

How to Save the Farmers from Ruin.

Mr. J. Boyd Kinnear is one of the most interesting writers upon agriculture that we have at the present day. He writes well to begin with, but that is the least of his qualities; he is one of the most invincible of optimists, and he has so robust a faith in his specific that you feel almost tempted to believe in spite of yourself. Mr. Boyd Kinnear's article in the January *Blackwood* is a delightful specimen of his style. At a time when the British farmer is reduced to the verge of despair, and is wringing his hands, declaring that nothing in the world will save him except an utterly unattainable protection, behold Mr. Boyd Kinnear steps into the arena and gaily demonstrates that the farmers might be rolling in wealth if they would only take a leaf from Continental nations and feed the cattle with green food, instead of allowing them to gather it themselves by strolling at their leisure over meadow land. The way of salvation for the British farmer, according to Mr. Boyd Kinnear, is to grow forage crops, such as lucerne, clover, etches, etc., to practice ensilage, to feed their cattle in stall, and when you must grow green, to manure over it by ploughing in your green crops. By substituting the cultivation of green crops for permanent pasture, he calculates the annual net receipt on a hundred acre farm would be raised from £185 a year to £476—that is to say, increase on produce as at present £371 per acre, to be divided between land, raising, repairing buildings, and tenant's profits. The farmer would have \$4 15s. per acre, and at the same time the wages paid would be more than trebled. Having demonstrated this to his own satisfaction, Mr. Kinnear proceeds to calculate that on five million acres we could grow all the wheat which we now import, and still have fifteen thousand acres of our present pasture land to devote to other ground, and the food of more cattle and sheep. The eighty million sterling now paid away to the foreigner would fructify in the pockets of our people, and all this could be brought about by a simple change in the method of cropping. I am afraid that an experienced agriculturist with actual balance sheets before him would smile very grimly on reading Mr. Kinnear's triumphant demonstration of the way in which it could be done. To those who are not agriculturists, the most obvious criticism which occurs upon Mr. Kinnear's paper is, that it is too good to be true.—*Review of Reviews.*

A Ripe Old Age.

There took place at St. Malachi's Church last week (says the *Philadelphia Catholic Standard*), the funeral of one of its oldest parishioners, Mrs. Catharine Sharp, widow of John G. Sharp, who died on Sunday week at her home 1226 Fleetwood Street, at the wonderful advanced age of almost 115 years. After Solemn High Mass she was buried in Cathedral Cemetery. Four generations of her descendants attended her funeral. Her maiden name was Dowall. When twenty years old she married John Sharp, who died in 1819 at the age of sixty-two. He had rendered honorable service in the war of 1812.

Mrs. Sharp was born on February 5, 1778, up on a farm situated where Ninth and Cherry streets now are. She distinctly remembered delivering milk to General Washington and his staff, as well as the great bon-fires which the boys made in 1812 to celebrate Commodore Perry's destruction of the English ships. The house in which the old lady died has been occupied by herself and her offspring for forty-five years.

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The Insurance feature that was adopted at the convention held in May, 1892, came into force on Feb. 1, 1893; and the first called for our ranks was an old and respected member of St. Patrick's Branch, No. 7, of Toronto, upon whose soul may God have mercy. The widow of our deceased Brother testifies to the promptness with which the claim was paid in the following letter:

TORONTO, March 6, 1893.

To D. A. Carey, Esq., Grand President, E. B. A.

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P.S.—As soon as the Constitution is published copies may be obtained from the officers of the Grand Branch.

THE MARKETS.

Toronto, March 22, 1893.

Wheat, fall, per bush.....	\$0 67	0 68
Wheat, red, per bush.....	0 66	0 67
Wheat, spring, per bush....	0 62	0 63
Wheat, goose, r or bush.....	0 00	0 61
Barley, per bush.....	0 40	0 45
Oats, per bush.....	0 25	0 37
Peas, per bush.....	0 60	0 62
Dressed hogs, per 100 lbs....	8 00	8 20
Chickens, per pair.....	0 45	0 65
Geese, per lb.....	0 07	0 08
Turkeys, per lb.....	0 13	0 14
Butter, per lb.....	0 22	0 24
Eggs, new laid, per dozen....	0 16	0 17
Parsley, per doz.....	0 20	0 30
Radishes, per doz.....	0 00	1 00
Beets, per bag.....	0 40	0 60
Turnips, per bag.....	0 40	0 45
Cabbage, new, per doz.....	0 40	0 50
Celery, per doz.....	0 50	0 00
Onions, per bag.....	1 00	1 00
Lettuce, per doz.....	0 25	0 40
Carrots, per bag.....	0 25	0 50
Potatoes, per bag.....	0 95	1 00
Apples, per bbl.....	1 00	2 00
Hay, timothy.....	10 50	12 00
Straw, sheaf.....	7 00	8 00

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

TORONTO, March 21.—Prices for very good cattle ranged from 3½ to 4c, from 3 to 3½c for secondary, and for inferior from 2½ to 3c per lb. There were 11 or 12 loads of Easter stock purchased for Montreal.

MILCH COWS AND SPRINGERS—A steady demand exists for both forward springers and milkers; very few milkers were here, but average and good quality cows will sell well.

LAMBS AND SHEEP—All told, 160 came in, and though the market was over-supplied prices were well maintained, and lambs and sheep mixed sold at an average of \$5.50 each; good yearlings sold to-day in a few instances at 6c per pound.

CALVES—Very few came in, but good calves are in demand, and will sell readily at fairly high prices for anything that can be classed as choice.

HOGS—While hogs were notably unchanged to-day the tendency was downwards; for the best here (weighed off cars) \$6.25 was paid; the average was around \$6 per cwt. Stores and small rough hogs, while they may sell, are not in demand here.



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Ottawa, March, 1893.