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The Farm.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

Ste-Anne de Bellevue; where we are passing that season of the year which is commonly called *summer*, the sight of which season would gladden our eyes, for we, as yet have had but a fore-taste of it; *Ste.-Anne's*, we say, is, generally speaking, situated on a bed of stone, the upper soil being a very light sand, of no great fertility, but which, in dripping springs, produces wonderful crops of clover, provided always that there is a "catch" of that legume in its infancy and that there is snow enough on the ground in its first winter to protect its roots. The two last years have been, unfortunately, anything but propitious to the growth of clover; indeed, there is not, on one farm that we have under daily inspection, a single patch of the plant to be seen; and, yet, in the summer of 1898, there was one piece of about 7 arpents on which grew the most superb crop of red-clover we ever saw either in England or on this side of the Atlantic! Nature, it would seem, is, so to speak, in fault, for this uncertainty of the most valuable of our green-crops, for there is no cause, as far as we can see, for its failure except that the seasons have been against it. Plenty of seed has always been sown; the roller has invariably been used as soon as the land would bear it; and the plant has not been too frequently repeated on the same field.

Alsike-clover.—We remarked, in a field on the same farm of which we have been speaking, a rather curious appearance with what peculiarities plants are somewhat gifted. In a piece of some dozen arpents, that had been seeded down with

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