

DOMINION ALMANAC.

AUGUST.

"A dry Summer never made a dear peck."

The month of August was originally called Sextilis, being the sixth month in the Alban or Latin calendar; and this name, as is stated, it retained in the calendars of Romulus, Numa, Pompilius, and Julius Caesar. Since Numa's reform, however, it has held only the 8th place in the series of months. In the Alban calendar, Sextilis consisted of only 28 days; in that of Romulus, of 30; and Augustus Caesar from whom it derived its new name of August, extended the number of days to 31, which has continued ever since.

Our Saxon ancestors named August the "weed month, as abounding in noxious and useless herbs. Lammas day the first of the month, is also called the Gule of August, probably from the Gothic *Hol* or *Ial*, a wheel indicating that revolution of season which brought the return of harvest.

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon	4 d	5 h	a.m.	Apogee	2 d	9 h	p.m.
First Quarter	12	1	a.m.	Perigee	17	6	p.m.
Full Moon	18	4	p.m.	Apogee	30	5	a.m.
Last Quarter	25	4	p.m.				

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			Rises.	Sets.
			h. m.	h. m.
1	Th	<i>Lammas</i>	4 49	7 23
2	F	Reciprocity Treaty ratified 1854.	4 59	7 22
3	S	Fort Erie invested by the British 1814.	4 51	7 20
4	S	<i>Tenth Sunday after Trinity</i>	4 52	7 19
5	M	St Fire in Quebec 1682	4 53	7 18
6	T	<i>Transfiguration.</i>	4 55	7 17
7	W	Duquesne, Gov. of Canada, 1722.	4 56	7 15
8	Th	Sir Allan McNab died 1863.	4 57	7 14
9	F	Bat. of Magagua 1812.	4 58	7 12
10	S	Bat. of Montmorenci, 1759.	4 50	7 11
11	S	<i>Eleventh Sunday after Trinity.</i>	5 00	7 10
12	M		5 01	7 03
13	T	Sir P. Maitland Lieut.-Gov. 1818.	5 03	7 06
14	W	Prince of Wales landed at Gaspé 1890.	5 04	7 05
15	Th	Earthquake at St. Andrews.	5 05	7 04
16	F	Bat of Detroit 1812.	5 06	7 02
17	S	Gen. Hunter, Lieut.-Gov. 1790	5 07	7 01
18	S	<i>Twelfth Sunday after Trinity.</i>	5 08	6 59
19	M	River St. Lawrence discovered, 1535.	5 09	6 57
20	T	Duke of Richmond, Gov. Gen., died 1819.	5 10	6 56
21	W		5 11	6 54
22	Th		5 13	6 52
23	F		5 14	6 51
24	S	St. Bartholomew.	5 15	6 49
25	S	<i>Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity.</i>	5 16	6 48
26	T		5 17	6 46
27	W		5 18	6 44
28	Th	Very remarkable Aurora seen at Kingston 1827	5 19	6 42
29	F		5 21	6 41
30	S	Destructive Fire in Toronto 1850.	5 21	6 39
31	S		5 23	6 37