

HINTS FOR THE FARMER.

A GOOD TIME TO BEGIN.

Appearances seem to indicate that for a few years at least farmers may reasonably expect better times than they have had for several years past.

The young farmer who this spring engages in agricultural pursuits on his own account whether his past relation to farming has been that of hired man or those on at home, will do well to consider the possibility that a few months or at the most a few years ahead there will be the old-time hard times for farmers and lay plans accordingly.

Far better to go without expensive machinery than to buy on time giving interest-bearing notes in payment, for the notes may come due just when the crop, the sale of which was expected to meet them, fails.

It is a good time to begin the practice of paying as you go whether just beginning farming or having been at it for years and in the habit of buying machinery on credit and running accounts at the stores.

It is a good time to begin making the farm provide you a better daily living by putting in a good garden and giving an occasional hour to it after it is in.

It is a good time to begin taking an interest in something besides the drudgery of farm work—in fact taking an interest in these things will take the drudgery out of farming.

ed to these essential main crops of vegetables. Potato culture is an art easily learned if one takes sufficient interest in it.

AGRICULTURE IN NEW BRUNSWICK.

Agricultural meetings were conducted the past winter under the auspices of the New Brunswick Farmers' and Dairymen's Associations and the Provincial Department of Agriculture.

Last year the commissioner undertook to furnish seed wheat to the farmers in order to induce them to produce enough to supply local demands.

BLACK KNOT IN PLUM TREES. Before the warm weather comes all the plum trees should be looked over, and any that show marks of black knots that indicate black knot should be removed with a sharp knife.

QUICK GROWTH. Wonderful Increase in Weight of Germinating Seeds.

The seed of the globe turnip, according to recent investigations, increases its own weight 15 times in a minute when growing. The seed of a globe turnip is exceedingly minute, being not larger than the twentieth part of an inch in diameter.

ALL ABOUT TORTOISE SHELLS. The finest tortoise shell comes from the Indian Archipelago, and is shipped from Singapore, and much of it is obtained on the Florida coast of America.

THE NEWS IN A NUTSHELL.

THE VERY LATEST FROM ALL THE WORLD OVER.

Interesting Items About Our Own Country, Great Britain, the United States, and All Parts of the Globe, Condensed and Assorted for Easy Reading.

CANADA.

Lord Strathcona has given \$100 to the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition. Thirty-five per cent. of the gas sold in Montreal is for cooking purposes.

At Peachland, B.C., an attempt is to be made to hatch ostriches and start an ostrich farm. Major-General Hutton has asked the Mayor of Montreal to assist in a big celebration of the 24th.

The Aldermen of Toronto by a large majority refused to vote for the abolition of the annual salary of \$300. Hon. Sidney Fisher, Minister of Agriculture, denies that he is to succeed Lord Strathcona as High Commissioner to England.

Dr. Good, writing from Dawson to a Winnipeg paper, says there will be as much gold taken out of the Klondike this year as last. In the Winnipeg police court a Galician who had purchased a neighbor's wife and had not got her, wanted to enter an action for obtaining money under false pretences.

At the annual meeting of the Canadian Pacific Railway in Montreal, the old board and officers were re-elected, and it was decided to spend in improvements of permanent way \$1,150,979; for additional station yard and terminal facilities at Montreal, Vancouver and other points, \$788,187 for the completion of air brake and automatic coupler equipment, \$365,010.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Mr. T. E. Ellis, M.P., chief whip of the British Liberal party, is dead. Emperor William and family intend passing a lengthy holiday in England and Scotland. The estate of the late John M. Cook, the head of Cook's tourist agency, is valued at \$390,000.

UNITED STATES. Rear Admiral C. C. Carpenter, retired, committed suicide in a sanatorium in Boston. The American Government has appointed delegates to the Czars' disarmament congress.

vessels for the grain trade of the lakes. The Standard Oil Company is said to have bought the copper interests in Montana of F. A. Heinze, formerly of Roseland.

The death of Dr. Wallace McMillan, of Dorchester, Mass., at the operating table was due to blood-poisoning from a scratch on the mouth by a finger nail.

The bodies of the 25 unidentified dead, taken from the ruins of the Windsor Hotel fire, have been placed in a vault at Kensico cemetery, at Yonkers, N.Y. Lord Revelstoke, head of the banking house of Baring Bros. of London, is in New York on a visit to Cecil Baring, his brother, the New York agent of the firm.

At Chicago, on Saturday, Frank Linderman, a milkman, was standing in the office of the Illinois Savings Bank with \$500 in his hand, when a stranger seized the roll and escaped with it.

DOMINION PARLIAMENT. What the Legislators of the Country are Doing at Ottawa.

What the Legislators of the Country are Doing at Ottawa. To confirm the agreement between the Canadian Pacific Railway Company and the Hull Electric Company—Mr. Poupore.

To amend the charter of the Huron and Erie Savings and Loan Society—Mr. Beattie. Respecting the Columbia and Western Railway Company, of London, Ont.—Mr. Sproule.

To amend the Act respecting the sale of railway passenger tickets—Mr. Beattie. Mr. Beattie explained that the bill introduced by him was intended to stop the practice of scalping tickets on the ferry between Windsor and Detroit.

RESPECTING THE QUEBEC STEAMSHIP CO.—Mr. Malouin. Respecting the Ottawa and Gatineau Railway Co.—Mr. Champagne. Respecting the Ottawa Electric Railway Co.—Mr. Belmont.

AN UNFORGIVING SON-IN-LAW. Kinder funny circumstances connected with the elopement here last week, remarked the eloquent landlord of the tavern at South Squam, addressing the drummer for whom he had formed something of a liking.

Hon. Mr. Wallace read the clause of the act requiring the presentation of the report within a specified time, and complained that the law had not been observed.

SPECULATION IN DAIRY PRODUCTS. Last session Mr. Parmelee, of Shefford, introduced a bill to prevent speculation in butter and cheese.

Several of the replies advocate the appointment of Government inspectors of cheese, and others urge the establishment of an official Board of Arbitration to decide disputes between cheese makers and buyers.

NOTES. Col. Gibson, of Hamilton, says that he had heard there is every likelihood of the Government proposing to increase the militia appropriations for the coming year by half a million dollars, making it \$2,000,000.

GENERAL NEWS. Vessels with enormous catches of seals are arriving at St. John's, Nfld. Serious labor troubles and strikes are spreading in the manufacturing districts of Russia.

The Egyptian Government is reported to be contemplating the building of a railway from Khartoum to Suakin, via Kassala, so as to tap the Abyssinian trade.

A tax of 25 francs has been levied by France upon unmarried natives of Madagascar, since January last. Women of 21 years of age who are not mothers of children are taxed 15 francs.

The King of Siam has issued a decree that no children who are entirely naked will be henceforth allowed to play in the streets of Bangkok, and that every person over the age of ten must be clothed from the knee to the neck.