

province of Quebec this year, as there were also tons of it cut in the September of 1597.

I am pleased to note on the other hand that there are some up to date farmers who cut their clover in due time, early in the month of July, who were able to cut a second crop about the same time that the first mentioned were finishing their first crop of hay.

This much I will say, that the removal of the one crop of over-ripe hay took a great deal more fertility out of the soil than the removal of the two crops of grass, and the difference in feeding value certainly must have been increased at least 3 times. If the first farmer could live and make both ends meet, the last ought to be able to lay by several pennies for a rainy day.

It is always the same old story: the weather was so bad; when asked why they did not commence sooner, oh! it was only growing then, they wanted to wait until there was something to cut. Another fact worth noting is this, when grass or hay is cut green, bad weather does not spoil it so much, as when it gets rain when over-ripe; in fact, when over-ripe, wet weather almost ruins it altogether.

But perhaps, Mr. Editor, I have said enough on this question, for the present, those who are in the habit of haying in September will not care to read this article, while he who was cutting his second crop will not need to read it! (a sharp cut of the whip! Ed.)

Grain.—Now that the farmers are getting their thrashing done, some fields are turning out well, others only fair. Usually, early sown grain is turning out well, while late field are not much. Corn has done well lately, and those who were fortunate enough to have silage-corn will not be disappointed with it.

Root-Crops, with the exception of potatoes, are doing fine. In some sections the rot has made its appearance, but still, there will be no scarcity of potatoes. The wet weather has made pastures greener than usual, and the prices of both cheese and butter have kept up well, the whole season.

This has been a remarkably good season for cheese, the shipments to date have been over 150,000 boxes more than last year, the price, the earlier part of the season, a great deal better than last year. I will make this prediction now; that the price from now to the close of navigation, say 2 months, will not be so good as last year, for the reason there was an excessive drought in Great

Britain last season, and there is not any likelihood of its taking place this year. Nevertheless, the increase in our shipments, with the increased price earlier in the season over last year, means something over \$2,000,000 more for the cheese product than last year, and last year was considered very fair; in fact, it was the greatest on record, in total value.

The butter market has been, until lately, fully as good as last year, though the shipments have been far short of last season. I should say that possibly there is a considerable quantity in cold storage, in Montreal, while last year, at this date, there was very little. I would say this, that if there is not a great deal in cold storage, the milk output is less than last year. I can hardly believe that, just at present at all events, taking the shipments as they are, the total cash cheese and butter product is about half a million dollars in excess of last year. Had the prices not been in advance of last year, this result would not have been attained. The farmers who are in the dairy-business have no reason to feel sorry, as the results have been good. Long may they continue so, is my earnest wish.

Your truly,

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HATS.

Speaking of hats, their shapes vary so much that it is almost impossible to say what is just the one. It is quite certain, though, that the young people like the hat bent or tilted on the left side; reason why, the little tilt is most becoming and the bend makes a place to set the hat firmly on the head, otherwise, how would the wearer ever keep it on her head? certainly not with the crown, which is much too small for use in that way. It seems to act as a make-believe or standard-bearer for the trimming.

So the little tilt is given and in the band is inserted an ornamental hat-pin. These hat-pins are sold in so many and in such pretty devices that any person can be suited. Some are made with a military button for the head, may be a