

TO THE PUBLIC.

We feel *thankful* to you for the support that we have received, and hope to merit it to a greater extent, by being more punctual, and by improving our paper in every possible manner, by enlarging and embellishing. Our aim is to supply the farming community with any information that will tend to our advancement, from my own observation and experience, and condense any useful information that may appear in other agricultural journals on this continent or in other countries. We intend at present to keep the paper small as we know the farmers do not read half of the rigmorole that is hatched up to fill many of the papers they receive. Utility and to the point is our motto—every one should take this little paper that wish for the prosperity of the country, especially the farmers. Success in farming does not merely depend on manual labor, but those who think and plan are the most successful, and the farmers as a class have the least opportunity to converse and exchange ideas, and this deficiency should be supplied as far as possible by reading the thoughts of others and expressing theirs, and making enquiries by an agricultural paper. We also offer the *cheapest* and *best* means of advertising by charging farmers only one half, and in some cases only one quarter of what we charge for other advertisements, so they may have ready information of farms or stock that may be for sale. Every farmer should take an Agricultural paper. 25 cents is about the usual charge for an evening lecture, and you have a long journey to take in any kind of weather. How many have we furnished you with, or shall we provide you with of the most useful and practical kind? How much do they cost you? 50 cents a year at your own house and post free?

We close our present address, wishing you all a happy and prosperous new year, and hoping that you may support our undertaking by calling at our Office, or sending to us your small subscription, and we promise you that as soon as we can afford it, the size of this paper shall be increased. If you wish us success commend our paper to your neighbors.

We see from our Australian exchange and correspondent that Australia is now suffering under a financial crisis caused by a two years' drouth under which that colony has been suffering, their flocks and herds having been destroyed to an alarming extent. Money is quoted from 10 to 15 per cent on freehold, and from 15 to 25 per cent on bills. From the wholesale market report we see butter quoted at 24 cents, Colonial cheese, at 28 cents; English 35 cents; Bacon 28 cents; Hams Colonial 30c; English 35 cents. Does not this show us what a rich field we have open to us for our surplus stock. Up with the Cheese factories. Do not be at all alarmed, but we shall find a ready market for every pound of butter, cheese or pork that we can raise. Seed down your grounds and starve the weevil and midge.

THE AGRICULTURAL HALL, TORONTO.

A short time since we were in Toronto, being in want of some seeds for Spring sowing. We went to the Agricultural Hall but there were no farm seeds or any kind of grain there—flower and garden seeds might be had. The Agricultural Hall is a fine large handsome brick building standing on the corner of Young and Queen Streets. In it are a library and lecture room, good comfortable rooms for the Secretary. In one room are a lot of shelves on which are placed glass bottles filled with different kinds of grain from different countries. The Australian Wheat was by far the largest and finest sample there. The main Hall is on the third story, and is a fine large spacious room. Its contents consisted of 17 ploughs, not one of which was as good as the worst plough exhibited at the Mosa Exhibition, an old fashioned Cultivator and Sowing machine, an old badly stuffed white cow's head, a straw cutter, 2 iron garden seats, an old cradle, a new horse hayfork, some flax and grain in the straw, a pile of old bones, 2 old wire cages, 2 empty barrels and some old crockery were the contents. On casting our eyes around the Hall and beholding such a medley the thought struck us is, this possible that this is the best assortment to be found in Upper Canada. Do we not require an Emporium where good stock, seeds and implements may be found. We well know that the stock on our own farm was in reality of more value, and tending to enhance the value of the products of our country many hundred times more, than all we saw at the Agricultural Hall. What have the managers of this large establishment done towards assisting us in establishing a useful Emporium? This is the way the case stands, they have the cage, but we have the birds.

Parties wishing for fruit trees or ornamental shrubs from Mr. G. Leslie's Nurseries which are the best in Canada, can leave their orders at this Office.

QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNG FOLKS TO ANSWER.

We offer another copy of our paper, free for one year, to the boy or girl under the age of 14 years, that will send us the best written, shortest, and most correct answers to the two following questions:

1st Question:  
The little snarling, cooling "babes,"  
That break our nightly rest,  
Should be packed off to "Baby"-lon,  
To "Lap-land" or to "Brest."  
From "Spit"-head "Cooks" go o'er to "Greece,"  
And while the "Miser" waits  
His passage to the "Guinea" coast,  
"Spendthrifts" are in the "Straits."  
"Spinsters" should to the "Needles" go,  
"Wine-bibbers" to "Burgundy,"  
"Gourmands" should lunch at "Sandwich" Isles,  
"Wags" at the Bay of "Fun" dy.  
"Bachelors" flee to the "United States,"  
"Maids" to the "Isle of Man."  
Let "Gardeners" go to "Botany" Bay,  
And "Shoeblocks" to "Japan."  
Thus emigrate, and misplaced men  
Will then no longer vex us;  
And all who ain't provided for  
Had better go to "Texas."

2d. Why do Sailors say there is not a man in the moon:

The first question must be answered by giving the latitude and longitude of each place named in the rhyme, and state what each place has been or is most celebrated for, thus:

Babylon latitude—longitude—, celebrated for

Answers to be in by the 20th of this month. It has given us great pleasure to read the numerous letters we have received in answer to the questions in our last number. The prize was won by Master C. N. Spencer, of London, He

brought his letter to the office without waiting for the mail. The following are the names of others that sent correct answers:

Hattie G., W. Murtagh, W. D. Flory, G. H. Helmut, Huron College, J. E. Platt, Sarah Cousins, all of this city, Asa Choat, North Glanford, aged 7, Edward Selkirk Skead, Ottawa, C. E., Margaret A. Longmors, Clark's Mills, Camden East, Duncan McRae, Glencoe, John L. Bodkin, Lambeth, J. W. Hardy, Dorchester Station, F. Giles Princeton, C. E. Harris, Delaware, Kate E. Smith, Hamilton, and L. O. Stripp, Gladstone.

We shall send each of the last named childrer a copy of the paper for three months.

Answers—Watermelon. Natch.

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To the Editor of the Farmer's Advocate.

Westminster, Dec. 15th, 1866.

SIR:—I am much pleased that you have commenced the publication of an Agricultural paper in this County. I sincerely hope your enterprise will be fully appreciated by the farmers in general, as I consider we can have nothing more beneficial for the advancement of our prosperity, than an Agricultural paper properly conducted here. I am pleased to see that you write fearlessly, and do expose such things as deserve it. Enclosed please find my subscription, and I wish you every success.

Yours respectfully,

J. PINCOMB.

We feel pleased to find our undertaking is giving such satisfaction. Communications like the above are worth having as Mr. J. Pincomb is the principal breeder of Devon cattle we have in Canada. We trust the insertion of his letter will give him no offence.

LONDON MARKETS.

LONDON, Dec. 27, 1866.

This season the London market house has been better filled with a larger quantity of really good beef than on any previous Christmas. The market prices of meat has greatly receded since our last number was issued. The following are the present market prices.

Fall Wheat, per bushel	\$1.55	to	\$1.65
Spring Wheat do	1.35	to	1.38
Barley do	40	to	45
Oats do	28	to	28
Peas do	55	to	65
Corn do	55	to	60
Buckwheat do	40		
Rye do	60		
Dressed Hogs	4 25	to	5 00
Butter, prime, per lb.	14	to	20
Eggs, per dozen	18	to	20
Hay, per ton	8.00	to	10.00

RETAIL MARKET PRICES.

Flour, per 100 lbs.	3.50	to	4.25
Lard per lb.	12 1/2		
Beef, by the quarter	40	to	5 1/2
Mutton, per lb., by quarter	3	to	6
Apples, per bushel	62	to	1.00
Potatoes, per bushel	35	to	40
Butter, fresh rolls, per lb.	20		

Great Sale of Blooded Stock

WILL take place on Mr. John Snell's Farm, ton, on Wednesday the 30th day of Jan. at which place 20 head of Durham cattle, 17 G. 25 Leicester Sheep, and 9 Cheshire hogs, will be sold. Terms under \$40 cash, over that sum time will be given for approved paper.

[We have seen Mr. Snell's stock of cattle and sheep any one in want of thorough bred stock would attend the sale.]—Ed.

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