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SPRING WORK ON THE FARM.

The weather is now very favorable for the progress of early sown spring crops; the recent welcome and copious rains have moistened the dry soil, and the temperature is such as to cause vegetation to advance rapidly. Oats, barley, peas, &c., are all mostly sown before this. There never was a finer spring than the present or getting along with all kinds of work, the ground having been since the breaking up of winter, in a sound, dry state. Till the recent showers, vegetation had made but little progress, and the pastures were remarkably bare. A great change has now taken place, and a good bite of grass will be ready for the cattle in the course of a few days, if the present favorable conditions of heat and moisture continue. Stock have got through the winter better than as anticipated at the commencement; the great falling off of hay last season in this section of the Province, has, to a great extent, been met by an increased amount of turnips, mangels, carrots, &c., raised last summer; and large quantities of hay have been brought from Lower Canada, where that crop was comparatively abundant. Winter wheat unfortunately has been much injured on old exposed land by

the severe frosts that followed the departure of the snow; and in some situations we learn the destruction has been complete. Spring wheat has every where been increasing for the last few years, in consequence of the uncertainty attending the winter kind, and a very large breadth has been got in this season, under favorable circumstances. Indeed some farmers have deferred sowing the *Fife* variety until the present, (the middle of May) with a view of escaping the ravages of the midge. We knew of several instances last year of that kind of wheat being sowed, on suitable and well prepared land, as late as the 18th and 23rd of May, producing good crops, from 25 to 30 bushels an acre. As a general rule, however, the earlier sown will yield a larger and plumper grain.

The main crop of Potatoes should now be got in as soon as possible. The soil requires to be deeply tilled, and when the manure is applied broadcast, it should be finely divided, and well incorporated with the earth. Potatoes are this season unprecedentedly cheap, and a large amount must have been fed to cattle. There can be now no excuse for setting small and inferior tubers; select good sound seed of the ordinary size, so cut as to leave three, certainly