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EDITORIAL.

SPRING WORK.

The time for active work on the
farm is fast approaching, and although
there is at all times plenty to do, at
least the successful farmer always
finds plenty to do at all seasons of the
year. yet the approach of Spring
brings with it duties more urgent, re-
quiring activity of thought, as well as
body. At this time all machinery
should be looked over, and put in or-
der, if not already done. Stock re-
quires special attention, particularly
working teams want a little higher
feeding than when idle, as most farm-
ers' teams are through the winter.
This is the time generally taken by
farmers for repairing fences, also for
trimming orchards, which work should
be done before the hard work in the
fields commences. Gardens should be
straightened up, berry, currant, and
other bushes trimmed: and grape
vines also, although we like trimming
these earlier if possible. A good kitch-
en garden is a blessing to any farm-
er's family, and the man who neglects
this, is neglecting not only the com-
fort, but health of his family. Too
often this work is left to the female
portion of the household to attend to,
while there can be no objection to
their doing a certain amount of work
in the garden; yet the ground should
be at least spaded up, and the bushes
trimmed, and the garden generally
cleaned up by the men first, when the
more delicate hands of wife and
daughters might put in the seeds.

While speaking of the vegetable
garden, we must refer to the flower
garden, which is also a necessity to the
comfort, happiness, yes, and health to
the farmer's family. What will make
a home look more cheerful and pleas-
ant, than plenty of beautiful flowers
about a garden and yard. They are
nature's beautifiers, and should find a
place about every home; their rich
beauty and fragrance lend a charm, a
happy influence to all the surround-
ings. Then don't neglect this part of
Spring work. Prepare the flower
beds and flower garden with taste.
Plant some more shrubs and vines.
Make your home look as though you
intended to stay there, and that you

wanted people to admire them. In
the fields there will soon be plenty to
do, those who raise corn, potatoes, &c.,
should get out their manure soon.
Ploughing may be commenced as soon
as the land is sufficiently dry; but
care should be taken not to plough the
ground when it is wet, as it has an in-
jurious effect in the spring of the year.
Done in the Fall, when the frost
through the Winter can act upon it, no
bad effect is seen; but we have seen
good land so injured by ploughing
when it was wet, that the crop would
be almost an entire failure. When
Fall ploughing has been done on
heavy land, grain can be got in pretty
early. Spring wheat and oats we
like to have in as early as possible.
Planting can be delayed until after
seeding, unless for early use. As soon
as the ground is settled, meadows
should be rolled, and all stones, sticks,
&c., gathered up. This will save a
broken machine in haying time when
everybody is in a hurry, and time is
money.

There is plenty to do now in every
department. Farmers want to wake
up and shake off the ennui contracted
around the kitchen stove in Winter.
The word for the next few months
will be work, work, work.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

We are in receipt of some sample
maple sugar, from our esteemed friend
and brother, Levi R. Whitman,
Knowlton Que., whose favors in this
respect are annually received and much
appreciated. Long may he live to con-
tinue this great work and sweeten
the joys of his friends. Those of our
readers wanting syrup or sugar, will
do well to purchase from Bro. Whit-
man. See his advertisement in an-
other column.

THE Florida Dispatch, published at
Jacksonville, Fla., came out last week
in its new dress as a 16 page paper.
It is well illustrated, and the enterprise
of its publishers will doubtless be
thoroughly appreciated by its many
readers. We wish them all success.

O. F. ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

T. O. R., Owen Sound.—We note your sug-
gestions with thanks. Hints from our sub-
scribers are always acceptable. We send
three of No. 184 and five of No. 185. If not
sufficient please write.

J. C. Johnsons.—Thanks; your favor shall
receive prompt attention.

J. H. L., Falmouth Station, N. S.—We re-
gret you should have had so much trouble
in getting your paper. The address has
been changed according to instructions.
The following extract from your letter we
take very kindly and thank you for the ex-
pression:—"I regret losing the papers as I
find much valuable information in them, as
I am a young farmer, just beginning."

J. L. Naticoke.—Pardon the error we
made in entering name. We gave credit in
the wrong place; regret it, but will at once
remedy.

C. C. O., Port Dover.—Glad you are to have
the "Home and Science" and cabinet pic-
tures; feel sure you will like them.

R. McK., Owen Sound.—Thanks for names,
changes and remittances.

W. W. Bensford.—Your seeds will be for-
warded this week from Toronto, thanks.

J. S. Elderslie.—Thanks for your favor and
the suggestion you make re price lists. As
you are aware the CANADIAN FARMER, as a
newspaper cannot be very profitable. The
fact is it costs fully one dollar per annum to
supply the paper. Our profit depends en-
tirely upon advertising and jobwork. We
have endeavored to do business for and
with the Association you referred to, but

could not without sacrificing, and have since
placed our advertising space at the disposal
of friends who are willing to acknowledge
value received. A man the company started
the advertisement referred to in your letter
they also started the sheets for the purpose
of simply advertising their wares.

J. E. G.—Thanks for your favors received
and placed. We gladly forward your order
for seeds, feeling assured Mr. Ronnie will
fill it.

Mr. B. Gort, of the Arkona Nur-
series, has a very interesting article on
the "Preservation of Fruit," in this
issue. It will repay you to read it.

GOOD SUGGESTION.

Written for the CANADIAN FARMER.

As this is the time of year that the
drovers commence to buy fat cattle
for shipment to the English market,
would it not be well for farmers in
the different parts of the Province to
make known to their brother farm-
ers through the columns of the CAN-
ADIAN FARMER of any sales made in
their locality, and so to keep posted
in the markets? There have been sales
made in the County of Lambton of
several fat cattle to be delivered the
first of May at from 5c. to 5½c. per lb.
live weight. If this is worth putting
in print, I will try and send you some-
thing better soon. D. P. C.

A London Druggist says: "During
the many years I have been in the
drug business, I have never had a
medicine that gave such general satis-
faction, or for which there was such a
large sale, as there is for Mack's Mag-
netic Medicine, advertised in another
column of your paper." For sale by
H. W. Holson, Welland, and all drug-
gists everywhere.

AN INTERESTING LETTER.

Written for the CANADIAN FARMER.

I made my first visit to the Province
of Ontario when attending the meet-
ing of Dominion Grange held at To-
ronto, in February last. Only one
member of that lodge had I ever met
before, except my co-delegate from
Nova Scotia. I had seen Bro. E. H.
Hilborn, who had visited this place as
Lecturer of Dominion Grange, and had
enjoyed his company at my own house
and at the residence of friends. The
weather during my visit was very fine
for the season of the year and I had a
better opportunity of seeing the coun-
try than I expected, when I left home,
as there was no snow on the ground in
southern and western Ontario. The
country there is so much more level
than Nova Scotia that I was quite
struck with its appearance, so different
too from that of the North Eastern
States, much of which I had seen. It
is also much more extensive in farming
lands than Nova Scotia, and has a
great interest to an agriculturist visit-
ing it from these parts. The soil here,
in the principal agricultural counties,
Cumberland, Colchester, Hants, Kings
and Annapolis, is red loam, for upland,
which is cultivated for grain and root
crops, and the Alluvial or Dyke land
(reclaimed from the sea) for hay.
These soils form our best agricultural
districts, and are situated on the head
waters of the Bay of Fundy, which
makes up between Nova Scotia and
New Brunswick. Other counties are
engaged considerably in agriculture,
but mining, fishing, lumbering and
ship building are the most important
industries in many counties. The soil
also varies from sand, sand-loam, clay-
loam to clay, with low meadow and
some black swamp land; but the soil
changes here frequently and in short
distances, and the country even in our
best districts is hilly and broken. The
districts where farming is made really
profitable are those situated where the
tides have made extensive deposits of