

BERKSHIRE HOGS.

Mr. H. M. Wakeman of the village of Yorkville, one mile north of this city, slaughtered in the month of December last, two full bred Berkshire pigs, aged 7 months and 5 days—the one weighed 295 lbs. and the other 225 lbs. net weight. They were purchased from Mr. Severn, Brewer, of Yorkville—who is well known to many of our readers, as a successful breeder of this our favourite breed of swine—when ten weeks old, and required no extraordinary care or feed, to fatten.

A writer in the *Farmers' Gazette*, Connecticut, in eulogizing the English breeder, says they have given the Berkshire swine size, greater than an Alderman or Lord Mayor of London, fine formed symmetrical limbs, fine thin glossy hair, soft lady like skins, and great hardness of constitution—made them prolific breeders, best of nurses, of thrifty growth, early maturity, easily kept on grass, and will fatten at any age. Their dispositions, quiet and powers of endurance great, and their meat is of the best kind, lean where they should be, and fat where you want it; hams and shoulders lean, and delicate and broad sides the best of mess.

From our knowledge of Berkshire swine, we feel no hesitancy in bearing out the above writer in his remarks, and would recommend every farmer, to engraft either the Berkshire improved Durham, Yorkshire, or some of the breeds that are celebrated for their propensity to fatten at an early age, on their common breeds. A single cross will satisfy them that the difference of breed does not consist merely in the difference of keep. The day is not far distant when fattening pork for the British market will be found a profitable business for the Canadian agriculturist. The success of which, however, will much depend upon the skill practiced in feeding and curing. As a public Journalist, we will not lose sight in giving such information on these two important points, as will enable the Canadian agriculturists to compete in a very few years, with the very celebrated Dutch and Irish pork curers. In the mean time, we beg to suggest to those who intend to engage largely in the business, the propriety of selecting a breed of swine as above, without delay. The most valuable hams and bacon that are sold in the British market, are made from pork, from eight to ten months old, averaging in weight from 160 lbs. to 220 lbs. each. By adopting this system, a great advantage will be gained, over the old plan, both in feed and trouble, as no store hogs need be kept during winter, unless it be breed sows, which should be managed so that they would drop their pigs during the month of March or the first of April.—*Pub.*

PAGE'S PORTABLE SAW MILLS.

We conclude on the 19th Page, the extract from the Pamphlet alluded to in our last, which will give an accurate description of the above important machine. If two or three enterprising young men should join in the purchase of one of Page's mills, and travel through the back parts of the country, they would find that it would be a most lucrative undertaking, and would be of an incalculable advantage to the settlers. Many instances have come under our notice, where settlers have had to draw their logs from 8 or 10 miles to the Saw Mill, and after waiting three or four months would be able to get their timber

—which, of course, would have to be drawn over the same ground, and perhaps at the most busy season of the year. By introducing Portable Saw Mills, all this difficulty will be obviated, without injury to any one, as it is not probable that they would be brought into use in the immediate neighbourhoods of stationary Saw Mills. There will be before the month of July next, upwards of two hundred miles of plank road under contract, most of which will, it is supposed, be completed as soon as practicable. We have not made a close calculation of the costs of planking such roads, but would suppose the plank alone would cost £200. per mile, as much of the plank would have to be drawn from six to ten miles: whereas by the aid of Portable Mills, they could in most cases be had within a mile of the line of road, and in many instances on the immediate line. We may suppose at a very reasonable estimate that the advantages derivable from Portable Mills would be equal to £50. per mile, which would pay the whole expense of such Mills and leave a handsome profit to the country besides.

We have written, as we have stated elsewhere, to Mr. Page, and offered our services as Agent to have them introduced into this Province. Any person may be put in possession of further particulars by writing to the Publisher of *The British American Cultivator*, post-paid.

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Flour Farmers', in barrels.....	16	3	a	18 9
Oatmeal.....per barrel.....	12	6	a	14 0
Wheat.....per bushel.....	2	10	a	3 3
Rye.....do.....	2	0	a	2 3
Barley.....do.....	1	3	a	1 8
Oats.....do.....	0	10	a	1 0
Pease.....do.....	1	6	a	1 8
Timothy.....do.....	3	2	a	3 6
Clover Seed.....do.....	30	0	a	35 0
Pork.....per 100lbs.....	12	6	a	17 6
Beef.....do.....	12	6	a	17 6
Mutton and Veal (qr.).....per lb.	0	3	a	0 4
Pork.....do.....	0	2	a	0 3 1/2
Butter.....do.....	9	8	a	9 0
Turkeys.....do.....	2	0	a	3 2
Geese.....do.....	1	3	a	2 0
Fowls, per pair.....	1	0	a	2 0
Ducks, per pair.....	1	8	a	2 0
Eggs, per dozen.....	0	9	a	1 0
Potatoes, per bushel.....	1	3	a	1 6
Hay, per ton.....	45	9	a	55 0
Straw, do.....	25	0	a	30 0
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