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NOTES BY THE WAY.

"Mutton."—Such mutton as we had for dinner yesterday we have not tasted for more than forty years. We persuaded Mr. Lamb, the well known Montreal butcher, of University Street, to let us have a side of one of the Hillhurst Down-Sheep, and a wonderful change from the poor little lambs we had been eating since the autumn it was. Full of gravy, this meat plumped-up in the roasting till it was half as thick again to the eye as it was before cooking; it was juicy, tender, and we do not hesitate to say that we would rather pay 20 cts. a pound for such mutton than 10 cts. for the common run.

"Crops in Quebec, 1900."—Upon the whole, the crops in this province were fair as regards the grain but only very moderate as regards the hay. Clover was poor enough, a great deal having been cut up by the frost last winter.

In "Ontario," the Hessian-fly was more troublesome than it has been for many seasons, but upon the whole the yield of the "fall wheat" was good; so good, that the acreage sown with that crop this year is larger than last year, particularly in the eastern part of the province. We are surprised to see that wheat is sown as late as the middle of October in Ontario; we should have thought that, if the land was in a fairly moist condition, the 20th