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HALIFAX, 17th May, 1870.

We have this year had a remarkable springtime. The April suns and showers came, with no frost to be taken out of the ground; Mayflowers grew scarce during the first week of May, and farmers who were not idle had all their seed sown in very good time. In the middle of May, the thermometer was ranging throughout the day at about 64°, gardeners who trusted to the usual fogs and clouds of Nova Scotian skies had cucumbers and frame stuff burnt up,—yet the fruit trees and bushes fortunately do not burst forth very much before their time, and we trust that they will this season escape the accident of an early frost.

For the article on Hemp in this number, we are indebted to the kindness of Henry Yeomans, Esq., a practical agriculturist and Vice President of the Board of Agriculture, who is well known to most of our readers on account of the active interest which he has taken in Agricultural improvement in Nova Scotia for many years.

The Bunch Grass article we commend to the attention of our readers. We have a letter on the subject from Professor Balfour, of Edinburgh, which will appear next month.

A lady writes to us on the subject of skimming cream for butter. We print the note, and beg of some of our experienced correspondents in the butter County of Cumberland, or elsewhere, to afford the desired information.

We desire in an especial manner to bespeak the attention of our readers to the articles now being published in our columns over the initials J. W. L. If we were at liberty to announce that they were from the accomplished pen of Colonel J. W. Laurie of Oakfield, we know that they would be carefully read and seriously thought over by our farmers, as the suggestions and advice of one of their best and most respected friends, and one who knows well how to compare English with Nova Scotian farming, and who is zealously doing his part to show our farmers what is needed to raise their profession

from the grovelling pursuit which it has so long remained. Let us all recollect that while the pen may be greater than the sword, the ploughshare is not less useful than either.

“Salt for Swine” and “Tan for Potatoes.” are practical suggestions, easily tried. Let some of our readers report their experience.

“A Haligonian” sends us another paper on English Horticulture. The author himself is expected back to the Horticultural Gardens this Fall. We have such good accounts of his doings in Scotland that his friends here will be delighted to see him back again, and many good wishes attend him.

Mr. Bustin’s description of the new varieties of Potatoes will be read with much interest at the present time.

Mr. Thomas has sent to us splendid roots of Saintfoin, about 3 feet long and with bushy heads of young shoots far in advance of Red or Alaike clover. He has succeeded admirably in Saintfoin Culture.