

by the Board, thus rendering it impossible to give any definite reply, until the presentation and issue of a new petition, with amendments.

A communication received from the Honourable the Mayor of Quebec was then taken into consideration ; but for the reason therein set forth, the Board could not return any definite answer to the proposals of the Corporation of Quebec, in view of an approaching Provincial Exhibition in that city.

Thereupon the Board adjourned.

By order,

J. PERRAULT.

Secretary.

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This is the month, when the weather is favourable, for the commencement of spring work. Sometimes the snow disappears early, and gives the prospect of an early spring. But not unfrequently there succeeds sudden changes in the thermometer indicating a low temperature—the snow falls—and the country speedily resumes the appearance of winter—and spring work is delayed till the beginning of May, before the end of which month the farmer ought to have spring sowing and planting finished. Buckwheat and turnips will be sown afterwards. The farmer must endeavour to get his land into the best condition for receiving the seed. If the wheat crop has been injured by the heaving of the frost, it is, in some cases, benefitted by passing the roller over it, and thus pressing the roots into the earth. New meadows should be rolled early in the spring, to render the surface smooth for mowing. Plaster, to be beneficial to meadows to the greatest extent, should be sown early in the spring. Seed barley, limed and rolled in plaster, has produced crops more free from disease, in consequence as some have believed of the operation, and yielded larger products. Take care in due season to increase the extent of your root crops, for they will exceed in value many times the hay from the same quantity of land. Read carefully your agricultural journals, now that the planting season is at hand. Continue to feed till the grass has a good start in the pastures, and do not allow your animals to grub out the first early sproutings that may appear. Feed carefully and bountifully your cows in calf. Cleanse and ventilate your cellars as soon as the weather permits, to promote comfort and health. When time will afford, continue again to reclaim lands by drainage. Make and repair fences, and proceed to clear the surface as soon as the snow disappears. If hitherto neglected, take care to provide a sufficiency of the best seeds of all kinds. Have your horses in first rate working order.—Cart out composts and manures for use, and turn over heaps already carried. Take care to supply your cattle and hogs with abundance of dried swamp muck and other waste substances, to make as much manure as possible in your pens and yards. Take care that your cattle do not trample your meadows. Go on with your ploughing, but do not turn over clay soil in a wet state, as it will “bake” by so doing. Take care to encrease the depth of your ploughing, where