

thing with an iron grasp begins to relax its hold and the face of Nature presents the appearance of a released captive who had long worn the chains of slavery, but who now, finding himself at liberty, leaps and sings for joy.

Stern Old Winter, who for months had reigned with despotic sway, has now died a natural death, and over the once powerful, but now harmless tyrant, the stormy wind from the North howls his requiem, and the mild breezes of Spring are slyly kissing the flowers already springing from the jovous earth. Spring comes like a blushing maiden, with sweet smiles and merrily step; her spirits are buoyant and she diffuses animation and vigor everywhere around. The inviolable, whose cheeks the western breeze had not fanned for months, now ventures out and in the face of Nature he sees an emblem of himself. The enizens of the forest, that had lain dormant during the winter, now come forth, and, as it conscious of their misimprovement of time, seem desirous to make amends or atone for their long stupor by increased activity and renewed diligence.

But if April has little in itself to interest the Canadian, the case is vastly different with those who have been brought up in the British Isles; they have been accustomed to see vegetation in this month in a forward state, in the salubrious climate of Great Britain, weeks ere this. The fields are covered with their native green, the trees put forth their buds, the "buds and brues" are plentifully bedecked with primroses of various hues, the daffodil and snow-drop are already in bloom, the husbandman commits the seed to the bosom of the earth; and waits in patience the return of a bountiful harvest.

Every hedgerow, brake, tree, and wood, is rendered vocal by the voice of tuneful birds roused by the skylark, that "shrill-voiced messenger of morn," while from its "low and grassy bed" starts melodious, "the shadows have fled, and soars to the clouds to meet the approaching sun. These are but a few of the many pleasing recollections which, at this particular season of the year, force themselves upon the contemplative mind; and although our beloved Canada—our adopted home—possesses advantages infinitely superior to the land of our fathers, still we have frequently to "check the rising sigh," when the dear scenes of our youth come up in rapid succession before us, and, though the all-destroying hand of Time has left its impress upon everything around us, we retain as lively a recollection of them as though we had seen them but yesterday.

The Canadian farmer, who, for the last four months, had little else to do than attend to his cattle, cut and haul his firewood take out lumber for building purposes and carry his produce to market, is once more called upon to resume his toil; his sons, who, during the winter months, had been cultivating their minds at the neighboring school, are now kept at home, and are busily employed repairing the dilapidated fences, making sugar, collecting and preparing their farming implements, so that when the ground is sufficiently dry, they can at once commence operations. The prospects of the farmer were never brighter than now; everything that he has got to sell commands a high price; he need not be afraid to sow all the land he can spare in wheat, it will be all wanted. Let him, then, go forth to his labour with renewed energy and vigor, thankful, at the same time, that while many of the "nations of the earth" are convulsed with war, he can, in this happy land, "sit under his own vine and fig tree,—none daring to make him afraid."

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Reviews, &c.

The Anglo American Magazine—March, 1854. Toronto: Maclear & Co.

Among the principal contents of the present number may be mentioned, the continuation of the "History of the American War of 1812; the "Review of Abbott's Napoleon Buonaparte;" "Chronicles of Dredgaily;" "The Origin of Sea-Sickness;" "Confessions of a Junior Barrister;" "The Blankshire Hounds;" "The Editor's Swanty" contains as usual much amusing, and frequently really useful, information accompanied by flashes of wit and genuine good humour. The illustrations consist of a plate of the Fashions, a well executed view of Frederickton, New Brunswick, and a lithograph of the forever celebrated world's disturber, Napoleon Buonaparte.

Our readers should remember that the "Anglo-American" is essentially what its title denotes, a *British-American production*, and is richly deserving a liberal and wide-spread support.

Transactions of the Wisconsin State Agricultural Society.—Vol. 2: 1852. Madison: Beriah Brown, State Printer. 1853.

We are indebted to the worthy and efficient Secretary of the Wisconsin State Agricultural Society, Albert C. Ingham, Esq., for another volume of their Transactions. In addition to the usual Report of the State Society, and the Reports of the County Societies, the volume contains several interesting Essays on various Agricultural topics. "The Relation of Crops to Soils," by Dr. Lathrop; "On the Adaptation of Crops to Soil and Climate," by John Y. Smith; "On the Different Breeds of Neat Cattle," by T. P. Turner, and several others, will well repay a careful perusal. A copious list of the Fauna and Flora of Wisconsin is appended, with tables of Meteorological observations for the year 1852. We shall return again to this interesting Report hereafter, in the meantime we beg Mr. Ingham to accept our best thanks for his courteous consideration.

EDITOR'S NOTICES.

AGRICULTURAL REPORTS.

Reports have been received at the Office of the Board of Agriculture, to the present date, from the following Counties:—Waterloo, Stormont, Oxford, Addington, Hastings, and Ontario.

All subscriptions to Township and County Agricultural Societies for the present year, are required by law to be paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the County Society, on or before the 1st day of May next. March 22nd, 1854.

AGRICULTURAL SEED.

We beg to call the attention of our readers to Mr. Fleming's advertisement in the present number. Mr. Fleming has on hand an extensive stock, selected with care and judgment from some of the most respectable Seedsmen in Great Britain; and as he makes a practice of testing the vitality, and purity of his seeds before offering them for sale, the public may safely calculate on being well served.