

DOMINION ALMANAC.

MAY.

"A cold May and a windy,"  
"Makes a barn full, and findy."

May, the fifth month of our present year, was the second in the old Alban calendar, the third in that of Romulus, and the fifth in that of Numa. In the Alban calendar it consisted of twenty-two days; in that of Romulus, thirty one; in that of Numa, thirty. Its etymology is doubtful; by some, it is thought to be derived from *maforee*, a term applied to the governing body of the city by Romulus, by others, and apparently the most probable, it is thought to have been dedicated to *Mars*. The Roman month was under the protection of Apollo. Our Saxon ancestors gave it the name of *Tri-milci*, three milk month, when cows were milked three times a day.

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon	7d	9h a. m.			
First Quarter	15	11 a. m.	Apogee	12 d 7h	p. m.
Full Moon	22	7 p. m.	Perigee	24 6	p. m.
Last Quarter	29	9 a. m.			

			SUN	
			<i>R. see Sets.</i>	
			h. m.	h. m.
1	W	<i>St Philip and St James</i>	4 51	7 03
2	Th		4 50	7 04
3	F	Smith O'Brien visited Toronto, 1859	4 48	7 05
4	S	Siege of Quebec raised 1778	4 47	7 06
5	S	<i> Rogation Sunday</i>	4 46	7 07
6	M	First Bishop of Quebec died 1708	4 44	7 08
7	T	Reciprocal intercolonial trade, established 1850	4 43	7 10
8	W	Relics of Franklin discovered 1859	4 42	7 11
9	Th	<i>Ascension Day or Holy Thursday</i>	4 41	7 12
10	F	Treaty of Paris, 1763	4 39	7 13
11	S		4 38	7 14
12	S	<i>Sunday after Ascension Day</i>	4 37	7 15
13	M		4 36	7 16
14	T		4 35	7 17
15	W	Hurricane at Terrebonne 1858	4 34	7 18
16	Th	Earthquake at Quebec, 1744	4 33	7 20
17	F	Great Fire at St Hyacinthe 1854	4 32	7 21
18	S	Great Fire in Montreal 1766	4 31	7 22
19	S	<i>Whitsunday or Pentecost.</i>	4 30	7 23
20	M	Christopher Columbus died 1505	4 29	7 24
21	T		4 28	7 25
22	W		4 27	7 26
23	Th	Queen Victoria born 1819	4 26	7 27
24	F	First Priests settled in Canada 1815	4 26	7 28
25	S	<i>Trinity Sunday</i>	4 25	7 29
26	S		4 24	7 30
27	M	Fort George taken by the Americans 1813	4 23	7 30
28	T	1315 houses burnt in Quebec 1845	4 23	7 31
29	W	Restoration of Charles II or King Charles' Day	4 22	7 32
30	Th	Earthquake Lake Erie 1823	4 22	7 32
31	F		4 21	7 33