

## PICKERING FAIR.

A correspondent has sent us the following notice of a market or fair, for the sale of live stock, and the implements of husbandry, that has been in successful operation in the township of Pickering for some time. We are glad to hear of so favourable a result, as we have long thought that periodical markets of this kind, established in suitable places in the well-settled districts of the country, would be attended with convenience and advantage to the public. Hereafter we may refer to the subject more at large. In the meantime, we request the reader's attention to our correspondent's remarks:—

The Fair which has been established in Pickering for the last two years, and held at Norwood, now GREENWOOD, is found to be of great benefit to the farmers in that, and the surrounding townships. The fair is held quarterly, and takes place upon the first *Wednesday in March, June, September, and December.*

The turn out stock has been very respectable at all the different fairs yet held, and a great many generally sold off. The attendance of the Toronto buyers has been numerous, and they have found stock in excellent condition for their purpose. Something may be judged of the beef made in this vicinity when we state that Mr. John Millar sold a young ox, last December fair, for the very respectable price of one hundred dollars. We understand that Mr. Dow, of Whithy, sold a pair last fair day, being Wednesday, the 3rd of March; we did not exactly hear the price, but we know for certain that Mr. D. was asking £50 for them, and that he had £45 bid some weeks before, when we saw the cattle at his own farm. Mr. Gould was the buyer of both of these excellent lots. This fair is also attended by those who sell ploughs, Harrows, Drills, Rakes, of various sorts, churns, pumps, and many other implements and utensils used in Agriculture and the dairy. The fair is now avowedly patronized by the Pickering Township Agricultural Society, and seems to be creating emulation amongst farmers, and improvements in stock, both in breeding and fattening—second, perhaps, only to the effects of that society.

CANADA: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE. Toronto: Thomas Maclear, Yonge Street.

The 9th part of this valuable publication has been received, and as the work approaches completion, its useful character is well sustained. The present part completes the description of the several Counties, and enters upon a general review of the natural productions of the Province, and its advantages as a field for enterprise and settlement, compared with other colonies belonging to Great Britain. It is also accompanied by two neatly engraved maps, one of the County of Prince Edward; the other of the Counties of Lanark, Renfrew, Carleton, Leeds and Grenville.

MORTON'S CYCLOPEDIA OF AGRICULTURE.—Parts 15, 16, and 17, of this original and elaborate work, fully justify the high hopes and opinions we have previously expressed in relation to the earlier numbers. Each article is written by a distinguished person, *practically acquainted with his subject*; so that the work may be regarded as the result of an extensive experience in the various departments of Agriculture, and it has little or nothing in common even with the best compilations. We shall give our readers a few

specimens in succeeding numbers. It can be had in parts as published by Blakie & Son, of Glasgow, by their Agent, Mr. Thomas Maclear, of this City; and supplied to subscribers, in any part of Upper Canada, by his Travelling Agents.

PRIZE REPORTS.—At the recent meeting of the Board of Agriculture the first prize of £20 was awarded to the Report of the County of Wellington, prepared by John Harland Esq., of Guelph; the second of £15 to the Report of the County of Hastings, written, we understand, by William Hutton, Esq., of Belleville.

WANTED.—A young man recently from England; but who has had some experience in Canadian Farming, is desirous of obtaining a situation as Head man on a farm. Satisfactory testimonials as to ability, &c., will be given. Address A. B., at this office.

## TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A CONSTANT READER, *Chatham*—It is quite probable that Rape would succeed in very many instances, in your section, by sowing early in the fall, for spring feed. We know an extensive cow-keeper of this city, who has tried the experiment with success. The risks of failure would arise from the exposure of the plant during the severe weather of winter, in the absence of snow, and the alternate freezing and thawing in early spring. Rape is a hardier plant than the turnip, and will grow on inferior and heavy lands. We recommend you to try the experiment, which the only way of arriving at the absolute truth. We will shortly prepare an article on the culture of this plant.

T. W.—*Hemp* is undoubtedly worth attending to in Canada. We will endeavour at an early period to procure the information you require, and communicate it through the medium of our pages.

W. H. SOHAM.—We should be happy to publish Mr. Soham's views on the Principles of Breeding, if treated in a candid and comprehensive spirit, and devoid of special pleading.

THE CATTLE CONTROVERSY.—Mr. Parson's reply to Mr. Soham did not reach us in time for the present number.

W. A. W. ETOMCOKE.—We regret that your former communication got mislaid. *Downing on country houses* is a good book, and would probably meet your wishes fully. An American publication of a more recent date has been highly spoken of, entitled (if we remember correctly,) *Rural Houses*; and we see that Lewis F. Allen of Black Rock has just issued a work called, "*Rural Architecture*," being a complete description of farm-houses, cottages, out-buildings, &c." We do not know the prices of these publications, but believe them to be very moderate. The first mentioned contains only a portion of Downing's original work, expressly adapted to the wants of the rural population. Any respectable Canadian bookseller will procure them. *Paige's Threshing Machines* can be safely recommended; we do not know the price of the size you require; particulars can be readily obtained by applying to Mr. R. Wilson, the agent at Hamilton. There are several makers of thrashing machines of excellent quality and action in different parts of the Province.