

The Indian exhibits of potatoes, broad and butter were exceedingly good. The dinner was held in the Bowling Alley, when the Queen and the Governor-General were toasted, and Mr. W. H. Gibbs, Jr., proposed the health of His Honor Lieut.-Governor Dowdney, who responded in a judicious speech, and he was followed by many other speakers, one of them being a Welsh editor.

The advertisements of the *Leader* indicate the business activity and progress of the city and country; one is a call by the Post Office Inspector for tenders for running a mail to "Marleton," in which some of our Halifax readers will recognize the name of a fair resident of Pleasant Street.

We are indebted to Messrs. Draper, of Covent Garden, for a copy of *Farm and Home* for 11th of October, containing the following report upon the prospects of the Apple Market:—

**THE APPLE CROP.**—Messrs. J. W. Draper and Son, Covent Garden, have kindly furnished us with the following particulars respecting the present appearance of the apple crop in Europe and America:—*United Kingdom.*—Crop much below the average.—*France.*—An average yield of early kinds, especially in the Gironde; late and better descriptions somewhat short. *Germany.*—Short crop generally. *Belgium.*—Short crop. *Holland.*—Very light crop. *Spain and Portugal.*—Crop short, description common. *America.*—There are indications that the crop will not equal in bulk that of 1880, yet the yield in some of the best producing localities is likely to be very abundant, and far superior in quality to the past two seasons. After mature consideration of the various reports, there is little doubt that the crop of Europe is considerably under that of many years; thus it will be from America that the supply for the United Kingdom will be derived. The prospect of shipments being advantageously made to England were never more promising, particularly for the better and later description of apples.

The *Thoroughbred Stock Journal* publishes a letter from Mr. Bonner declining to send "Maud S." to the State fair of Pennsylvania, as she is now under training to beat her own unequalled record. The Fair authorities intimated that there would be "no trotting or racing of any kind," to which Mr. B. retorts:

Anything that involves or includes betting, whether it be on the result of a contest between horses or on the result of a contest between candidates for the Presidency, I object to. These have been my life-long convictions. I have always

maintained that a gentleman can own and drive a good horse without being obliged to wager money on what the animal can accomplish. But if there is to be no trotting—even when disconnected with betting—at the Fair of your State Agricultural Society, I do not see that Maud S. has any business there. She excels all other horses, not in size or weight, or even in beauty, although she is a very handsome animal, but in trotting, which it seems your State Society excludes from its exhibitions. Surely there can be nothing wrong in permitting an animal like Maud S. to display her natural powers, so long as she is not used for gambling purposes. I once put the following question to your friend and my friend, Dr. McCosh: "What did the Almighty endow swift trotting horses with extraordinary speed for, if it were wrong to let them indulge in their natural gait? Did He ever make anything for the use of man of which man is bound to use a mean specimen when he can honestly afford to use a good one?" If so, I added, then all you clergymen ought to be confined to broken-down, spavined and foundered horses. The great metaphysician, with a smile, replied: "Those are questions for a theologian like Dr. Hodge," the doctor happening to be standing by his side.

Agricultural societies very properly offer premiums to the farmer who raises the largest pumpkins, the best turnips and potatoes, the biggest hogs, the finest cattle, &c. Why may they not just as properly offer a similar premium—i. e., without exacting an entrance fee, which is virtually wagering money—to farmers who raise the swiftest trotting horses? It is said that the man who makes two blades of grass grow where only one formerly grew, is a benefactor of his race. Let me give an illustration in this line: According to the time-table, it takes forty-eight minutes for the Sixth Avenue cars to run from the Astor House to the Central Park, the end of their route. Now a breed of trotting horses can be raised, and with very little extra expense, to accomplish that distance in thirty-five minutes, with more ease and less distress to themselves than it now takes ordinary horses to do the same distance in 48 minutes.

The Hon. William Ross, Collector of Customs at Halifax, informs us that Sheep imported from European ports are to be inspected on arrival here, and, if found free from Disease, passed to Entry on arrival without any quarantine requirements.

16th October, 1884. A fully expanded strawberry blossom was picked at Lucyfield to-day. The wild roses

blossomed a second time this season, also the Caucasian *Rosa ferox*. One plum tree had a fully expanded blossom when the ripe fruit was picked.

There has been an immense amount of breaking of harvesting machines this year. This was partly due to the fact that grain is very heavy, and much of it badly beaten down and tangled. Reapers had to cut very low to reach this fallen grain, and in many places wheat fields were badly gullied by rains last winter. The worst of all was that when breakages occurred there was in some cases no way to get repairs.—*N. W. paper.*

There is no breed of fowls which has as quickly gained such widespread popularity, or which is better able to successfully maintain that popularity than the well-known Plymouth Rocks. While they may be exceeded by the noted Light Brahmas in mere avoirdupois, or by the Leghorns in the matter of egg production in summer, for general and profitable purposes, taken all in all, the Plymouth Rocks are excelled by no other breed.

The census of 1880 showed that Texas had over 4,000,000 head of cattle, exclusive of all other live stock. The increase since then is estimated at 2,000,000 head, which makes a total of 6,000,000. An average of \$25 per head would give a total valuation of \$150,000,000.

### Advertisements.

Resolution of Provincial Board of Agriculture,  
3rd March, 1882:

"No advertisements, except official notices from recognized Agricultural Societies, shall be inserted in the JOURNAL OF AGRICULTURE in future, unless PREPAID at rate of 50 cents each insertion for advertisements not exceeding ten lines, and five cents for each additional line."

### FOR SALE.

THE Thorough-bred Ayrshire BULL  
"MARK ANTHONY,"

6 years old, sired by Bismarck. A sure stock getter. Quiet and kind. Good pedigree. N. S. Register. Can be bought cheap for cash.

Address:—H. D. CHISHOLM,  
Lower Wentworth,  
Cumberland Co., N. S.

THE JOURNAL OF AGRICULTURE

—is published monthly by—

A. & W. MACKINLAY,

No. 10, GRANVILLE STREET;

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA.

TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTION:

Fifty cents per annum—payable in advance.  
Single copy, five cents.

Printed at the office of the Nova Scotia Printing Company, Halifax, N. S.