

## COURTS.

## PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH.—17th to 27th of every month, except January, July and August.

COURT IN APPEAL AND ERROR.—Montreal, 11th to 22nd March, June, September and December; Quebec, 1st to 8th March, June, September and December.

CROWN SIDE.—Quebec, 27th April and 27th October; Montreal, 24th March and 24th September; Three Rivers, 23rd March and 23rd September; Sherbrooke, 6th March and 1st October; Kamouraska, 23rd March and 18th December; Aylmer, 21st January and 1st July; Percé, 13th March and 13th August; New Carlisle, 13th January and 13th September; Arthabaskaville, 19th February and 19th October; Beauce, 20th June and 20th October; Montmagny, 25th March and 25th November.

## TERMS.

MONTREAL.—Hochelaga, Jacques Cartier, Laval, Vandrenil, Soulanges, Laprairie, Chambly, Vercheres and City of Montreal. Held at Montreal 1st May to 30th June, 1st September till 20th December.

QUEBEC.—Portneuf, Quebec, Montmorenci, Levis, Lotbinière and City of Quebec. Held at Quebec, from 1st to 5th of every month, except January, July and August.

OTTAWA.—Ottawa and Pontiac. Held at Aylmer, from 13th to 19th February, June and November.

THREE RIVERS.—Maskinongé, St. Maurice, including City of Three Rivers, Champlain and Nicolet. Held at Three Rivers, from 17th March to 22nd of June, September and December.

TRAPPING RATS.—A correspondent gives the following mode which he has successfully adopted: Having lured to destruction many old Solomons among rats, I will detail my plan: Take a pan nearly full of bran, set a small steel trap without any bait, put a light wad of tow or cotton under the pan of the trap, which press down as if just ready to spring; put the trap in the bran, making a place with the hand, so that it may be below the surface when level, lastly, scatter a few kernels of corn on the bran (pumpkin seeds are better), and you are ready for your victim. I hardly ever fail to fool some of the ringleaders in this way, while younger ones are easily caught. If "P." cannot thus circumvent that shy and cunning old specimen, I will give him my plan with trychaine, which is as swift with rats as with dogs. So much for the Wisdom in rats. We cannot but think that the "old Solomons" out there are not half so wise or cunning as some we have encountered at the East. Some years ago the rats made bad havoc in our cellar, and we resolved to try the efficacy of the steel trap. It was set in a large flat vessel and well covered and hidden with bran. We were more cautious than the writer above, for we used a large spoon to move the bran, fearing the rats might smell the touch of fingers and keep away. Small bits of cheese were then dropped over all parts of the bran and over the covered trap. The next morning there were tracks of rats all over the surface, *except where the trap was buried*; and the cheese was all taken *except directly over the trap*. We were compelled to resort to a more effectual trap, which proved quite successful—in the shape of a fine old tom cat.—

SEPTEMBER.—What is the best to be done in the matter of the planting of trees in the fall of the year depends very much on circumstances. Locality has to be considered in the first instance. Other things being equal, the better condition of the soil, the greater comfort in working, ensuring better planting and the less pressing character of other work, are all in favor of fall planting. Besides these, the trees having become established in the soil start much earlier in spring, and are thus better prepared to resist the summer drought than those set in spring. In far Northern localities, in which there is but a brief period between the time when trees can be taken up and the setting in of winter, spring planting is preferable, but where there are some weeks of autumn weather, it is better to plant all but the stone fruits in autumn.