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HALIFAX, 1st May, 1871.

We had delightful weather throughout the month of March, and live farmers got some work done then which enabled them to put in their spring wheat early in April. But April was a very backward month. What with snow and rain and frost, and snow and rain again, there were very few days in the whole month that permitted out-door operations. The result is that here we are now in the month of May with the ground thoroughly soaked with rain, and the air filled with fog and drizzle, and on many farms not a blow struck towards getting at spring work. It is of no use now to point out how all the carting out of manure for early crops should have been done last fall, how all ploughing of sod lands should have been finished before the winter set in; the wise farmer does not cry over spilt milk, but the spilling of it once should be a life-long lesson of carefulness. All that can be done now for this season is to take advantage of the good weather when it comes, to have

men and horses and implements and seed at hand, to have everything in order, so as to be able to put in the seed with as little delay as possible when the ground becomes ready for it. The grass is making but little progress. The Citadel Hill began to look green during the third week of April, but in the country the fields are as yet scarcely more than a greenish russet.

We are glad to see our commercial men displaying more enterprise than has hitherto been visible in the city, in the importing for sale novelties in seeds and implements. All the new potatoes—Flourball, Bovinia, Climax, Early Rose, Prolific, and other sorts that have been described in previous numbers of the "Journal," may now, we believe, be obtained in the city. Surprise and Norway Oats also, Fyfe Wheat and other Grains are for sale. A great change is visible since the Board of Agriculture commenced its operations seven years ago, when one had to ransack the whole city to obtain a bushel of seed wheat or

a hundred-weight of bone-dust, or a side-hill plough.

We hear that the good name of our King's county cattle is opening up for them distant markets. One day lately a lot of 22 head of fine animals was sent off by rail to St. John, and the exportations to that place during the present spring season have been unusually large.

The following Hints on spring work we extract from the *American Agriculturist*. They apply to the month of April for a New York latitude, but with us they are more seasonable for the month of May. They are well worth reading at the present time, and will serve to remind our farmers of many little matters that are apt to be neglected in the hurry of other work:—

To the good farmer, whose land is drained and cleaned and in good condition, who did more or less plowing last fall and top-dressed his grass land, who has his seed on hand and his implements and harness and teams in good condition, and who can avail himself of the first opportunity to put in his crops, May is