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The Farmer's Journal.

This month we present our readers with an extra quantity of reading matter, the greater portion of which has been selected with the special view of being useful at this season of the year.

The Board of Agriculture is about to distribute the Seeds selected by the Commission of the Great Exhibition, among those who will take the trouble of cultivating them carefully, and reporting the results. Each recipient of Seeds is expected at the end of the season to answer the following questions:—

1. What seed?
2. Quantity of seed sown?
3. Quantity of land?
4. Nature of the soil?
5. Land under-drained or only surface drained?
6. Nature of the crop last year?
7. The cultivation for this experiment?
8. Has manure been applied?
9. In what quantity, and of what description?
10. Date of sowing?
11. Appearance of crop during progress to maturity?
12. Date of harvesting?
13. Yield of crop in grain and straw?
14. With any other interesting observations.

A Correspondent wishes to know, where good Hereford stock can be purchased. Any one desirous of selling, will please communicate with us respecting terms.

Annual Show of Horses.

The Montreal Agricultural Society held its Annual Show of Horses on 29th April, in the Haymarket Square. There were no prizes awarded; but the premiums given at the Annual County Cattle Show, held in the fall, will be restricted to the Horses brought up at this exhibition. The animals on the ground were not numerous, but some of these were of the very best kind. One in particular—a draught horse—attracted general attention.

The bulls belonging to the Society were also on the ground and were much commended.

Montreal County Agricultural Society.

Mr. Smith, the Secretary-Treasurer, acknowledges, with many thanks, the receipt of the handsome sum of \$25 from J. Hutchison, Esq., St. Laurent, as his subscription for the current year.

Farmer's Journal.

We have discontinued sending the Journal for the present month to those who have not remitted in advance according to our terms; but in order to supply such as may wish to continue, and may have inadvertently omitted to forward their subscriptions, we have printed off an extra number of copies, which will be transmitted on receipt of the subscriptions.

To some of the leading Agricultural Papers published in the United States and Britain we address copies of the present number of the Journal, and will be glad to exchange with them.

MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE CO.—This company, whose Head Quarters are in Montreal but whose operations extend throughout the Province, is, we are glad to learn, in a very flourishing condition. By limiting their risks wholly to Farmer's houses, barns and other isolated properties, and avoiding towns and villages, they are enabled to insure at the remarkably low rate of 5s. per £100 for three years. It says much both for the management of the Company and the prudence of our rural population, that already £200,000 worth of property has been insured. Still there are a great many remaining, who ought to avail themselves of the security which this company affords them in case of being subjected to that too often recurring calamity—Fire.

Trefolium Incarnatum or Crimson Clover.

[The communication of "Agricola," on this subject, having arrived rather late, he will excuse us for preparing the following condensed abstract, that our English readers may have the benefit of his remarks in the present month. The letter will appear in full in our French issue.]

To the Editor of the Farmer's Journal.

SIR.—Allow me to call the attention of your readers to an article in your April number on the *Trefolium Incarnatum*. According to the author of the Prize Essay, quoted in your last number, this is a new clover. It has, however, been long cultivated in France, especially in the south-western provinces of that Empire, and it now receives more attention there than formerly. It was