLD.

(After Sir Walter Raleigh.)

BY EDWIN WAUGH.

This foolish world doth wink
Its emanant hid;
And when it thinks, it thinks
Its foolishness are hid.

Its piety is a screen
Where vice doth hide;
Its purity is a clean,
Its meekness, pride.

Its charity is a bait
To catch a name;
Its kindness covers hate;
Its praise is blame.

Its learning is empty talk;
Its heart is cold;
Its church is an exchange;
Its god is gold.

Its pleasures all are blind.
And lead to pain;
Its treasures are a kind
Of losing gain.

Just moves it more than love.
Fear more than shame;
Its best ambitions have
A giv'ling aim.

Oh! cure our moral madness,
Our soul's disease,
Show us that vice brings sad-
And virtue, ease. [ness.]

And teach us in the hour
Of sin's dismay,
That Truth is the only flower
Without decay.

MARKETS, &c.

Toronto, March 31st.

Our markets must now be considered in a stationary condition. The latest accounts from the United Kingdom are more favourable as respects the weather and condition of the land for spring crops. Importations had been very heavy, and prices have had in consequence a somewhat downward tendency. But as a very large breadth of land prepared for fall wheat had not been sown in consequence of almost unprecedented wet weather, and spring wheat being but an indifferent substitute, we are much inclined to think that the present scale of prices will be maintained.

Winter has now left us, and spring is fast approaching, bringing with it its usual load of care and labour to the husbandman, but not divested, however, of its peculiar hopes and pleasures. The frost in many situations is quite out, and the snow gone; so that agricultural and horticultural operations are about commencing in right earnest. Winter wheat is said to be generally looking well, and with a favourable spring we may reasonably anticipate a productive autumn.

FLOUR.—The continued depression and decline in prices at the seaboard and in England, has had the effect of checking speculation at this port. 3000 bbls covers the week's transactions at the quotations. The orders, which have been principally on Montreal account during winter, are withdrawn for the present, waiting a reaction, which from the review of the foreign corn trade, in the *Mark Lane Express*, per last Steamer, is likely to take place on first appearance of wet weather in England, as the English farmers are depending upon dry weather to sow what seed they were obliged to leave out last fall, owing to the continued wet weather during seed time.

WHEAT.—The breaking up of winter roads, prevents Wheat coming forward, and the absence of orders makes business dull in wheat. It is a singular feature in the Wheat and Flour trade of Western Canada, that few orders have been filled on American account the past winter. The wheat bought (apart from what Millers hold,) has been principally on English account.

PORK.—The pork market at the sea board remains dull, and prices continue to decline. Packers here require a great portion of their stocks for home consumption. The weight of Pork is held on Montreal

and Qu-bee account, and a large proportion required for the lower ports and the lumber trade.

BUTTER.—This article has declined; and taking prices at the seaboard as a guide, will reduce the value here to 6d per pound for good keg butter.

PEAS.—There has been quite a demand during the week for field and marrowfat peas for the American market, the latter at 1 25 per bushel, and 60c. for common field peas, f. o. b.

In other articles but little doing. Prices nominal.

This port is becoming the principle one for early spring operations in the products of the country, owing partly to its being the only Port on Lake Ontario accessible during the winter and spring months where any quantity of our staples accumulates. This together with the Railroads building, and the rapidly increasing wholesale importing houses, will make Toronto the Liverpool of Canada West.

FREIGHTS.—'I he spring business may now be said to have commenced. Propellers are coming in from Oswego, freighted with English goods via Boston, and loading with flour for New York via Oswego. The first shipment of flour has been taken at 48 cents through to New York, from Toronto, including all charges at Oswego. The propeller St. Lawrence will commence loading next week for the same port. If the Oswego forwarders can guarantee to the Canadian shippers dispatch, and put on first class steamers to Oswego, they would secure all the New York passenger and freight trade of Canada West, as that port is accessible at all seasons and the nearest route to the seaboard. The Montreal forwarders must lower their views or lose the trade.

EDITOR'S NOTICES.

RECEIVED.—J. D., Mariposa.

Mr. Edward Jones, Stamford, will accept our thanks for two back Numbers.

IN consequence of the piston of the Steam Press being deranged, and having to undergo some repairs, the publication of this No. of the *Agriculturist*, has been unavoidably delayed.

NOTICE TO TREASURERS OF AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES.

The Statute requires that the Subscriptions of Members of all Agricultural Societies (whether of Counties or Townships) should be paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the County Society on or before the 1st day of May next. After which the Treasurers of County Societies are required to make an affidavit of the sums paid into their hands, in the form of the Schedule attached to the Act; the affidavit to be afterwards transmitted to the Board of Agriculture in Toronto.

TORONTO CORN EXCHANGE.

The merchants, millers, and traders of this city and neighbourhood have formed, we understand, a Corn Exchange; holding a meeting daily, in one of the rooms of the St. Lawrence Hall, from twelve to one o'clock. Such an organisation has long been wanting in this rising city, whose commerce is daily spreading, and we shall give more particulars respecting it hereafter.