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faction to every one that earns this pic-  
ture. If you are not entirely satisfied with it  
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within ten days. The selling price of this very  
handsome and pleasing picture was \$3. They have  
been reduced, and we have made such arrangements  
as to be able to fill our engagement.

For two subscribers we will send a handsome, gilt-  
edged manual pocket diary for '77, bound in  
morocco.

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books or cash, they will receive a liberal reward  
for their trouble in obtaining subscribers at the rate  
of 25 cents for each new subscriber.

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to each one in arrears, and a renewal slip to all  
whose term of subscription has expired. Those  
who have already paid in part or in full for 1877,  
will retain the envelope for future use. Should the  
envelope be closed by the dampness of the paper,  
damp it and it will easily separate.

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Post Office address, with the Province, and not the  
name of your residence, county or township, as is  
frequently done, which prevents the receiving of  
the publication until the correct address has been  
obtained. In forwarding remittances register the  
letter, or procure a Post Office order (in all cases  
we prefer the latter, as it protects the sender and  
ourselves), which can be had at the following rates:  
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sent to make up the remittance, the only denomina-  
tions that are of practical use are 1 cent, 2 cents  
and 3 cents of the Dominion of Canada. When  
changing address from one Post Office to another, it  
is necessary to give the old address, as well as the  
new. If this is not done, the change cannot be  
made, thereby causing disappointment.

Any subscriber who fails to receive his ADVOCATE  
by the 10th of the month, will greatly oblige by  
sending a postal card at once to this office, and the  
P. O. authorities will then institute a search as to  
loss or delay, and by this a more prompt delivery  
has always been brought about.

Some doubtful persons have at times canvassed  
and taken subscriptions for the ADVOCATE; when  
in doubt, send subscription direct to this office.  
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have them bound and re-mailed to them by sending  
them to Charles Chapman, Book Binder, London,  
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ing columns. The cost will be 40 cents for bind-  
ing, and 10 cents for return postage. Two years  
bound together will cost 60 cents and 20 cents for  
return postage.

### To Our Patrons.

We know nearly every one of you are satisfied  
with the improvements that have been made every  
year in the ADVOCATE, and that you will be  
pleased to see it again improved; we know, also,  
that many of you are willing to aid us. Every  
farmer and his family are benefited by the Advo-  
cate; thousands of farmers that do not take it  
should have it. Each of our friends can get one  
new subscriber. Have you shown your paper to  
any one and asked him to subscribe? Do so, and  
send us one new name before Christmas.

### Seed Report—Sorgum.

Mr. Thomas Hill, of Westminster, brought us a  
sample of sugar-cane; it is about ten feet long.  
He gives us the following information regarding it:  
He planted the seed in the month of June, in rows

three feet apart; he ran the cultivator through the  
rows to keep the weeds down when it was young.  
In August he commenced cutting it, and feeding a  
horse with it; the horse preferred it to grass and  
throve well on it. He has continued cutting it  
daily as he required it. When the stalks became  
woody and hard, he chopped them into lengths of  
about a foot and a half long. The horse would get  
one end in his mouth and eat it. The horse pre-  
ferred the sorgum stalks, even in this form, to the  
best hay or grass, and kept in better plight than a  
horse he fed on hay and oats and worked with him.  
Mr. Hill thinks a great deal of his trial with  
sorgum, and will sow more in future. Care re-  
quires to be taken when first one begins to feed it,  
as it is very loosening when green and fresh, but  
the animals soon become accustomed to it. The  
part of the crop that was cut early in August made  
a second growth. The second growth did not  
grow very high, as the hot, dry weather prevented  
it from starting soon enough.

### The Provincial Exhibition.

Mr. D. M.'s letter in correspondence  
department should be read by all interested in this  
Exhibition. His plan is deserving the attention of  
the Directors, whom, we have no doubt, will act  
upon it, particularly in regard to the classification  
of horses. We would suggest that it might be  
well to appoint a stated hour each day when single  
horses and matched teams could be seen in the  
show ring, and that brood mares and colts be  
judged before 11 o'clock or after 3, so that the visit-  
ors might see the different classes of driving horses  
each day between 11 and 3 o'clock.

The important question in regard to shearing  
sheep should be discussed. Shall we fix the time  
that sheep should be shorn, or should we leave it  
optional with the breeders themselves? The pre-  
sent regulation is only a farce, as some shear their  
sheep at the appointed time, while many do not  
comply with the law, and the sheep are allowed to  
compete and carry off prizes that have not been  
shorn at the appointed time. Perhaps some of our  
sheep men will give us their views on this question.

We are highly pleased to announce that some  
old Government documents have been found that  
place the title of the exhibition grounds in this  
city beyond all dispute, and that our County Coun-  
cil, the city authorities and Board of Agriculture  
may act in harmony, put the grounds in order and  
erect suitable buildings that may no longer be a  
disgrace to our Dominion. The Centennial Exhi-  
bition buildings have given us a proper idea of the  
form on which they should be constructed, that is,  
an oblong form, having all the passages parallel and  
all articles to be on the ground floor. The crowded  
state of the galleries of our exhibitions, with the  
dust and heat, have been so disagreeable to visitors  
and so injurious to exhibitors and exhibits, that  
many ladies will not risk the attempt to see the  
display. Some of the best exhibitors are also dis-  
gusted. An alteration is much needed.