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DE OMNIBUS REBUS.

Box 254, Sorel, Que.—  
April 12th, 1887.

RELATIVE PRICES OF GRASS- AND CLOVER SEEDS IN ENGLAND AND IN CANADA.

England.		Canada.
Orchard Grass.....	19 cts.	25 cts —26 % dearer in Canada.
Perennial Rye Grass.....	4 "	10 " —150 % " "
Meadow Foxtail.....	35 "	35 " —same price.
Meadow Fescue.....	19 "	30 " —58 % dearer in Canada.
Fall Fescue.....	31 "	30 " —about the same price.
Hard Fescue.....	12 "	25 " —100 % dearer in Canada.
Clover, perennial (true cow-grass).....	20 "	none —
Trefoil.....	8 "	25 " —217 % dearer in Canada.

The English prices I have taken from the list of a leading

seedsman as published in the Agricultural Gazette. The Canadian prices are from Mr. Wm. Evans' catalogue. The chief points are the difference between the prices of the trefoil, the perennial rye-grass, and the hard-fescue. *Alsike* is the same price in both countries.

*Expensive "hand-dressings,"* as the artificial manure were called, about one hundred years ago, were in great request in England. All sorts of experiments were being tried, and the difference of action between the bulky farmyard manure and the "hand-dressings" was well understood. Woollen rags, rape-cake, soot, and a mixture of whale-oil and potash, seem to have been the chief supplementary manures. "These," says a writer, about 1774, "are in all respects inferior to rotten dung: when that can be obtained, every kind of manure must give place to it. But at the same time dung affords nourishment to the plants, it opens the pores of the earth. Hand-dressings, on the contrary, give food to plants, but contribute but little towards loosening the soil."

*Broadcast sowers.*—I was agreeably surprised, about a week ago, at the sight of sixteen broadcast-sowers, by Wisner, of Brantford, Ont., just delivered at the Sorel station of the South Eastern railroad, and addressed to different *habitans*, all living within a distance of five or six miles from this place. As three of them, on their road to Sainte-Anne de Sorel, passed my house in the afternoon, I had an opportunity of giving a short lecture to the purchasers on their use. I found, as I expected, that they had conceived the idea that all they had to do was to fill the seed-boxes with grain and grass-seeds, and, to use their own expression, "Hurra"! There was to be no harrowing or any other bother, but the work was to be finished by the time the sowing was done.