

## COURTS.

## PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

**COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH.**—17th to 27th of every month, except January, July and August.

**COURT IN APPEAL AND ERROR.**—Montreal, 11th to 22nd March, June, September and December; Quebec, 1st to 8th March, June, September and December.

**CROWN SIDE.**—Quebec, 27th April and 27th October; Montreal, 24th March and 24th September; Three Rivers, 23rd March and 23rd September; Sherbrooke, 6th March and 1st October; Kamouraska, 23rd March and 18th December; Aylmer, 21st January and 1st July; Percé, 13th March and 13th August; New Carlisle, 13th January and 13th September; Arthabaskville, 19th February and 19th October; Beauce, 20th June and 20th October; Montmagny, 25th March and 25th November.

## TERMS.

**MONTREAL.**—Hochelaga, Jacques Cartier, Laval, Vaudreuil, Soulanges, Laprairie, Chambly, Vercheres and City of Montreal. Held at Montreal 1st May to 30th June, 1st September till 20th December.

**QUEBEC.**—Portneuf, Quebec, Montmorenci, Levis, Lotbinière and City of Quebec. Held at Quebec, from 1st to 5th of every month, except January, July and August.

**OTTAWA.**—Ottawa and Pontiac. Held at Aylmer, from 13th to 19th February, June and November.

**THREE RIVERS.**—Maskinongé, St. Maurice, including City of Three Rivers, Champlain and Nicolet. Held at Three Rivers, from 17th March to 22nd of June, September and December.

**AN ICE-HOUSE IN THE BARN.**—Many farmers fail to put up ice because they think an ice-house to be too costly for them. We here give a hint which we received from a neighboring farmer, some years ago, as to putting up ice in a corner of the barn, without anything more than a few boards and some sawdust. The coolest corner of the barn is set apart for the ice, and a board is nailed to the floor on each side of the corner, or across it; one of these should be just beneath a beam of the upper floor. Some rough boards are tacked to the posts of the barn wall, up to near the top. A batten is then nailed to the floor, one inch from the board; this makes the foundation. If necessary, a board is nailed up to the beams above, for the purpose soon to be described. The spaces are filled with sawdust. The ice is then packed in the space, placing a foot of sawdust beneath it, and, as it is put in, sawdust is packed around it. The sawdust is kept in at the sides by upright boards placed against those nailed to the floor and a beam above it, or the board nailed to the beams before mentioned. These boards are thus kept in their place. When all the ice is in, it is well covered on the top, a space for a door being left in the boarding above the ice. Then a second row of boards is placed between the boards on the floor and the battens, and fastened as may be convenient, a door space being made to match the inner one. The space between these boards may be filled with cut straw, sawdust, clover-chaff, or any other non-conducting material, up to the height of the ice within. There is no need to close the door space; it will be better to leave that open for ventilation.

**NOVEMBER.**—The summer of 1878 will be held as memorable, because of the Vice-regal visit of His Excellency Lord Dufferin to the Eastern Townships. We may regret that the visit was not made at an earlier period of his administration, inasmuch as we fully believe more interest would have been taken in these townships. We are not surprised that His Excellency should have expressed himself so eloquently and justly in regard to these glorious hills and vales, and their vast agricultural capacities. Hundreds of the sons and daughters of farmers are hasting away to the far-off regions of Manitoba and Keewatin, while tens of thousands of acres of splendid lands of the best soil are lying waste within a few hours ride by rail or otherwise. Why is not more effort made to settle Quebec?

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