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JUNE came in this year with wet, drizzly weather, followed by clear cold days; where seeds are in the ground the moisture will bring them forward rapidly, so soon as the weather becomes warm. The hardwood trees are leafing out in the woods, cherries and strawberries are beginning to show blossom in the gardens, and in light and well-drained soils early potatoes are already showing well. March was a bad month for the grass, but ever since then we have had weather exactly suited to the spring growth of timothy and clover. The hay crop will be looked to with unusual interest this year, as over large portions of this Continent, every scrap of last season's hay has been used up. At Belleville, Ontario, unscrewed hay was selling, two weeks ago, at forty-five dollars a ton, and in some parts of our own Province there has been great scarcity. A poor crop of hay this season would, therefore, be a serious disaster, and would of necessity entail unusually heavy sales of live stock next Fall.

In Ontario, the past winter has been a trying one. For a period of many years previous, winter wheat has not suffered so much. In many fields not a single living wheat root is to be found, and the full extent of loss cannot as yet be ascertained. In the Western States we hear of similar complaints. In Bermuda the

Onion crop has been seized with disease, and the barrels of early Potatoes, now being shipped to New York, are said to bring higher prices than barrels of flour, in consequence of there being about a tenth of the usual crop. The principal injury to potatoes was caused by winds, which blew the stalks out of the ground,—a phenomenon similar to that experienced in Cape Breton last season.

The destruction of delicate plants, trees and shrubs by the frosts of the past winter is far beyond any previous experience in Nova Scotia. Among common deaths we may notice roses, spiræas, young laburnums and robinias, almonds, peaches, raspberries, strawberries, pansies, Japan lilies, Californian cypress, mahonia, honey-suckles, &c. Even young plants of the native white pine, fir, and hemlock are browned in exposed places, and we observe a large brake of wild raspberries, whose every cane has been withered into a lifeless stick. Let cultivators take a note of the absolute necessity of protecting all tender things against the accident of such a winter. The best protection for herbaceous plants such as strawberries, and flexile shrubs such as raspberries, is to cover them on the ground with spruce boughs, pegged down, so as not to be blown away by March winds if the soil should happen to thaw then as it did this year.

The Central Board of Agriculture intend to meet at Halifax on the 25th day of the present month. Their attention will be almost entirely devoted to the necessary arrangements for carrying out the approaching Provincial Exhibition. Our readers are aware that through the courtesy of His Excellency General O'Grady Haly, and His Honor Lieut. Governor Archibald, the necessary grounds have been obtained for the erection of cattle sheds. Messrs. Gordon & Keith have granted a right of way from Dundonald Street, to the Governor's Field, where, under His Honor's instructions, Mr. Reid of the Board of Works has placed a gateway that will prove a much more convenient entrance for cattle and horses than the one used at last Exhibition. The Dominion Government, on the recommendation of the Hon. Mr. Ross, Minister of Militia, and Colonel Laurie, Adjutant General, have granted the Drill Shed Buildings, which are being placed in a thorough state of repair, so that intending exhibitors who have been thinking of the probability of its leaky condition spoiling their exhibits, may now put away all their fears. The arrangements for conveyance of cattle, &c., by railway, are in progress, and the Board will probably be in a position to announce them before the close of the present month. In the meantime we hope the prospec-