



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

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WORK FOR THE MONTH.

THE winter is now fairly commenced, and the frugal farmer will lose no time in having his outhouses snugly repaired to protect his stock from the extreme cold. If animals are provided with comfortable quarters, they will require much less food to carry them through the winter than if exposed to the chilling blasts of wind, snow, and sleet, which are invariable concomitants of a Canadian winter. Provender, especially hay and oats, are a much shorter crop than the farmers of this country are in the habit of harvesting, and it therefore behoves all to deal out their winter's stock of food with the greatest possible degree of economy. True economy in wintering stock upon a short allowance of food, will be found in giving extra attention to the comfort of the animals, in regular feeding, and in preparing the food so that they will be induced to eat it without waste. The latter particular may be performed by employing a straw cutter, which will pay for itself in a single season of scarcity like the present.

A twelvemonths' stock of firewood should not only be prepared before the close of the month, but a quantity of logs should be made ready for drawing to the neighbouring saw mill. Every farmer who cultivates his own land should attend to this particular if possible, and make every necessary preparation to erect a few hundred rods of post and board fence each year, until the whole farm becomes enclosed with a permanent neat fence. The expense of doing this will not be very great if the logs are drawn into the mill, and the boards and posts be drawn to the spot where they will be required for use, in the winter, by the hands and horses that are employed on the farm during the summer months. This advice can best be attended to by those whose farms are entirely cleared, and whose circumstances will admit of the necessary outlay. There are few indeed who could not do much more in this way than has been done; and if a few hundred rods cannot be made consistently, probably fifty rods of such fence could be made the coming spring. On

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