

## Editor's Notices, &c.

### TO OUR EXCHANGES.

We request our contemporaries of the Press, to copy the regulations of the approaching Provincial Exhibition inserted in the present number, for the information of the country at large.

### TO CORRESPONDENTS.

T. S.—A full reply to your questions would require more space than we can spare at present. Much of the success attendant on the cultivation of root crops, depends on frequently and thoroughly stirring the soil, thereby keeping down the growth of weeds, and enabling the soil to absorb moisture from the air and subsoil. Deep and frequent cultivation by the plough, or horse hoe, is more needed in dry seasons than in wet. Plants will thus be better enabled to resist the effects of drought, and will extend their roots deeper and wider in search of food. A slovenly culture of root crops, as indeed of all others, will be sure to end, more or less, in disappointment and failure.

### NEW WORK ON COLONIZATION.

We observe that JAMES FITZGERALD Esq., of this City, has in the press a work in which some new and important principles are developed for the Colonization of the wild lands of Canada, by families from the mother country. Mr. Fitzgerald's plan has been very favorably noticed by the Provincial Agricultural Association, and also by the Niagara District Agricultural Society. The object of this publication, in whatever light it is considered, is one of paramount importance; and we hope the author will not fail to receive, both from the government and the public, that degree of attention, which the nature of his theme most certainly demands. The work will be published in Demy 8 vo., 64—70 pages. Price to Subscribers, 2s. 6d. per copy.

### GRANTS TO THE PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION.

The Inspector General recommended, and the Parliament has allowed a liberal grant of £600 towards this institution, for the present year. A similar sum, we are glad to hear, has also been granted to the Agricultural Society of Lower Canada. This is as it should be. We hope that the farmers, and public generally, will zealously second the praiseworthy efforts of the Legislature, in advancing the Agricultural, and other industrial interests, of this young, but rapidly improving country. The chief thing required is UNYETTED effort. We learn that the following grants have been made already by agricultural Societies, to the Provincial Association: County of York, (Home District), £30, Kingston, (Midland District), £25; County of Haldimand, £25, County of Middlesex, £25, and the town of Niagara has subscribed £300. Other Societies will no doubt follow their example.

### ADELAIDE ACADEMY.

We are requested to state that the next term of Adelaide Academy, conducted by J. Hurlbut, A. M., and Lady, will commence on the 2nd of September. This Academy, for the education of Young Ladies, has now been in existence some eight or ten years' first in Cobourg and the last three years in Toronto, and is well known to the public. The course of study, as can be seen from the circular of the Academy, is perhaps more extensive and complete than in any other Ladies' Academy in the country.

### THE CROPS, MARKETS, &c.

The wheat harvest in most parts of Upper Canada is now fast drawing to a close. In many sections of

the Province, the crop is unusually heavy, and we have heard of none in which it is below an average. The late heavy rains have done injury in some localities, particularly in the northern parts of the Home District, causing the wheat to sprout in the ear; but in the west and south, we hear few complaints in that respect. The heavy storms and rains, however, with which many parts of the country have been visited, for the past two or three weeks, must affect, to some extent, the colour and quality of the grain; but we have now good reason to hope that the injury will not prove near so disastrous as was at one time apprehended. In fact we learn from some counties, that the wheat has been housed in good condition. In a showery season like the present, which, by the bye, is not at all common in this country, more care should be taken in putting wheat into shock, and by "hooding" the same with inverted sheaves,—a good old-country practice—the rain rapidly runs off. Wheat that has suffered from wet, or is carted in a damp state, should be put into small ricks; the air and frost will afterwards bring it into grinding condition. We have already seen several fine samples. The Hon. Adam Ferguson sent us, the latter end of July, a specimen of some heavy, plump, and bright wheat, grown by himself, near Hamilton; and Mr. Richey, of Carlton Place, Bathurst District, left at our office a bunch of very superior *Northern Flint*, a variety which he has successfully cultivated for three or four years.—We learn that the crops East are heavy upon the whole; and that spring grain, owing to the frequent rains will prove much better than was at one time expected.

In the States the wheat harvest has been completed, and the crop must be considered, upon the whole, abundant.

Our latest advices from Europe (July 27th) continue encouraging; and all kinds of grain are represented as highly promising throughout the United Kingdom. The potato disease, however, having now decidedly manifested itself, both in England and Ireland, an effect had been produced upon the grain market, and prices may be considered as improving. Flour had advanced 6d. a barrel; wheat 2d. per bushel; and Indian corn 1s. 6d. a 3s. per quarter. A sudden advance had taken place in the price of wheat in France. Much anxiety will be felt till the harvest is concluded, and the probable extent of the potato failure determined.

In the Toronto market the business transactions for several weeks, have been on a very limited scale, as is usual at this season of the year. Prices are at present nominal, with a downward tendency. How they will ultimately range must depend upon the amount and quality of our growth, and the state of foreign demand. We would advise our readers not to be precipitate in forcing their grain upon the market—take breathing time, and watch the progress of events. It is always a safe rule to sell when prices are remunerating. We fear that Canadian Farmers will continue to bear the 20 per cent American duty against them. Surely this monstrous anomaly cannot endure much longer, if British Connection be anything more than a mere name!