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### MONTHLY CALENDAR.

By this time, the greatest proportion of the crops will be harvested, and the husbandman will be able to form a pretty correct estimate of his profits for the current year. The most important work for this month is autumn seeding, and we trust that the plans we have from time to time recommended to the attention of the Canadian farmers will be practised, so that the relative merits of each may be generally known.

Each cultivator of the soil should endeavour, by every possible means, to increase his products, and produce only such articles as really remunerate for the capital and labour expended in their production. This is the great secret in carrying out a successful system of husbandry. If a close calculation were made, it would be found that by far too many came short of this in a great

variety of the articles that they attempt to cultivate. Those who have been practising a system that has resulted in loss, instead of profit, would act wisely by adopting the plans which have been pointed out by the most wise and best men of our age who have written on agriculture. The pith of the agricultural information that has been published for the good of mankind will be concentrated in the columns of this Journal; and if any persons engaged in agricultural pursuits should neglect to avail themselves of this easy and cheap mode of obtaining the valuable stock of knowledge contained in the columns of the *Cultivator*, we can only say, that the loss to themselves and their families will be much greater than any one could suppose.

It is of the utmost importance to the farmer, before he commences to sow his autumn wheat, to be in possession of that description of knowledge which would enable him to prepare his ground for the crop, in such a complete manner that the chance for a good return would be most certain. From what has fallen under our own observation, much of the land that is sown with winter wheat is really unfit for this crop. We would, therefore, advise those who have been unsuccessful in growing

winter wheat, for the past few years, to reserve a portion of the land intended for this crop for spring wheat, and in the course of the coming year such improvements may be effected as will better ensure more favourable results in this highly-important branch of farming.

As much of the grain will, no doubt, be thrashed and marketed in the course of the autumn, we would strenuously urge upon our friends to be careful of the straw: none should be wasted, as it will be found very useful,—if for no other purpose, it is valuable as bedding for the stock.

At the close of the month, commence ploughing your autumn fallows. On strong clay soils especially, this operation should not be neglected. As deep ploughing has been recommended, and as it can be performed in the autumn much better than in the spring, we trust each of the readers of the *Cultivator* will satisfy himself on this point.

### HEMP CULTURE.

We take much pleasure in giving insertion to the following Treatise on the Culture of Hemp and Water Rosting, from the pen of David Myerle, Esq., who has been employed, for some time past, by the Government of the United