

MISCELLANEOUS.

Railway Wanted.

"I am glad to have the pleasure of sending a new subscriber along with the renewal of my own. I should like to see the 'Farmer's Advocate and Home Magazine' into every home in a farming community like this, and not only a farming district, but also a stock-raising district. We think that a railroad of some description through this locality would be of great advantage to us, and if the projectors of the proposed London and Owen Sound electric railroad could be induced to run through or near the thriving Village of Kirkton, it would be of great benefit to us, as we are at shipping disadvantage, having our principal station ten miles distant, and therefore the teaming of our produce is a serious item."

Perth Co., Ont.

A. H. DOUPE.

P. E. Island.

At this date, May 26th, the season is as far advanced as it was on June 5th last year. There is already a good bite on the fields for the cattle, and the earliest sown grain is well up. Very little sowing has been done here previous to May 10th, but the season has been so favorable for getting work done, that the crop, with the exception of roots, is pretty well in. Clover is looking fine on the new meadows, and with the seasonable rains we are having just now, we expect a bumper crop of hay and the best of pasturage. Apple trees will be in bloom in a few days, and there is promise of a full crop of fruit. A. McNeill, Dominion Fruit Inspector, and our Fruit Inspector, R. Burke, are holding orchard meetings on the Island, and giving illustrations in spraying, grafting, and especially in bridging the younger trees, many of which were badly girdled by mice last winter. Our Dairy Stations will open for business in a few days. No fodder cheese

were made here this year. The prospect is good for a large make of cheese early in the season. On account of the forward state of the grass, and now that cheese are on the up grade, patrons will feel encouraged to do their best in supplying milk. Our standing as a potato-producing country was amply illustrated this spring, when the price of potatoes went up to about 50c. per bushel; there was such an enormous quantity offered, that the dealers could not get facilities for storing or transporting to market. Everything was blocked up in a short time; then potatoes dropped, and dealers lost money on them. They are now worth only 30c. Oats are plenty, and worth 33c. for shipment. Eggs are selling higher here than for years. The price still keeps above 12c. This will help to boom the poultry business, which I believe returns more now for the amount invested in it than any other department of our farming operations. There will be a series of Institute meetings held here in July. The names of the speakers are not announced yet. Many farmers here are using nitrate of soda on their grain crops, and claim that it pays well. Ordinary mixed fertilizers have not, as a general thing, given good results on grain, but our soils seem to need and always respond to nitrogen in this form.

W. S.

Bruce Co. Orchard Notes.

The spring opened up favorably; the snow had left the ground, and now with no protection came cold nights with a hot sun following, killing many a tree which had before been healthy.

Below is a list we received from the nursery planted last spring: Three Duchesses, two Northwest Greenings, two Wealthys, and crab apples. Of the Duchesses, the tips were frozen back some; Greenings, killed; Wealthy, one living; the crab apples doing well.

Besides the above, we received some from the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, to test their hardiness here. They being only about two feet

high when planted, did well all summer, and came through the winter fairly well. This spring we planted more apples, with some Japanese plums and a pear tree. Sun-scald and borers are our two worst enemies. Currants and gooseberries wintered well, and are now in bloom, with every prospect of a large crop. Strawberries suffered badly, having had no winter protection. Grapes are coming out nice from their winter covering of earth.

S. G. FISCHER.

May 25, 1904.

Germination Tests of Seed Corn.

Mr. G. H. Clark, Chief of Seed Division, Ottawa, reports that out of thirty-three samples of seed corn tested for vitality in the seed laboratory during the last ten days, only twelve samples showed a germination of 80 per cent. and over. Five of these samples were between 95 and 100 per cent.; they included all of the samples of seed that have been preserved in the ear and sent to the laboratory in that condition. Seventeen out of the thirty-three samples contained less than 70 per cent. of vital seeds, and the vital energy of the embryo plant in many of these lots was so weak as to render the seed practically useless for seed purposes. Four of the samples germinated less than 50 per cent. Good seed corn of strong vital energy should germinate 92 per cent. in four days. Corn-growers should endeavor, as far as possible, to secure their supplies of seed corn in the ear. Although the vitality of corn may be seriously injured before it is husked by not reaching full maturity or from dampness in the shock, much greater loss is caused by having it stored in large cribs that are exposed to the weather, and from becoming heated after being shelled.

W. A. CLEMONS.

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" Silverhull.....	75	Oil Cake, fine ground.....	1 50
Corn, Compton's Early.....	1 35	Rape, Dwarf Essex.....	5 00
" Angel of Midnight.....	1 25	Sugar Cane, Amber.....	5 00
" Canada Yellow.....	1 25		
" White Flint, North Dakota.....	1 35		
" Longfellow.....	1 25		
" King Philip.....	1 25		
" Evergreen Ensilage—40 lbs.....	2 30		
" Improved Leaming.....	1 10		
" Cloud's Dent.....	1 10		
" Mastodon.....	1 10		
" White Cap Dent.....	1 10		
" Selected Red Cob.....	90		
" Mammoth White.....	85		
" Yellow Dent.....	80		
Cow Peas, Whip-poor-will.....	2 10		
" mixed.....	1 90		
Peas, Blue Prussian.....	1 25		
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TRADE TOPICS.

A FARM IMPLEMENT FIRM new to many of the readers of the "Farmer's Advocate" makes its debut before the Canadian public in our advertising columns this week. Its headquarters are in St. Louis, Mo., and whether our readers go to the fair, or not, it will be to their interest to note the offering of the enterprising company.

A GOOD RECORD.—At the recent insurance examinations, held in Toronto, all the candidates who studied with the Canadian Correspondence College were successful. For two years, the Canadian Correspondence College, of Toronto, has passed over ninety-five per cent. of their candidates in all examinations. It is also worth noting that less than two per cent. of their students drop their courses.

GOSSIP.

Notice the new advertisement on page 804 of the Pine Grove Shorthorn herd, of W. C. Edwards & Co., Rockland, Ont., the herd that won at the Dominion Exhibition at Toronto last year the first prizes in both the open to all ages and the young herd competition, the junior female championship, first for three animals the progeny of one bull, and first for cow and two of her produce, besides many other first prizes. Note that from this fine herd will be sold fifteen imported and home-bred females at the combination sale at Hamilton, Ont., on June 28th, and that most of these are in calf to the grand imported bulls in service in the Pine Grove herd, named in the advertisement. Selections from five other first-class herds, making 60 head in all, will be included in this great sale. Send for the catalogue to Mr. Hudson Usher, Queenston, Ont. Note the character of the breeding of the cattle, and of the sires in service in these herds, and be convinced that the offerings in this sale are likely to be a credit to the herds from which they come, and up to the standard of the first-class. Every one, who can, should take in this sale, whether with the intention to buy or not. It will be an exceedingly interesting event. Remember the date is June 28th.

SHORTHORNS BOOMING IN ARGENTINA.

At a dispersion auction sale of Shorthorns in Mercedes, Argentina, on April 15th, the bull, His Majesty (6903), was knocked down at £2,200 sterling, or \$11,000. Another bull, Baron of Cluny, sold for \$3,500. One buyer purchased at this sale in two hours \$27,500 worth of cattle.

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At the dispersion sale, on May 20th and 21st, of Shorthorn cattle, held by the administrators of the E. H. McCutcheon estate, at Holstein, Iowa, 93 head sold for an average of \$182.70. The ten bulls brought an average of \$269.50; the highest price, \$950, being paid by the Ardmore Stock Farm Co. for Imp. Lord Mountstephen, who was purchased at Hon. Mr. Cochrane's sale at Hamilton, Ont., last year. The imported cow, Snowdrop 2nd, sold for \$500, the highest price for a female, to Judge D. B. Searle, St. Cloud, Minn.

IMPORTANT SALE OF IMPORTED CLYDESDALE FILLIES.

Graham Bros., Claremont, Ont., give notice that on Monday, June 23rd, they will sell at auction, at Grand's Repository, Toronto, (Mr. Walter Harland Smith, proprietor) 50 registered imported Clydesdale fillies, aged one to three years, specially selected by one of the firm of Graham Bros., who is accompanying the horses across the ocean, and which will arrive here about the 10th of June. These fillies are from such noted sires as Baron's Pride, King of Roses, Prince Thomas, Up-to-Time, etc. Walter Harland Smith and Geo. Jackson, auctioneers. Full particulars in advertisement in "Farmer's Advocate" next week.