

## Communications.

## JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

Mr. Editor: You don't know how pleased I was the other week, to come across a number of your little paper, away back here in Cumberland. I greeted it as a friend, and pointed to it exultingly, as an example of the energy and enterprise of one of our Western Farmers. In the paper I got hold of, you had an article headed "Canada as a fruit growing country," but your remarks were confined to the production of that fruit in your own and adjoining neighbourhood, extending no further Eastward than Brampton, and implying in a manner to a casual observer, that outside of that limit, there was little or nothing done in the way of fruit raising.

Now Sir, I want to say a word or two for Ottawa and surrounding country, so that your western readers may know that even here in this land of mighty lumbering interests, we have our fruit trees and more than that our fruit:

Though a western man myself, I have been for the past year engaged in a business here, which takes me a great deal among farmers, and I have made it a point (having a decided taste that way myself) to gather all the information I could on matters relating to horticulture, whether of fruit or ornamental trees, and shrubs, as I found in my travels. Immediately in and about Ottawa, where parties have had the opportunity of being supplied with fruit trees from the hands of nurserymen, you may see young orchards comprised of the following varieties of apples, doing as well as trees possible can:—Fameuse, St. Lawrence, Red Astracan, Golden Russet, Pomme Grise, and Bourassa. I may here say that I was shown an orchard at what is now the Governors residence, composed entirely of Fameuse Apples, said to have been planted 20 years ago, and at all appearances in perfect health at the present time, bearing annually a large crop of fruit.

Further away from the town where the inhabitants had to rely more upon their own resources, I have seen old orchards composed of trees raised from seed, and in most cases where I have enquired as to their origin, I have found that the "good dame" is to be thanked for the supply of fruit now enjoyed by the family; that her first care, years ago, when with her husband only, perhaps, she was set down in the then wilderness, on the spot where they had determined to make a home, was to deposit some apple seeds, brought perhaps from some far off settlement, or gathered from apples purchased in "Bytown" for the purpose, around some favorably located stump, that she had nursed them in their infancy, attended to them as well as she could when of mature age, and pointed to them now with justifiable pride, many of them like herself hastening to decay.

Away up the Gatineau River in Lower Canada, I stumbled on to a garden lot full, where, among flowers, fruit, and vegetables, which would have put to shame many a garden more favorably located. I found Delaware grapes ripening their fruit, and one fine old Isabella, with I was told, by the proprietor, 280 bunches of fruit upon it. Siberian crabs appear here to be perfectly at home,

I saw specimens of Transcendent and Montreal Beauty, fully equal in every respect to anything I ever saw in the West.

A LONDONER.

## FROM A STOCK BREEDER.

We received the following communication from Mr. John Snell of Edmonton a celebrated stock raiser in answer to a letter regretting that circumstances prevented our attending his sale. The matter contained therein is of interest to farmers, and we trust Mr. Snell will have no objection to our publishing it entire:

EDMONTON, FEB. 15TH 1867.

Mr. W. WELL—Dear Sir: In reply to yours received a few days ago I have to say that I have no Cotswold Ewes to dispose of at present. They are very scarce. My sale of stock on the 30th was tolerably successful. The storms which prevailed for a few days before the sale, blocked up some of the Railroads and prevented many persons from getting here, who intended to come, but there was a large attendance of substantial farmers present, and the bidding was quite spirited. The sales realized \$5,127.00. Short Horn Bulls brought from \$100 to \$216 each; cows from \$65 to \$275 each; Galloway Bulls from \$40 to \$150 each; Cows from \$68 to \$132 each; Leicester Ewes from \$21 to \$85 each, and Ram Lambs from \$21 to \$59. A span of horses by imported Tom Thumb sold for \$340. From the usual demand there is for short Horn Bulls I expected larger prices than were obtained. The seven yearly Bulls sold, were such a lot as is seldom seen upon one farm in this country, and they ought to sell for better prices. I think there is scarcely anything more certain to pay than a Short Horn Bull. He ought to pay for himself in the improvement he makes in a man's stock, besides what can be made by letting his services, and when the cost of feeding a calf till he is a year old, the cow's milk &c., is taken into consideration a yearling Bull ought to sell for \$200 to make it pay well.

I have sold all my Galloways, and shall confine myself to the breeding of short horns in future. I have 37 head of short horns now, I sold 20 short horns at the sale. My stock is select now, and I hope to raise some good things. Mr. Keer of Westminster, and Mr John Wilson of the same place, bought Galloway cattle.

At some future time, I may communicate my views relating to the management or mis-management of the Provincial Exhibition, for I think I feel perhaps as deeply as any one the gross injustice the farmers, who are the best friends of the association, are subjected to. But I am too busy at present, to take the matter up.

I shall be happy to have you call and see my little stock, any time when it is convenient.

I am, Sir, Yours Truly,

JOHN SNEEL.

We are expecting an Artist in this city shortly, for the purpose of sketching Stock, Machinery, and residences for Engraving. Any one wishing any work done in that way, would do well to call at this Office as soon as possible.

## IMPROVEMENTS.

We were in Mr. Leonard's Foundry in this city, and noticed several steam engines were being constructed. These are the first lot that we are aware of being made as far West in Canada. We hope his enterprise will be rewarded.

We also called at Mr. Elliott's Foundry, and saw there a large number of Reaping Machines in various stages of completion. He informed us that he is manufacturing 200, and that he made and sold fifty last year. He showed us a list of names of leading farmers who had used his machines last year, of this Western section, who certified as to their working very satisfactorily.

Gentlemen sending for papers must be particular, to have the name and p. o., addresses plain, to prevent mistake.

## LONDON MARKETS.

LONDON, March 1, 1867.

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

Fall Wheat, per bushel	1.45	to	1.75
Spring Wheat, do	1.40	to	1.52
Barley, do	40	to	50
Oats, do	28	to	31
Peas, do	55	to	65
Corn, do	55	to	65
Buckwheat, do	40	to	45
Rye, do	60		
Seeds—Clover, \$6 to \$7 per 60 lbs.; Timothy, \$2 to \$2.50 per 60 lbs.			
Dressed Hogs	4.50	to	6.00
Hay, per ton	18	to	20
Butter, prime, per lb.	11	to	15
Butter, keg, per lb.	75	to	1.25
Turkeys,	25	to	37½
Geese,	45	to	50
Ducks per pair	37½	to	40
Fowls,	15	to	20
Eggs, per dozen	3.75	to	4.50
Flour, per 100 lbs.	9	to	12½
Lard per lb.	6	to	7½
Beef, by the quarter	5	to	6
Mutton, per lb., by quarter	62	to	1.00
Apples, per bushel	40	to	50
Potatoes, per bushel			
Cordwood, green, \$3.00 dry \$3.50.			

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A Gold ring, on Dundas Street last week. The owner can have it by proving property and paying for this advertisement.

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