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### MONTHLY CALENDAR.

The golden harvest now requires your earnest attention. In housing or stacking wheat, be cautious, and do not lead it before it be in good condition: the quality of the flour depends as much upon the style in which the grain is housed as upon any other influence. In this country, where the weather in the time of harvest is generally favourable, greater evils result from hurrying grain into the barn, before it be perfectly dry, than from a partial delay. Too much care cannot be observed in putting the wheat into shock while in the field: round shocks are preferable to long ones, as they are much more likely to stand during a heavy storm, and the caps, if properly fitted on, will turn a very heavy shower of rain. If you have both fall and spring wheat, by all means keep them separate, and when delivering

them to the wheat-buyers, for the credit of both buyer and seller, do not sell spring for fall wheat, nor mix them in such a manner that only good judges could discriminate the imposition. Canadian flour in the English market now brings the highest price, and is at the present time more sought after by extensive dealers than formerly, and both producer and exporter should feel a pride in sustaining this high character of the principal staple product of the country.

Spring wheat flour for home consumption, and flour made from winter wheat for exportation, would prove a most profitable and economical arrangement, provided the same attention were paid in dressing the stones, and in preparing and packing spring wheat flour for market, as is bestowed upon fall wheat: the former would be worth as much for home consumption as the latter; and, indeed, it would command a higher price as soon as its merits became duly appreciated, as it contains a greater amount of gluten in a given weight of flour, and, consequently, will make more pounds of bread from a given weight of flour, than that manufactured from winter wheat.

The experience of the past few years has proved that spring is much more

certain than fall-sown wheat; and, from our knowledge of the subject, we are led to the conclusion, that, for the future, about as many acres will be sown of the one as of the other.

If the present harvest proves as favourable as appearances indicate, we feel warranted in asserting, that the spring wheat crop will supply the home demand for Canadian bread-stuffs. This is as it ought to be; and we do not desire to see the cultivation of spring wheat extended farther than this, unless a variety should be introduced that would possess such superior flouring qualities, that the flour, when made, might be shipped to the English markets, in as safe a condition as flour made from winter wheat. It is said, by competent judges, that the Siberian spring wheat, which is now so generally spread through the country, will do this; and, if this should prove to be the case, it will be the greatest acquisition to the Canadian wheat-grower that has been introduced into this country in modern times.

Wheat and barley stubble may be profitably raked with a horse-rake, and the same implement would answer an excellent purpose for pulling peas.

If your barn should not hold all the grain, a portion will, of course, have to be stacked. Care should be taken in