

CARROTS RUNNING TO SEED.

MILLBROOK, Sept. 8, 1957.

DEAR SIR,—Would you be kind enough to inform me what is the reason of carrots which were sown this spring going to seed? A great deal of the carrot crop in this section of Canada has become useless in that way. I may state that I imported, from a very respectable house in England, last spring, a quantity of "field seeds," and among the rest carrot seed of different varieties. I heard of no complaints till within the last three weeks, when the farmers to whom I had sold came in one after another and told me the carrots were in a great measure going to seed. It seems confined to the *red* variety; still, in some places there are a few of the white. The root is from six inches to a foot in length, and about three quarters of an inch in diameter at the large end, and tapers off gradually to a point; is quite tough, and perfectly useless for food. Farmers generally blame the seed, and say it was bad. This I can scarcely think is the case, as in every instance it grew remarkably well, and looked as well as usual, till within about a month. Be kind enough to give me your opinion as to the reason, and you will confer a favor on

Your obedient servant,

R. W. ERRETT.

Remarks.—We learn upon enquiry that nearly all the carrot seed imported from Great Britain last season proved imperfect, and in many cases exhibited its weakness in the manner represented by our correspondent. The fault rests chiefly with the seed. The seed imported from France has not exhibited this peculiar defect. Some of our best seedsmen in this vicinity knowing, or suspecting the evil, took care to mix seed imported from other countries with their English seed, and thus averted the loss to their customers which would otherwise have occurred.

TOWNSHIP AND COUNTY FAIRS.

Several of these interesting Exhibitions followed closely upon the Provincial Show at Brantford. We had the pleasure of attending the Exhibition of the Fullerton, Logan, and Hibbert Society at Mitchell, in the County of Perth, on the 7th inst. The display was highly creditable to the new but thriving Townships which the Society represents. The young horses, sheep and cattle, as well as the domestic productions, afforded evidence of the beneficial operation of the Society. A large number of people, old and young, thronged the Village during the day. In the evening a meeting was held for discussion, and was well attended. Mitchell is a rising place; it is favourably located in the heart of a rich agricultural district, that, in a few years, will be second to none in the Province.

The writer attended the County Show at Stratford, on the 8th. The quality of the Exhibition spoke well for the enterprise of the farmers of Perth. Mr. McCulloch's bull, which took the 2d prize at Brantford, was on the ground. Sheep made an excellent show. The roots and dairy produce were also worthy of special praise. There was a large crowd of spectators, who evinced great interest in the proceedings. A meeting for conversation on agricultural topics was held in the afternoon, and a dinner was given to the Judges and guests in the evening. Both passed off agreeably, and, we believe, profitably. We have nowhere met more intelligent farmers, or those who display more zeal for improvement, than in the County of Perth. Agricultural Societies are there well supported, and agricultural papers extensively read.