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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Halifax, 8th July, 1867.

Farmers of long experience in Nova Scotia have spoken of the spring-times of the last few years as unusually cold and wet. The spring of 1867 was no exception to what they say is becoming a rule. Spring work was much retarded by unfavorable weather, especially in stiff, undrained soils. We hear that Mr. Thomas, of Windsor, who is adopting a system of thorough tile draining over his farm, was this year able to work his land to advantage several weeks earlier than his neighbours. If any farmer feels inclined to grumble about the weather, let him go and do as Mr. Thomas has done, and we promise him plenty of time for his spring ploughing and sowing in the worst of seasons.

The backwardness of the spring months has been amply compensated by the genial "growing" weather which we have enjoyed throughout the greater part of June, and thus far of July. Reports from vari-

ous parts of the country speak of the Field Crops as giving great promise.—The GRASS FIELDS never looked better at this time of year, in the memory of the oldest inhabitant; WHEAT and OATS, and other grain crops, are making vigorous growth; POTATOES show a daily increasing expanse of foliage, and are already nearly meeting in the drills; and in GARDENS there is a luxuriance of vegetation sufficient to satisfy the most impatient gardener. All this is true, not of Nova Scotia alone, but, so far as we can learn, of the whole length and breadth of our great DOMINION!

As regards our ORCHARDS, the information that has reached us, although imperfect, is, so far, quite satisfactory. Apples and other fruits are abundant in Hants; in the northern part of Halifax county the trees are growing more luxuriantly than we have ever seen them before, but many of them are perfectly fruitless. Cherries are doing well. We hope some of our correspondents in Annapolis and Kings will favor us with more

ample details of the condition of the Orchards in the Fruit Districts in time for our next issue.

We conclude this month, the Report by Prof. Wilson, of Edinburgh, on the Improved System of Dairy Management in Denmark. It is satisfactory to know that some of the Dairywomen of Nova Scotia are beginning to copy the Danish System on a small scale. We commend the articles to the careful reading of our Dairy farmers and especially of their wives, who will, in many cases, be better able than themselves to appreciate the labour-saving improvements and conveniences of the new method.

Our Correspondent 'Super Phosphate,' concludes the Bone Contention in his usual graphic style. He tells a blunt story, but it has a sharp point. In the name of Agriculture, he appealed to the patriotism of his fellow-citizens. The patriotism came not from his plain but from his coloured neighbours.

Prof. How of Windsor, has sent for our columns, an interesting account, by