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BEG TO ANNOUNCE THEIR

MILLINERY SHOW DAY, THURSDAY, MARCH 27.

SPECIAL IMPORTATION OF

MILLINERY FABRICS,

PARISIAN PATTERN HATS AND BONNETS,

FLOWERS, FEATHERS AND ORNAMENTS.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Another weather-prophet has discovered that this winter has been like that of 1815 16, which preceded the famous year in which there was no summer. We venture to think the analogy will not be found to hold good.

An utterly absurd amount of fuss is being made about, and importance attached to, the delay in filling the vacant judgeship. By the way, thinking of the style of controversy of which this is a specimen, though not especially apropos to it, might we not venture to suggest to our political controversialists that the absolute elimination from all such discussions of the very unpalatable word "lie," might be attended with very great advantage and tend to lessen the vulgar acerbity which at present unhappily distinguishes them.

We are indebted to the *King's College Record* for its endorsement of our idea (in our issue of the 21st ult) of what a Dominion Federal Flag should be something like. We are hence encouraged—without prejudice to any who may see their way to a better suggestion—to again briefly sketch the outline. Our idea is to drop all attempt to typify Provinces, which only results in an incomprehensible muddle, and to seek simplicity and visibility. With this view we suggested a red St. George's Cross on a white ground; with a blue shield over the centre of the cross charged with a beaver (yellow), semi surrounded by a maple-wreath, surmounted by a crown, probably also yellow.

The action of the Dominion Government in procuring superior varieties of seed barley, and the preliminary experiments to be made this season by hundreds of farmers in consequence, may, and we hope will, prove to be steps of great importance to Canadian Agriculturists. The prices at which two-rowed barley from the Continent of Europe is selling in England warrant the anticipation of a most profitable market for Canadian raised grain, if it ever, (of which we should think there is little doubt) be raised in Canada of the qualities required for malting in Great Britain. Barley of this standard, it is stated, commands nearly and in some cases quite twice the price of the cheap barleys used for grinding only. This is a matter which should occupy the attention of every Canadian farmer.

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