

greatly facilitates an improving condition. All horned cattle and especially milk cows should be housed, during night by the end of October, and regularly fed with good nourishing food, it is much easier to keep them in good condition, than it is to bring them into condition, if once let down. Every farmer should keep as many cattle on his farm as he can, but not one more, than he can keep well. The question, with the farmers here is how can we get hay and corn, to keep our cattle from October to May, the question should not be, how can we get hay, and corn, but how can we get green crops. I will not attempt to answer the question but if once answered, and acted upon, I think it would be easy to show, how cattle could be wintered in good condition without either corn or hay, and that a greater abundance of corn, and hay, would follow of course. I know that upon ordinary field land, from six hundred, to one thousand bushels of white Belgian Carrots or mangelwurtzel, can be raised upon one arpent, and one half bushel per day regularly fed to an ordinary sized cow with plenty of straw, will keep her in good condition, and the cost will be little more than half the cost of hay. The tops of carrots and mangles, comes in at the time the grass fails, and they may be kept in a fresh and eatable condition for four or five weeks, by spreading them on the ground in beds, eight or ten inches deep, and be fed to the cattle, morning and evening, as long as they last. If left together in large heaps they will soon ferment and go to waste.

The cow stable should be warm, clean, and well ventilated. They should have a good bed of straw, to lay upon; this will encourage repose, which produces more benefit than is well understood by a great majority of our farmers. The practice with many of them is to shut their

cattle up at night, in close, warm, houses, and turn them to the barn door in the morning and let them pass the day there, these sudden changes from hot to cold, and from cold to hot again, are sufficient to break down the constitution of the strongest animal that ever lived, far better never put them into a houses at all.

Since the day that the Patriarch Noah sent the Raven and the Dove out of the Ark that he might know if the waters of the flood had abated down to the present time, Mankind have attempted to foretell future events from the flight and movements of the fowls of the air, and so it is to some extent, with the present generation of Canadian farmers; it is considered by many of them, a bad omen when the Crows, remain with us in great numbers through the winter, forboding great quantity of Carrion toward springs. Now those fears and forbodings, I consider to be pretty well founded: not that I believe that the Crows know any thing about the quantity of carrion that is providing for them, but that the same meteorological condition which induces the Crow to remain, with us, (and we have them this season in countless numbers) induces the ignorant and careless farmer to neglect his stock, and thereby the Crows, and the carrion, are brought together.

Now M. Editor, your humble servant may be considered but poor authority, but should you think fit to indorse this paper, by giving it a place in the Journal, perhaps some careless farmer may heed the council and thereby deprive the Crows of at least some of their carrion,

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—We tender our thanks to Mr. Boa for his able communication as above published. It is desirable that many should follow the example of this practical farmer, who favours us with