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DESCRIPTIVE CIRCULAR
OF
CHOICE SEED OATS,

GROWN AND FOR SALE BY

Edward J. Evans & Co.,

NURSERYMEN AND SEEDSMEN,

YORK, PENN.

New Brunswick Oats.

This exceedingly valuable new Oats was obtained a few years ago from the British Province of New Brunswick (whence its name), and promises to supersede the best varieties of Oats which have been heretofore grown. The seed was obtained from New Brunswick (in very limited quantity), by Mr. Watson Newbold, of New Jersey, one of the most intelligent and successful practical farmers in the country, and by him introduced into the United States. The GRAIN is *very large and plump, handsome, and of beautiful color, has a remarkably thin husk*, and is *very heavy, weighing 44 to 45 lbs. per bushel.*

The STRAW is *bright, clear yellow, free from rust, stout and stiff, carrying the grain up well*, and LESS APT TO LODGE THAN ANY OTHER VARIETY OF WHITE OATS KNOWN TO US. The Crop with us matures somewhat *earlier* than the common White Oats, and yields 50 to 100 per cent. more grain per acre on the same soil, and with the same culture.

To parties desirous of examining the Oats before purchasing, we mail samples, on receipt of stamp to prepay postage.

Price—4 lbs. (*by mail, postage paid*), \$1. \$3 per bush., \$14 per 5 bush., (sacks included).

We annex a few testimonials from prominent agriculturists (mainly our own customers), who have grown it.

ALABAMA.—Mr. Robert Fearn, of Madison county, writes: "They came up well, and from the start showed their superiority to any other Oats known in this section, and maintained it throughout the entire season. Yield not known, but enough to satisfy even an *unreasonable*

man. Weight 45 lbs. to bushel, and a little over. Should they retain their peculiar features, and not degenerate in this climate, they will eventually displace our old varieties."

DELAWARE.—Mr. S. W. Sharp, of Kent county, writes: "They were unusually vigorous while growing; so much so, that having taken a brother of mine, a practical farmer, to look at them when about three feet high, and asked him (without telling him anything about the kind), what he thought of those Oats, he remarked he 'never saw such, they looked like broom-corn blades.' Some heads were 12 inches or more long, and stalks nearly or quite 5 feet high."

GEORGIA.—Mr. J. R. Smith, of Coweta county, writes: "I did not sow your New Brunswick Oats until late in February, but never saw a finer crop in my life. They have the same appearance as the seed purchased, and have lost nothing, I think, in size or weight. I have not threshed them, but the yield is exceedingly abundant. I estimate them very highly."

Mr. D. Dickson, of Newton county, writes: "They are a superior variety of Oats, and much better than the common White Oats."

The late W. H. White, so long and favorably known as the editor of the *South Cultivator* (Athens, Ga.), writes: "The New Brunswick Oat is a beautiful grain. We have never seen it surpassed, if equalled."

ILLINOIS.—Mr. J. C. Webster, of Logan county, writes: "I have not yet threshed my Oats, but they are fine; the heads are large and well filled, and the grain full and solid, promising a good yield, while the common White Oats are light and the grain shrunken. * * I am fully satisfied with my investment."

Mr. John Collins, of Marion county, writes: "The Oats I bought of you did remarkably well. No other Oats did as well this season."

INDIANA.—Mr. Martin Pearson, of Johnson county, writes: "I sowed 11 lbs. of New Brunswick Oats, on the 11th of April (the spring being very backward), on very rich black soil, with clay bottom, and cut them on the 13th of July. The result is 506 lbs.—11½ bush. (44 lbs. each) by measure, or 15 26-32 bush. by legal weight—say one-half better than any common White Oats."

MARYLAND.—Mr. E. J. Stevens, of Talbot county, writes: "They come up to my expectations. I shall try them again next year."

MICHIGAN.—Mr. D. I. Cobb, of Washtenah county, writes: "With an unfavorable season, I have raised 25 bushels as good as those I bought of you, and they are admired by all who see them; they will doubtless prove a valuable variety."

Mr. B. F. Luther, of St. Joseph county, writes: "Our Oats proved almost a failure, owing to the drought, but I intend to try them another year; they are about a week earlier than other Oats."

MINNESOTA.—Mr. O. R. Smith, of Wabashaw county, writes: "They are on an average 5 feet high, and look better than I ever saw Oats."

NORTH CAROLINA.—Thos. A. Ratliffe, of Rockingham county, writes: "Of the 2 bushels I purchased of you, they were distributed among several farmers for experimenting, and the report from all is good. I sowed about half a bushel at the same time of sowing the common Oats; they grew off much more luxuriantly, with more stalk and fodder, grew about 6 inches higher, and ripened 20 days earlier, side by side, with other White Oats. They are much heavier than the Oats we have been growing in N. C."

Mr. A. W. Alexander, of Mecklenburg county, writes: "I consider them a better Oats than any we have. Notwithstanding they were sowed late, they were the first to ripen. I am pleased with them and will try them again."

NEW YORK.—Mr. Aaron Bratt, of Saratoga county, writes: "The sample that you sent me last Winter have grown five feet six inches high, and are very nice Oats; they yielded at the rate of one hundred bushels to the acre."

Mr. W. Hollis, Jr., of Chenango county, writes: "They will average from 12 to 20 inches higher than common Oats, on the same quality of soil, and promise a good yield. I think they were the best Oats I ever saw growing."

NEW JERSEY.—Mr. Newbold (the introducer), in speaking of it in 1865, says: "I have for years endeavored to procure some of the very best and heaviest Oats grown in America, but did not succeed to my satisfaction until I obtained these, and could only get a limited quantity, as they had to be transported on horseback a very long distance, from the interior to navigation. These Oats will show for themselves, and need only to be seen to convince any one of their superior excellence, being plump, with a large full grain, inside a thin husk; weigh 43 lbs. per bushel, and are the best Oats I ever knew grown in the United States." In February, 1867, he writes us, "It has maintained its superiority beyond my expectation, as all extra Oats are considered to depreciate in this latitude, more or less."

PENNSYLVANIA.—Paschall Morris, Esq., of Philadelphia (excellent authority on the subject), in noticing a sample of it in 1865, wrote: "It exceeds in weight, brightness, and general appearance, anything we have ever seen of the Oat family. The Oat crop has been much of a failure for the few last years, and as this seed from another climate and soil has proved by the past year's growth here to produce well, it will probably prove a valuable acquisition."

Mr. D. H. Branson, of Chester county, Pa., states in *Practical Farmer* for Nov., 1867: "Having purchased, in the Spring of '66, two bushels of the above-named Oats, and grown it with such astonishing success for two successive seasons, without the slightest deterioration, I will briefly state my experience relative to its qualities. The two bushels above mentioned were sown in drill, on three-quarters of an acre, the 10th day of April, '66. The yield was 41 bushels, weighing 40 lbs. by

measure, equal to 73 bushels, standard measure, per acre. Last Spring I drilled broad-cast 10 acres, and harvested 480 bushels, weighing 41 lbs. by measure, equal to 656 bushels standard weight.

"The average crop this season of our common degenerated variety varies from 20 to 30 bushels per acre, weighing 20 to 28 lbs. per bushel, quality very inferior. In addition to the vast superiority of the New Brunswick Oats, it ripens about a week earlier than our common varieties, has heavy, stiff straw, which is not so liable to fall. I could not be induced to go back to our mixed varieties, even if the New Brunswick Oats commanded five dollars per bushel for seed, as the price of a few bushels of pure genuine seed is a small item when we consider the chances for an abundant return."

VIRGINIA.—A. G. Christian, Augusta county, writes: "The New Brunswick Oats received from you last Spring have given entire satisfaction; one gentleman reaped 150 bushels from 2 bushels sown on two acres, and thinks they will weigh heavier than the seed you sent."

WISCONSIN.—Mr. P. M. Green, of Rock county, writes: "They are a splendid Oats. I am fully satisfied with them, and think them far ahead of the common Oats. * * * I think Wisconsin farmers should get them on account of their superiority to other Oats."

Prince Edward Island Oats.

A handsome black Oats (imported the past season from Prince Edward Island), with a large, plump kernel, weighing 40 lbs. to the bushel and a good stiff straw. We consider it a very valuable oats, and as such commend it to our customers.

Price—4 lbs. (*by mail, postage paid*), \$1. \$2.50 per bushel. \$12 per 5 bushels (sacks included).

Ramsdell Norway Oats.

We offer *pure, clean* seed of the genuine Ramsdell Oats, which has created so much excitement among the agricultural community during the past few years. We have found it a heavy and very productive Oats, with stiff straw, not liable to lodge, and maturing a fine crop. It has given satisfaction over a wide extent of country the past season, and we deem it well worthy of further trial.

Price—2 lbs. (*by mail, postage paid*), \$1. \$3 per peck (10 lbs.) \$9 per bush. (40 lbs.), sacks included.