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THE NEW-YEAR.

We beg to offer our most sincere congratulations to the subscribers to this Journal on the commencement of the New-Year, and wish them all possible health, happiness, and prosperity for this year, and many happy returning New-years. Although our lands may now be covered with snow, our waters covered with ice, and our trees stripped of all their leaves, blossoms and beauty; from past experience of the bounty and goodness of our Creator we should be thankful, and rest perfectly satisfied in the hope, that Spring, Summer, and Harvest will again return and cover our fields with verdure, our trees with leaves, blossoms and fruits, our plants with flowers, that all around us shall be as beautiful as it ever was before, and that the harvest shall again come and fill our barns and store-houses with abundance for man, and for the domestic animals that are under his care. Doubtless, there are few residents

in the country, who can be so insensible as not to feel joy and gratitude in the Spring, and Summer, and Autumn, when nature displays to them the beauties, and rich bounties of their Creator, but in Winter they may forget these blessings, when the fields and the country are despoiled of their charms and their fruits; when the cold wind whistles about their houses, and the snow and the ice covers the land and the waters. But on due consideration, this cold stormy season, is not without its beneficial influences, and usefulness, particularly in Canada, where without snow on our lands and ice on our waters in Winter, we should be very badly off indeed. Had we rain and moisture now instead of snow and ice, the distant parts of the country would be cut off from all communication, or nearly so, with the cities and towns, and there would be an end to our lumber trade. The earth, and every plant that grows upon it, where our lot has been cast, requires