

best I saw were on the farm of Mr. Egan of Ste-Foye road; they were the "white star" and "wonder." This gentleman's crop was excellent, clean of weeds, and the land was being left in good condition for the next crop, showing what good cultivation will do. The roots, cabbages, and corn on this farm were highly creditable to the young man who farms the place, and it is a pleasure to testify to this, publicly, for his encouragement and that of others who would do well to follow his example. Again, on the north side of the City, at Gros Pin, the farm of Mr. Thos Byrne was visited, and exhibited similar marks of careful cultivation, although the land is of a different quality, and in a wet season, more difficult to work. Mr. Byrne is one of the Quebec pioneers of market gardening, and by dint of the most assiduous perseverance has succeeded in raising, not only the best crops of all kinds, but a numerous family, well educated, and filling responsible positions; thus affording an object lesson to young men of the present generation; for whom it will be well if they go and do likewise. The cabbage worms at the beginning of the summer were doing the plants much damage, but with characteristic energy the family set to work to pick them off by hand, and used other means by which most of the crop was saved. A large quantity of celery is grown on this place, but has suffered from a peculiar kind of blight, similar to that which attacks the potatoes, evidently caused by the growths of a fungus of the same description. I noticed the same blight on celery grown by a large grower in Middlebury, Vermont, and he told me that he sprayed part of his crop with Bordeaux mixture twice while it was growing, with the result of effectually checking the disease. This may be a useful hint to the growers of this popular esculent. There is an increasing demand for all kinds of vegetables in the City of Quebec, but prices rule rather low for the producer; and it is evident that only the best quality will realize anything like remunerative figures, and command a ready sale; therefore, to be successful, the producer must be diligent and determined to adopt such methods as will cause his products to be of superior quality.

HARVEST

There is no season of the year so full of interest to those engaged in rural affairs as harvest time.

With what delight and gratitude to the Giver

of all good does the prudent cultivator gather in the fruits of his labor, and although many difficulties have been presented to him in the course of the cultivation of the crop, he will note with satisfaction that they have generally been overcome, and the victory; if he has faithfully done his part; is on his side.

Of course there are exceptions to this rule, and sometimes failure will result in consequence of climactic conditions which he cannot control, but taking the average of years, the man who promptly and perseveringly does his duty need not fear but that his efforts will be fairly remunerated. In nine cases out of ten we shall find that the croakers have themselves to blame; proper care has not been paid to the preparation of the soil, unsuitable or insufficient fertilizers have been used or what is a more common fault here, planting has been delayed, and no attention, or at least only a little, given to after cultivation while insects and fungoid enemies have not been watched for and promptly destroyed by the various means which have been discovered by science, and proved by experiment, to be effectual, and which have now been so frequently described in the Agricultural and Horticultural press that it is the farmers' and orchardists' own fault if they do not understand the necessity of using them, their composition, and method of application, and put their knowledge promptly into practice.

Nelson exclaimed at the battle of Trafalgar: "England expects that every man this day will do his duty" and, paraphrasing this, we may say that God demands that every man shall nobly do his duty, and this duty is as well rewarded in the harvest field as at the cannons worth. Peace hath its victories, no less than war, and he who adds to the wealth of his country by good management of his land achieves a victory which, taken in the aggregate, is as important as the conquest of the warrior or the success of the diplomatist. And he is the man whose heart is attuned to thanksgiving for the satisfaction of having done his duty and can truly enjoy the blessed *harvest time*.

EXPEDITIOUS POTATO DIGGING

The probabilities of bad weather when the potato crop is ready to gather makes it a matter of considerable importance that the work should be done rapidly, and where there is a large acreage grown,