

The year 2672 of the Olympiads, or the fourth year of the 668th Olympiad, commencing in July, 1896, if we fix the Era of the Olympiads at  $775\frac{1}{2}$  years before CHRIST, or near the beginning of July of the year 3938 of the Julian Period.

The year 2208 of the Grecian Era, or the Era of the Seleucidæ.

The year 1612 of the Era of Diocletian, and the year 2556 of the Japanese Era.

The year 1314 of the Mohammedan Era, or the Era of the Hegira, commences on June 12th, 1896.

The 121st year of the Independence of the United States of America begins on July 4th, 1896.

The 30th year of the Confederation of the Provinces of the Dominion of Canada begins on July 1st, 1896.

The year 1896 is the 404th-5th since the discovery of America by Columbus, October 12th, 1492.

The 288th-9th since the foundation of Quebec by Champlain in 1608.

The 254th-5th since the foundation of Montreal by Maisonneuve on May 17th, 1642.

The 130th-31st since the Treaty which confirmed the possession of Canada to the British in 1766.

#### COMMENCEMENT OF THE SEASONS.

##### *Montreal Mean Time.*

The Sun enters  $\varphi$  ( $0^\circ$  Longitude) and SPRING begins March 19th, at 9h. evening.

The Sun enters  $\odot$  ( $90^\circ$  Longitude) and SUMMER begins June 20th, at 5h. evening.

The Sun enters  $\sphericalangle$  ( $180^\circ$  Longitude) and AUTUMN begins September 22nd, at 8h. morning.

The Sun enters  $\sphericalcap$  ( $270^\circ$  Longitude) and WINTER begins December 21st, at 2h. morning.

The EQUINOXES happen when Spring and Autumn begin, and the SOLSTICES at the Commencement of Summer and Winter.

The Earth is in PERIHELION—nearest the Sun and distant from it 91,300,000 miles—at 1h. evening, on January 1st, 1896, and in APHELION—farthest from the Sun and distant from it 94,300,000 miles—at 5h. evening, on July 3rd, 1896.