

in the notation of astronomers, to the 746th year before the birth of CHRIST.

The year 2665 of the Olympiads, or the first year of the 667th Olympiad, commencing in July, 1889, if we fix the Era of the Olympiads at 775½ years before CHRIST, or near the beginning of July of the year 3938 of the Julian Period.

The year 2201 of the Grecian Era, or the Era of the Seleucidæ.

The year 1605 of the Era of Diocletian, and the year 2549 of the Japanese Era.

The year 1307 of the Mohammedan Era, or the Era of the Hegira, commences on August 28th, 1889.

Ramadân (Month of Abstinence observed by the Turks) commences on May 1st, 1889.

The 114th year of the Independence of the United States of America begins on July 4th, 1889.

The 23rd year of the Confederation of the Provinces of the Dominion of Canada begins on July 1st, 1889.

#### COMMENCEMENT OF THE SEASONS.

##### *Montreal Mean Time.*

The Sun enters ♈ and SPRING begins March 20th, at 4h. 56m. morning.

The Sun enters ♋ and SUMMER begins June 21st at 6h. 24m. morning.

The Sun enters ♏ and AUTUMN begins September 22nd, at 4h. 14m. evening.

The Sun enters ♐ and WINTER begins December 21st, at 10h. 6m. morning.

#### SIGNS OF THE ZODIAC.

These are twelve, and given for mean noon at Montreal, in "the Moon" column of each calendar page. They are as follows: ♈ Aries, (Head and Face) the Ram; ♉ Taurus, (Neck) the Bull; ♊ Gemini, (Arms and Shoulders) the Twins; ♋ Cancer, (Breast) the Crab; ♌ Leo, (Heart) the Lion; ♍ Virgo, (Bowels) the Virgin; ♎ Libra, (Kidneys and Back) the Balance; ♏ Scorpio, (Secrets,) the Scorpion; ♐ Sagittarius, (Thighs) the Archer; ♑ Capricornus, (Knees) the Goat; ♒ Aquarius, (Legs) the Water Bearer, and ♓ Pisces, (Feet) the Fishes.