### 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. How long times will be easier no one can tell and it is a good time to begin doing as though they were to be of short duration.

The young farmer who this spring engages in agricultural pursuits on his own account whether his past relation to farming has been that of cordingly. Far better to go without expensive machinery than to buy on time giving interest-bearing notes in ness, and if possible to induce them just when the crop, the sale of which various lines of work generally. was expected to meet them, fails. The

beginning farming or having been at it for years and in the habit of buying machinery on credit and running accounts at the stores. Begin making cash purchases and having the satistics of the requirements of the produce about two millions of the produce about the produce about

at the expense of giving your note, for when the note comes due the cow may be depreciated in value and your pocket book depleted. A man can pocket book depleted. A man can work hard for himself and his with much more pleasure than he can to pay a note for an animal that has pay a note for an animal that has proved worthless for the purpose bought or an implement that has proved unsatisfactory or little needed. Begin now to hedge for times that will not look as bright.

It is a good time to begin making the farm provide you a better daily living hy putting in a good garden.

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. The same care in time and effort that is given an acre of potatoes put on half an acre devoted to miscellaneous vegetables will give by far better returns for the table and very likely for the pocket book. It is a good time to take an interest in having better roads from your market town to your farm, Make a start over against your own house

start over against your own house and continue the good work from year to year till the road to town is good

all the way.

It is a good time to help beautify
the surroundings of the school house
and make the house and all about it
more attractive and uplifting to the children

a good time to begin taking an interest in something besides the drudgery of farm work—in fact tak-ing an interest in these things will take the drudgery out of farming. Taken all in all the outlook for far-

## THE FARMER'S GARDEN.

Cultivate often, cultivate thoroughafter a rain. The garden is not hard to keep in good shape if it is managed right, and but a few hours at a time, taken often, will keep the weeds down and the vegetables growing. Plant your garden according to the size of your family. Unless a very small the graden, do not buy seeds by the packet growth in a single night. garden, do not buy seeds by the packet but buy by the ounce, pound, pint and that the cells of which it is made up, There are three things very essential si

for a good garden: A proper seed bed, good seed and thorough cultivation. Fertilize the ground well and plow deep late in the full. Your ground will the Indian Archipelago, and is shipped be in good shape with running over from Singapore, and much of it is ob-It with a disk or shallow cultivator tained on the Florida coast of America. in the spring. Put your seeds in There are three rows of plants on the

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ed to these essential main crops of vegetables.

Potato culture is an art easily learned if one takes sufficient interest in it. These are the essential elements of potato raising: Deep plowing, thorough cultivation. Keep the cultivator going from the time they come up, or before they come up, until they stop growing. Use the common corn cultivator just before they come up, and then when the plants are well through the ground, harrow crosswise with common harrow. Do not be afraid of tearing up a few sprouts, as they will come up. up a few sprouts, as they will come again all right.

AGRICULTURE IN NEW BRUNS-

Agricultural meetings were con hired man or that sen at home, will do ducted the past winter under the auswell to consider the possibility that a pices of the New Brunswick Farmers' few months or at the most a few years and Dairymen's Associations and the ahead there will be the old-time hard Provincial Department of Agriculture, times for farmers and lay plans ac- the object of the series of meetings be payment, for the notes may come due to undertake improvements in their

was expected to meet them, fails. The notes will not fail to mature if the crop does. Or should the crop be good the price may fail; the face of the note will not be less. The use of a machine may be obtained of a neighbor and paid for by exchange of work or a small amount of cash. Better be a little inconvenienced and work a little harder with head and hand to gather the crops than to be worried with maturing notes.

The conditions in New Brunswick are rapidly changing. For many years the majority of the people in the rural districts depended largely upon lumbering and fishing for their revenue. With the disappearance of the great forests of the province and the partial exhaustion of the fisheries, the people in the rural districts depended largely upon lumbering and fishing for their revenue. With the disappearance of the great forests of the province and the partial exhaustion of the fisheries, the people in the rural districts depended largely upon lumbering and fishing for their revenue. With the disappearance of the great forests of the province and the partial exhaustion of the fisheries, the people in the rural districts depended largely upon lumbering and fishing for their revenue. With the disappearance of the great forests of the province and the partial exhaustion of the fisheries, the people in the rural districts depended largely upon lumbering and fishing for their revenue. With the disappearance of the great forests of the province and the partial exhaustion of the fisherier sevenue. With the disappearance of the great forests of the province and the partial exhaustion of the fisherier sevenue. With the disappearance of the great forests of the province and the partial exhaustion of the fisherier sevenue. With the disappearance of the great forests of the province and the partial exhaustion of the fisherier sevenue. The conditions in New Brunswick with maturing notes.

It is a good time to begin the practice of paying as you go whether just beginning farming or having been at 825 tons.

cash purchases and having the satisfaction of owing no man.

If in the dairy business it is a good time to begin to stop baying bad and time to begin to stop baying bad and time, better by far make a few less pounds of milk and have it from cows that are yours than to increase the amount, because times are picking up, at the excessive humidity of the atmesphere militates against the production wheat grading "No. 1 hard," but very fair results were obtained last year. Three thousand bushels of the seed were distributed at cost. In the seed were distributed at cost. In the correct province about two millions of dellars for foreign wheat and flour imported from the Western provinces, The excessive humidity of the atmesphere militates against the production were provinced. seed were distributed at cost. In the northern section of the province especially gratifying results were obtained. In Kent and Restigouche counties the past year not one barrel of flour was sold where there were five sold formerly. To encourage the building of flour mills the government pays a bonus of 20 per cent. iof the cost of the plant required.

### 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 warts that indicate black knot should be removed with a sharp knife and the wound washed with carbolic acid solution or some other antiseptic. In fact, it is a good plan to spray plum trees with a carbolic acid solution, made one part of carbolic acid to 2,000 parts of water. This will remain on the spores which are dormant during the winter until they burst their bounds and begin to spread the dis-ease over the tree. The solution named is much stronger than can be applied after the foliage is in its tender growth.

## QUICK GROWTH.

Wonderful Increase in Weight of Germin ating Seeds.

The seed of the globe turnip, according to recent investigations, increase mers has not been as good for a number of years and it is a good time to begin looking on the bright side and make the dark side brighter turnip is exceedingly minute, being not arger than the twentieth part of an inch in diameter, and yet, in the course of a few months, the seed will be elaborated by the soil and the atmosphere ly, cultivate as soon as it dries up into 27,000,000 times the bulk of the seed, and this in addition to a considquart, and buy the best, and of a reliable seed firm, as it is a great disappointment to have the ground all prepared and the season properly developed to plant seeds that were several years old and would not germinate properly, or fail to grow at all.

There are three things very essential for a good graden. A proper year lied

ALL ABOUT TORTOISE SHELLS. The finest tortoise shell comes from with a drill in straight rows 2 too 3 ft... apart and keep cutivating with horse power. Baise plenty of small fruit, which may be tended in the same manner as vegetables. Have a large potato patch. Raise enough to use and some to sell. Very often you can sell enough to pay for all the time and expense of raising the entire garden. It it is not convenient to have the garden large enough to plant the main crop of potatoes and expense of raising the entire garden. It it is not convenient to have the garden large enough to plant the main crop of potatoes and expense of considered worthless, but at presmain crop of potatoes and expense of the stell, formerly the under shell was thrown away, being considered worthless, but at presmain crop of potatoes and expense of the shell, so turtles do not furnish more when 16 pounds of tortoise shell. Formerly the under shell was thrown away, being considered worthless, but at presmain crop of potatoes and expense of coloring. Nowadays a very place somewhere in the sas there should not be less than an agree devot-

### THE VERY LATEST FROM ALI. THE WORLD OVER.

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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 Commission-

The Montreal City Hospital is said to be in danger of collapsing. The in-spector has recommended the removal of all the patients.

Dr. Good, writing from Dawson to a Winnipeg paper says there will be as much gold taken out of the Klon-dike this year as last, In the Winnipeg police court a Galician who had purchased a neigh-

bor's wife and had not got her, wanted to enter an action for obtaining money under false pretences. Zoltan Van Rajes, an Hungarian, now at Ottawa, says he has concluded arrangements with the Interior De-

partment by which 500 or 600 families of Huns will be brought out this year Winnipeg butchers have advanced prices of nearly all staple lines of meats. The advance will vary from le to 11-2e per pound on beef, veal and mutton, and is caused by the high price prevailing for cattle.

Mr. William Mackenzie, of Toronto, now in Winnipeg, stated that the Dauphin line would be extended this season, to Saskatchewan. As to the Rainy River extension, the contracts are being let from Marchand west-

During the past year the Department of the Secretary of State issued 93 passports to Canadians journeying to foreign lands where such documents are required. Of this number 13 were for Chinese, who were naturalized British subjects.

For the past few seasons the activity of the smugglers doing business from the French Islands of St. Pierre and diquelon has been redoubled, and officers of the preventiva branch of the Customs Department anticipate a heavy season's work on the Gulf of St. Law-

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 imand 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 siit brake and automatic coupler equipment, \$365,010; for branch lines to mines in connection with the Crow's Nest Pass line, \$300,000, and rolling stock, \$1,000,000, as the traffic of the company may require.

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CANADA

A despatch from Juneau, Alaska, reports the murder of 16 prospectors from Kentucky, while asleep, by Indians, who wanted their kits and supplies.

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Lord Strathcona has given \$100 to be Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition.

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Lord Revelstoke, head of the bank At Peachland, B.C., an attempt is to be made to hatch ostrichs and start an ostrich farm.

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Major-General Hutton has asked the Mayor of Montreal to assist in a big celebration of the 24th.

The Hamilton Harbor Committee will ask the Government for \$150,000 agent of the 11m.

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.

A bill, which has passed the preliminary stages in the New York Senate, and stands for final passage, provides for the examination before sale, of all cattle entering New York State, from Canada or elsewhere.

Three thousand bricklayers are on strike at Philadelphia; 2,000 iron ore miners are out in Alabama; and the conductors and motormen of the trolley line, at Wheeling. Va., refuse to work until their grievances are attended to.

The Committee on Civic Parade for The Committee on Civic Parade for the Peace Jubilee to be held in Wash-ington in May, has taken action look-ing to a formal recognition of Queen Victoria's birthday. The big parade is to be held on May 24, and a committee was appointed to wait on Ambassador Pauncef and arrange for some ap-propriate ceremony.

# DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

What the Legislators of the Country are Doing at Ottawa.

### BILLS INTRODUCED.

To confirm the agreement between he 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.

Respecting the Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Company-Mr. Prefortaine

Respecting the British Columbia Southern Railway Company,- Mr.

To incorporate the Northern Colonization Railway-Mr. Fortin. Itespecting the Atlas Company-Mr.

Ingram. To amend the Winding-up Act, R.

S. C., chap. 129—Mr. Fortin.

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 Description.

The following private, bills were read

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vessels for the grain trade of the Hon. Mr. Wallace read the che act requiring the present the sport within a specified to have bought the copper interesses in Montana of F. A. Heinze, formerly, observed.

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The Premier—The keeping of the a of Parliament is in the hands of the Auditor-General.

SPECULATION IN DAIRY PRODUCT Last session Mr. Parmalee, of Shefford, introduced a bill "to prevea speculation in butter and cheese." It was referred to the Standing Committee of the House on Agriculture, with the result that it was decided to send copies of the bill to all persons interested in the sale and manufacture of those products, with a request that replies be returned stating whether the persons addressed were in favour of such a measure or not, During the recess Mr. Macleod, the secretary to the committee, sent out 2,591 of these circulars to cheese and butter dealers and manufacturers throughout Ontario and Quebec, and the Maritime Ontario and Quebec, and the Maritime

Provinces.

\* Iteplies were received from 409, or about 16 per cent. From Ontario 211 replies were received, 158 being for the bill and 55 against. Of 175 replies received from Quebec, 150 were in favour of and 25 against the bill. Of 21 replies from the Maritime Provinces. 17 plies from the Maritime Provinces, 13 were for and 3 against the bill. Twenty cheese and butter boards or associa-tions were heard from, 13 of them favouring and 7 opposing the propos

neasure.

Several of the replies advocate the appointment of Government inspectors of cheese, and others urge the establishment of an official Board of Arbiinsment of an official Board of Arbitration to decide disputes between cheese makers and buyers. It is complained by cheese-makers that the buyers frequently refuse to accept cheese at the price contracted for, alleging defective quality as an excuse, when, as the manufacturers claim, no such defects exist.

### NOTES

Col. Gibson, of Hamilton says, that he had heard there is every likelihood of the Government proposing to in-crease the militia appropriations for the coming year by half a million dol-

the coming year by half a million dollars, making it \$2,000,000.

Prof. Prince and the members of the Lobster Commission, who have been holding sessions in the Maritime Provinces for several weeks, have reached Ottawa, and will immediately proceed to draw up their recommendations.

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Mr. McInnes gives notice of a resolution favouring the establishment of a mint in Canada.

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 village of Nabonne, near Yoko-hama, Japan, was burned and over 70 lives were lost.

The dowager Empress of China has issued a proclamation forbidding attacks on missionaries.

The Egyptian Government is reported to be contemplating the building of a railway from Khartoum to Suakim, via Kassala, so as to tap the Abyssin-ian trade.

German medical students in Berlin are showing their opposition to the admission of women to the medical profession by acting with brutality towards girl students.

Emin Pasha, senior surgeon to Sultan Abdul Hamid, has been banished for life. The pasha was betrayed by his wife as being implicated in a conspiracy against the Sultan's life.

The first street car in Europe to be appropried by liquid air was tested in

The following private bills were read the second time:

Respecting the Canada Accident Assurance Company—Mr. Monk.

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.

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