

## JANUARY, 1874.

## MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon..... 2nd New Moon..... 18th  
Third Quarter... 10th First Quarter.... 24th

- 1 TH NEW YEAR'S DAY.  
2 FR "Let us turn over a new leaf."  
3 SA DO NOT on the first day of the year tempt your friends with wine. "Wine is a mocker."  
4 S 2nd Sunday after Christmas.  
5 MO THERE are two reasons why some people never mind their own business. One is that they haven't any business, and the second is that they have no mind.  
6 TU OR! that man should put an enemy in their mouths to steal away their brains.—*Shakespeare*.  
7 W  
8 TH 1st Sunday after Epiphany.  
9 FR THE *Witness* publications circulate in all inhabitable parts of the Dominion.  
10 SA A TRUE gentleman will never become a gamester, a libertine, or a sot.  
11 S WHEN was beef-tea first mentioned in history? When King Henry VIII dissolved the Papal bull.  
12 MO 2nd Sunday after Epiphany.  
13 TU IN nothing else so sensible, moral, intelligent men act so irrationally as when they persist in the habitual use of alcoholic liquor.—*Horace Greeley*.  
14 W A MAN that hath friends must show himself friendly: and there is a Friend that sucketh closer than a brother.  
15 TH 3rd Sunday after Epiphany.  
16 MO THE Duke of Norfolk of Foote's time was much addicted to the bottle. On a masquerade night, he asked Foote what new character he should go in. "Go sober!" said Foote.  
17 TU ULTIMATUM of England and France sent to St. Petersburg, January 22d, 1874.—"The Czar, in his reply, said—"He did not judge it advisable to send an answer."  
18 W  
19 TH  
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23 MO  
24 TU  
25 W  
26 TH  
27 FR  
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## WINTER.

THE frost is here,  
And fuel is dear,  
And woods are sere,  
And fires burn clear;  
The frost is here,  
And has bitten the heel of the going year.  
Bite, frost, bite!  
The fires are all the clearer,  
My spring is all the nearer,  
You have bitten into the heart of the earth,  
But not into mine.—*Tennyson*.

THE NEW DOMINION MONTHLY for January heads our list. It opens the year with an excellent selection, and has one merit worthy of attention: it always fulfils its promises.—*Colonial Farmer*.

How few persons know the value of raw hide! It seems strange to see them sell all their skins for a very small sum. Take a strip of well-tanned raw hide an inch wide, and a horse can hardly break it by pulling back,—

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- 1 S Septuagesima Sunday.  
2 MO HAVE the courage to wear old garments till you can pay for new ones.  
3 TU THE *Messenger* contains more reading matter for the price than any other periodical in the Dominion.  
4 W WHY is a spider a good correspondent? Because he drops a line by every post.  
5 TH  
6 FR  
7 SA  
8 S Sexagesima Sunday.  
9 MO "We let our blessings get mouldy and then call them curses.—*Recher*.  
10 TU A FALSE witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaketh lies shall perish.  
11 W BE not among winebibbers, for the drunkard shall come to poverty.  
12 TH  
13 FR  
14 SA  
15 S Quinquagesima Sunday.  
16 MO IN that witholdeth corn, the people shall curse him; but blessing shall be upon the head of him that selleth it.  
17 TU BREAD of deceit is sweet to a man; but afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel.  
18 W BUY the truth and sell it not.  
19 TH  
20 FR  
21 SA  
22 S 1st Sunday in Lent.  
23 MO THE *Montreal Witness* is without a rival as a family newspaper, and as such we can recommend it.—*Brookside Recorder*.  
24 TU  
25 W "WHEN was Rome built?" asked a school-committee man of the first class in ancient history. "In the night," answered a bright little girl. "In the night!" exclaimed the astonished examiner. "How do you make that out?" "Why, I thought everybody knew that Rome wasn't built in a day."  
26 TH  
27 FR  
28 SA We reform others unconsciously when we walk uprightly.

two of them he cannot break any way. Cut into narrow strips, and shave the hair off with a sharp knife, to use for bag-strings; the strings will outlast two sets of bags. Farmers know how annoying it is to lend bags and have them returned minus the strings. It will outlast hoop-iron (common) in any shape, and is stronger. It is good to put round a broken thill—better than iron. Two sets of raw hide halters will last a man's lifetime,—if he don't live too long.

NEW DOMINION MONTHLY.—The February number of this monthly is to hand, and, as usual, replete with interesting articles.—*Pictorial Gazette*.

A YOUNG lady up town was bored to death the other evening by an immovable caller, who talked poetry. She finally told him she could think of only one verse at that moment,—something of Tennyson's:—

"And she said, 'I'm very weary,  
He goeth not, she said;  
I'm a-weary, a-weary,  
And I would I were in bed.'"