

EDITORIAL MISCELLANY.

PRIZE ESSAYS.—Our readers will see, by reference to our advertising sheet, that the Minister of Agriculture has offered three prizes for essays on the diseases and insect enemies of the wheat crop. We fear the time is too short to do more than compile the information already before the public in the pages of agricultural papers and other similar publications. What we suggested was a Commission of intelligent agriculturists in different parts of the Province, to note the habits and character of the various insects that prey upon the wheat crop during two or three seasons at least, and to publish the results of their observation and experience for the public benefit. This plan should still be adopted.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.—AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.—It will be seen from an advertisement in another page, that Professor Buckland will commence his course of instruction in Agriculture in November; and as it terminates in April, an excellent opportunity is afforded to such of our agricultural youth as are desirous of acquiring a higher and more systematic knowledge of their art. It is to be hoped that many of our young farmers will thus be induced to spend the approaching winter. Any young person possessing an ordinary English education might most advantageously attend not only the Agricultural class, but likewise other classes in which subjects are taught, that have a most important bearing on practical agriculture and mental training in general, such as Chemistry, Natural History, Mineralogy and Geology, History and English Literature, &c. A whole winter's instruction in these subjects would require an outlay of only a few dollars! Young farmers, cultivate your minds; make yourselves well acquainted with the principles on which your interesting and important art is based; the only sure way of obtaining success in it, and of becoming useful and respectable in the world.

NOTICE.—We feel grateful to those friends who have responded to the accounts sent them during the past month. Many, however, have not yet been heard from, but hope they will bear us in mind during the present month.

PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION OF UPPER CANADA.—We are glad to learn that the extensive arrangements making by the Local Committee at Kingston for the Exhibition on the 23d, 24th, 26th, and 26th inst., are of the most satisfactory character, and fast approaching to completion. The buildings and spaces are more than usually extensive, and the cost, we are told, will exceed \$10,000. This large outlay includes, of course, the permanent buildings, &c., and is defrayed by the Local Committee. The Society's advertised premiums amount to upwards of \$10,000, besides the large number of extras usually given. From all that we can learn, with such powerful inducements to competitors and visitors, we confidently anticipate a display in every respect worthy the public spirit and rapid progress of this age and country. Welcome all to Kingston, and continued prosperity to the agriculture and arts, useful and ornamental, of Canada.

SALE OF PURE BRED STOCK.—We direct the attention of our readers to Mr. G. Miller's advertisement of Stock for sale on 8th October. Mr. Miller's is well known to all who are in the habit of attending our Provincial Fairs, and is of very high quality. We have no doubt the sale will be well attended.

SALE OF SHORT-HORN CATTLE, SHEEP, &c.—Such of our readers as are in want of pure Durham cattle, improved grades, and thorough bred sheep, would do well to attend the sale of Mr. R. Wade, Jun., Coloung, whose unremitting attention and success in the importation and breeding of superior cattle for many years past have gained for him an established reputation. For particulars see advertisement.

NEW SEED AND IMPLEMENT STORE, MONTREAL.—We are happy to learn that Mr. Evans, Jun., son of Wm. Evans, Esq., Secretary of the Board of Agriculture of Lower Canada, and the well known agricultural writer, has opened a Seed and Agricultural Implement Store in Montreal in which he will keep an extensive assortment of pure British and American seeds and a collection of the more useful implements and machines used by farmers. Such an establishment must be of great convenience and importance to our brother farmers in the Eastern section of the Province particularly, and we trust that Mr. Evans will meet with adequate support.