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LUCYFIELD, Co. HALIFAX,
May 29, 1871.

Temperature to-day in the shade 84°
Fah. at one o'clock, p.m.

The present season has been an unusually busy one with our farmers; and to this cause may be attributed the paucity of correspondence requiring notice this month. Some of the peculiarities of the season were referred to in our last number. The spring, or farming season as it may be called in this country, commenced at an unusually early period. We had delightful weather, and comparatively warm, during the month of March. April, however, proved throughout a cold, wet, windy, and altogether disagreeable month. When we last wrote there was nothing but mud under foot and drizzle overhead. Since then the weather has upon the whole been nearly everything that could be desired. We had cold, chilly days and nights it is true, during the first half of May, but there was sufficient drought to bring the land into fine condition for working; and although the season is not

an early one, yet the grass is making a strong healthy growth, and we are not unlikely to have a heavy crop of hay. This will be valued by our farmers, for the past winter has been a severe one for those who had nothing but hay to feed to their cattle. The first really warm day of this season was Sunday, the 20th of May, temp. 72°, up to which time seed that had been put into the ground had made but little progress. On the morning of the day mentioned our two summer swallows, the chimney swallow and the barn swallow, both made their appearance for the first time. About the city, stragglers had been noticed on the 21st April and 2nd May, according to report in the *Church Chronicle*. The Camberwell Beauty is our first butterfly, but a very uncertain harbinger of spring, for it invariably appears on the first warm, sunny day, sometimes very early in April. This year it was unusually late, not noticed with us till 16th May, election day, a warm, sunny day, when a good many of our farmers turned back from the plough to go to the polls.

The latter part of May has been warm, some days quite sultry, and vegetation is now making rapid progress. On Whit-sunday a singular appearance in the heavens, referable apparently to the class of phenomena called mock suns, was observed before and after 2 p. m. It consisted of a luminous cloud opposite the sun, having a perfectly circular outline, of almost dazzling white in the centre, and with a blue margin, of a deeper hue than the rest of the sky. It was observed for about a quarter of an hour, and gradually faded away into a stratified cloud, as it drifted before the wind and its position changed with respect to the sun. Fires in the woods have been rather unruly in Halifax county. A large fire near Sandy Lake, between the Hammond's Plains Road and Windsor Road continued for several days, and drove the black flies out of the woods into the settled parts in such numbers that cattle had to be shut up in the barns, a very unusual occurrence in the month of May. Mr. Guzmann has lost his extensive saw mill at Stillwater by fire; Dr. Tiernan's