

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, Vaudrenil, 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 7th of March to 22nd June, September and December.

BARLEY.

We wish to say a word of favor for barley as a general article of food. As a regular breakfast dish, it will be liked better than oatmeal by many persons—especially ladies and children. It takes a medium position between brain and muscle feeders, and supplies equally well both needs, while wheat is essentially a brain-feeder and oats is largely a muscle-feeder. In ancient times barley was the staple cereal; the old Homeric heroes used it mainly for bread fruit, and the Roman soldier received his ration in barley. For intellectual work wheat constitutes the king of the cereals, but one might call barley the queen, and artists will prefer it if they closely observe the effects. I believe the most effective way of combating the use of alcoholic drinks will be the general use of cereals in undivided and undecomposed form as food: it has been proven in England in many cases that the taste for liquor entirely disappears when cereals in their entire substance as grits or unfermented bread form a regular component of the meals. Man has to educate and train himself into regaining the lost instinct for what constitutes his proper food, and once regained one is surprised how it was possible to feed only on the decomposed appearances of food instead of on their full realities.

SEPTEMBER.—Are there any swindlers in Canada, by whom the farmers are in danger of loss? In the United States John Smith buys a new reaper, and before he has cut the crop of one field with it, he is informed that its patent is contested, and that he is liable to a penalty for using it. Rather than have a lawsuit, he pays the royalty asked by the contesting firm, and he is lucky if he has not to pay four or five times more before he is done. The same is the case with nearly every labor-saving contrivance which a farmer is likely to buy. To prevent this swindling operation, Congress has been obliged to interfere. It compels the owners of patents to secure redress from the makers and sellers, and not from the buyers of articles which infringe a patent. It is a sufficient defense for the buyer to show that he purchased in an open market.