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EDITORIAL NOTES.

HALIFAX, 16th Feb., 1869.

The coldest day we have had this winter was the 22nd of January, when our thermometer at Lucyfield, in the northern part of Halifax County, went down to 7° below zero. At Bedford, the same morning, it was 3° below zero, and in the City about the same.

On New Year's Day the thermometer went down to zero, one or two degrees below it at Mount Uniacke. But there has been no excessively cold weather this season, and comparatively very little wind or boisterous weather. The winter has been pleasant, with only enough of snow and frost to give continuous and comfortable sleighing on every road, throughout the length and breadth of the Province, except, indeed, Water Street, the great commercial thoroughfare of the city, which is as rugged with *cahots* as the meanest log-path in the Dominion.

It is now a good time for farmers to

cart out their stable manure to the fields where it is to be used in Spring; it is easily carried over the snow. By doing it now, Spring work will be facilitated, and there is no poaching of the land by heavy wheels. Fence poles and firewood for the year are also being got out by every thrifty farmer, and the sleighing is so good, and the weather so pleasant, that there is no excuse for neglect.

We intend to continue the plan adopted some time ago of issuing the *Journal* once every two months, of double the original size, so as to afford scope for a better classification of subjects and a more varied bill of fare. In the Farm Department this month will be found a description, by Mr. Heffron, of the newest of the new seedling Potatoes; some remarks on a vexed subject—the best method of keeping Live Stock in a Society; an angry bark at Dogs from the *Toronto Globe*; an appeal from Yarmouth to Agricultural liberality; farther extracts from Mr. O'Brien's Dairy Register; and a lesson of advice to young

gents about town, who think that farming is not a dignified profession. Mr. Hutton favours our readers with another letter, picturing a phase of Exhibition life to which we called attention in a previous number, viz., the Farmers' and Butchers' Christmas Clubs. The letters of our Paris correspondent are readable and suggestive.

In the Orchard Department an excellent and thoroughly practical Essay on Apple Culture will be found.

Our Poultry Column is filled with practical suggestions on the best and simplest methods of managing and feeding Common Hens. We should be glad to afford the Poultry more scope in our pages if some of our numerous fanciers would take the trouble to jot down their observations. Since Colonel Duvar left us, the Poultry Club has not displayed so much activity, but surely some of the members desire to make known the merits of the new breeds that have been introduced, and our columns are always open to them.