

**TENTS FOR THE PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION.**—We beg to call the attention of our readers at a distance to an advertisement in this day's issue, by which it will be seen that, with a view to secure ample accommodation for strangers visiting Brockville during the holding of the Provincial Exhibition in the month of September next, and to enable such to remain together during their stay, Mr. Williams of Rochester, who is to supply the Tents for the Provincial Association, will be prepared to let out family or party tents, capable of holding from 200 to 8 or 10 persons respectively at moderate terms, which may be learned on application either to the Proprietor or D. Wylie, Secretary of the Local Committee here. These tents being perfectly water-tight, and possessing every requisite for comfort, are fully qualified to answer the purpose of any ordinary building, and parties engaging them would only require to add a few cooking utensils, Buffalo robes, &c., to make their temporary home complete. We would recommend an early application.—*Brockville Recorder.*

In calling attention to the above, we wish it to be understood that the accommodation for visitors in Brookville and neighbouring towns is not likely to fall short of former occasions; every exertion is being made by the Local Committee to get such as may visit the fair accommodated at the usual rates of charge. Parties, however, wishing to keep together, and enjoy the excitement of a novel mode of life, would do well to hire tents, and thus have an independent establishment of their own at a trifling cost. Mr. Williams is a very respectable man, and will supply a good article;—he was elected an *Honorary member* of the Agricultural Association of Upper Canada. We hear that a party from Rochester is coming with a unique tent; and that a steamer also has been chartered to leave that port, and remain in the river during the fair. Altogether the prospect is very cheering.—[*Editor Agriculturalist.*]

**STEWART'S PATENT STUMP-PULLER.**—We have been requested to call attention to this machine, manufactured by W. Willis of Orange, Massachusetts.—These machines are constructed with a power from 250 to 1,000 tons purchase, varying in price from \$50 to \$200. The American Agricultural press speaks highly of them. Any mere verbal description without an engraving, which we have not received, would be of little worth.

A sample of Australian wheat—a very remarkable variety of the common wheat—is exhibited in New York. The ears greatly resemble those of Barley; they are four cornered, and armed with stiff, strong, barbed bristles. The grain is uncommonly full and round. They talk of forty or fifty bushels of this wheat to the acre, having been raised in the course of the present season in the neighbourhood of Flat-bush.

#### POTATO ROT.

From present appearances, this district of country is more severely visited with this disease, than at any former period. Whole fields are entirely denuded of their leaves, and have every appearance of having

passed through a very severe frost; and what is entirely variant from the experience of former years, it is the early planted and early varieties that are the most severely attacked, and even those on the dryest and most meagre soils, and sand ridges, are in no degree exempt, contrary to the heretofore received opinions and experience on those points.

The late planted patches, say on the 1st of June and later, are as yet free of the disease, but if they hold out it will be an anomaly in this pestilence.

The cause is thus far inscrutable. There are no peculiar insects or worms to be found in, on, or about the vines; nor is there any particular fungus, or difform matter to be observed on the stems or foliage. From the fact that those fields which are very foul with weeds escape best, it has been argued that the disease was attributable to the effect of a hot sun, but this can hardly be applied this year, for there has been no such this season; in fact all the hypothesis fails.

It has like the cholera an atmospheric source; a virus is produced, that is carried to the tubers by the circulation, thus poisoning and destroying the whole plant.—*New Yorker.*

**PARSNIPS.**—This root has long been an inmate of the garden, and was formerly much used. In the times of Popery, it was the farmer's Lent root, being eaten with salted fish, to which it is still an excellent accompaniment. "In the north of Scotland," Dr. Neill observes, "parsnips are often beat up with potatoes and a little butter; of this excellent mess the children of the peasantry are very fond, and they do not fail to thrive upon it. In the north of Ireland, a pleasant table beverage is prepared from the roots brewed along with hops. Parsnip wine is also made in some places; and they afford an excellent ardent spirit, when distilled after a similar preparatory process to that bestowed on potatoes destined for that purpose." It is an excellent food for cows, and its fattening qualities I have already noticed.—*Farmer's Guide.*

**MONSTER BEANS.**—We have twice lately noticed the extraordinary growth of some specimens which have been shown to us, of the Rocky Mountain bean, recently introduced into this country. We believe, if we recollect aright, the former specimens measured respectively 24 and 22 inches; but yesterday we were informed by Mr. John Warcup, gardener, of Laprairie, that he has a bean growing in his garden 27 inches in length. He says that the Rocky Mountain bean is an excellent and very succulent vegetable, fully equal in flavour to the common scarlet runner of this country.—*Montreal Transcript.*

**MODEL FARM.**—We are much gratified to see by the Quebec papers, that the gentlemen of the Seminary in that city have determined upon establishing a model-farm, on the property at the Cote Saint Paul. We trust we shall not be thought officious if we solicit the attention of our friends, the gentlemen of the Montreal Seminary, to the patriotic and enlightened conduct, in this matter, of their brethren in Quebec.—*Mont. Herald.*

Fashion makes foolish parents, invalids of children, and servants of all.

Trust him little who praises him least, who is all indifferent about all.