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HINTS FOR MAY.

This is a busy month to the Canadian farmer, as all the important spring operations on which mainly depends the future harvest, should now be completed. Peas, oats, and barley, if not sown before, should now be put in without delay. And the earlier spring wheat is committed to the ground the better, provided the soil is in a suitable condition. The *Fife* variety, however, admits of later sowing, and many farmers cultivate largely this sort, which they sow up to the middle, or even end of the month; chiefly with a view to escape the attacks of the midge. This variety is very hardy, and is seldom injured by rust. Those who have land not yet put in with a crop, if it be in a proper state for wheat, may yet sow it with this kind with a good prospect of success.

Root crops are yearly growing into importance in this country, and their value can scarcely be overrated. They should all be planted in rows, thereby allowing the use of the hand or horse-hoe. Cultivating the ground during the period of growth increases the weight of the crop and keeps the land porous and free of weeds. Carrots and parsnips, if not sown already, should

be proceeded with immediately, as it is an advantage to get these crops fairly under weigh previous to the setting in of dry, hot weather. For a field crop the white or Belgian carrot affords much larger produce than any other variety, and it is now well known to be excellent food for horses, cows, sheep and swine. As there is too much reason to fear that the late severe frosts have materially injured young clover, as well as fall wheat, in many localities, and that hay will probably be scarce and dear this year, farmers should embrace the present opportunity of mitigating the contemplated evil by sowing a greater breadth of carrots, parsnips, turnips, mangels, &c. With a good supply of these productions and straw, stock may be carried through the winter and spring with a small amount of hay. The application of the roller to such fields of wheat and clover as have a moderate quantity of plant alive, will, in most cases, be found highly advantageous. It is surprising what wheat will sometimes do, although apparently dead, provided the soil is good and the growing season propitious.

Land intended for turnips should now be got into a finished state of preparation; thoroughly and deeply worked, with the