



"Agriculture not only gives Riches to a Nation, but the only Riches she can call her own."

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HINTS IN SEASON.

This is truly a pleasant season of the year, and one in which the practical agriculturist can take much delight, in watching the daily progress of his crops. In many respects it is a farmer's holiday; and although every careful man will find an abundance of profitable employment on his farm, still, from the period that the seeds are sown, up to haying, there is not that necessity for exceedingly laborious duties that are required during seed time and harvest; and the farmer may, if he plans his business rightly, slacken his pace a little, without at all affecting the products, or in any way lessening the profits of his farm. It may not be unprofitable to continue our practical hints, which may in some cases be found useful and interesting to our readers.

Summer Fallows.—In many portions of Canada it is still fashionable to make naked summer-fallows, and doubtless in very many instances the practice is a good one. In summer-fallowing land, the great benefit to be derived from that practice is, that of thoroughly eradicating every species of wild grasses and weeds, &c.; and unless this be properly done, it would be better for the land if it had been put under a smothering

crop, such as peas, buckwheat, or clover.—The most difficult grass to extirpate is couch or spear-grass, which, upon the rich soil in Canada, will, in wet seasons, defy the most skilful cultivator, unless very great pains be taken, and the warmest and driest days be selected for the operation. The course we have practiced with much success to destroy the roots of spear-grass, is the following:—We broke up the fallow about the middle of June, with a four-by-nine-inch furrow, and during the succeeding six weeks we frequently harrowed the land, and, in the month of July, employed a three-horse scarifier, and by two operations with this implement, we have thoroughly succeeded in destroying all the couch and other grasses on land that, previously to the operation, was in a wretched state of cultivation. It should always be remembered, that the first ploughing cannot be done too lightly. The only things necessary to be observed in the performance, are, to get below the roots of the grasses, and to turn up a light, neat and well proportioned furrow. By thoroughly separating the roots from their hold of the soil, and exposing them to the powerful rays of the sun, during the months of June and July, the principle of life is destroyed, and