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THE HALIFAX BONE MILL.

It gives some satisfaction to learn that an efficient Bone Mill has at last been established in the vicinity of Halifax. The attempts of the Agricultural Board to establish a Mill last year were attended by a singular series of accidents, which concluded at last by the total destruction by fire of the whole of Mr. Stanford's premises, on which the Mill had been erected.

Mr. Stanford, although a heavy loser by the fire, felt that our farmers looked to him for a supply of Bones. Unwilling to disappoint their hopes, and desirous of carrying out, to the fullest extent, his engagement with the Board of Agriculture, he has re-erected the Mill, and put the whole machinery into efficient order, and now we are informed that daily supplies of Bones are leaving his premises to spread fertility over our hungry lands.

Farmers at a distance from the city will find Bone Dust not only the most efficient, but likewise the cheapest manure they can obtain, on account of its being so easily handled and conveyed long distances at small cost.

WHEAT CULTURE IN NOVA-SCOTIA.

We have had a remarkably severe winter, and the springtime has been a cold, wet, backward season. Our farmers all hope that they may never see its like again. Early in April, however, a good deal of wheat was sown on fall-ploughed land. More wheat has been sown this season than for many years. The Board of Agriculture has distributed at cost price, 360 bushels of the finest Fife wheat that could be obtained in Western Canada. Last year a large quantity was distributed all over the country in the same way. It turned out so well that nearly all of it was kept for seed. In addition to these sources of extra seed, we know that several merchants imported seed wheat this season, and that the demands upon the Board of Agriculture were far from being met by the supply on hand. It is evident from all this, that a decided attempt is being made to regain our lost ground as a wheat-growing country.

A WORD IN SEASON.

Halifax, May 20, 1868.

Throughout the whole of British America and the Northern States, the past winter has been remarkable for its severity. In Ontario, the thermometer stood "for weeks together" at zero, and we are told that people got so hopelessly tired of the cold that they began to fear the weather would never get warm again. In Nova Scotia our thermometer readings were probably not so low, but the weather was very trying from frequent winds, which serves so effectually to increase the effects of cold.

The spring has been backward, and it was not till about a week ago that the grass could be said to be green. In fact, in some parts of the country, we are told the fields are still brown,—the young grass not having yet covered the dead stubble of last year. There is no doubt but that grass and clover have suffered to some extent by the severe weather. But we have already had a good deal of rain, which, at any time during the growing season, is always good for grass.

The spring operations of the farmer have not been much retarded. Some ploughing was done early in April; but