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DURING the latter part of May we had remarkably warm weather, which brought out the leafage with unwonted rapidity; but there was also great drought. At the close of the month and beginning of June, cold weather set in, with night-frosts on low grounds, which killed beans and other tender crops. The drought still continued, (for the flying showers of hail and rain had no material effect), and the fullest opportunity has been given every farmer this season to have his seed put into a dry bed.

A dry May is not good for Hay, and it is feared that on uplands generally the crop will be light. How it promises on the Marshes we have not heard, but hope to have a report in time for our next number. The recent rains will bring about a great change in the grass crop.

We have already news of the fearful depredations of the *Gooseberry and Currant Caterpillar*, which threatens to destroy the crop of fruit in some localities. We can only remind our readers that frequent syringing with water containing hellebore powder is an effectual remedy. Those who cannot obtain hellebore may use soap-suds and tobacco, a remedy that has been found effectual in Britain, and which ought to be as efficacious here.

THE NEW BRUNSWICK EXHIBITION has been the subject of much discussion in the New Brunswick papers. The *Colonial Farmer* reports that at a meeting of Committee held on 21st May, it was finally decided to hold the Exhibition at Fredericton, and it is added that there is a fair prospect of the necessary funds being subscribed. Some who will be

largely benefitted by the Exhibition being held in Fredericton have declined to give aid, but the Committee are not discouraged and hope to be supported by the public-spirited men of the University City.

It affords us much pleasure to place on record a valuable importation of thoroughbred Alderney stock recently made, directly from the Island of Jersey, by Wm. DUFFUS, Esq., of Halifax. We are indebted to the President of the Board of Agriculture for the following pedigrees of this importation, from which it will be seen that the animals are not only of unquestionable purity, but have been carefully selected from Prize Stock. Those who know the remarkable care that is taken in Jersey in maintaining the purity of the stock, and in recognizing only those animals that have been well bred and display the true characters of the breed, will be able to appreciate the true value of this importation:—

No. 1. 2 years old Heifer DANNY PRUDE, bred Thos. LeCornu, Esq., of St. Owen's Parish, Jersey, from his well known Cow, Silver Star, Sire being the Due de Normandie, entered in Herd Book, No. 124, bred by C. LeMarte, Esq.; color a brown, and gained the 2nd Prize at the J. R. A. S. Show in 1870.

No. 2. Heifer FAIRY, bred by Mr. Hacqurel of Letacq, St. Owen's Parish. Dam, Lady Jane, Sire, Young Glory; color grey; entered in New Jersey Herd Book 137; gained the First Prize at the Exhibition in Jersey, 1870; Wm. Joril, owner.

No. 3. Heifer BELLE, bred by Frs. Pettorrell, of St. Peter's, Jersey, from Prize Cow Brownny, Sire Purrel, bred by Jas. Bellene, Esq., and gained the Second

Prize at the St. Peter's Parochial Show of 1870, then being one year old, and took the First Prize at the Exhibition of 1871. See Herd Book, 143. A light grey, self color, black tail.

No. 15. Heifer DANSEL, bred by Mr. Mitchel, St. Peter's Parish, Jersey; Dam, Born Lovely, Sire Young Glory, bred by Mr. Wm. Avril, which bull gained the First Prize at the Exhibition, 1870.

We understand that George Anderson, Esq., whose name is already favorably known in connection with the importation of Ayrshires, has also obtained some thoroughbred Alderneys from Jersey.

THE French Vineyards have suffered from the frosts of April, which it is reported, have been so severe as to seriously imperil the vintage of the Bordeaux, Burgundy and Champagne Districts. The crop, both as regards the red and white wines, is said to be very seriously compromised, the damage being far greater than that caused by the severe frost of May, 1861, and it appears that in the low grounds there is really nothing left. In the Medoc, the damage is more partial, although even there all the vines in the lower grounds are destroyed. In the southern districts the loss although considerable, is found to be less than was at first anticipated.

IN England the Fruit Crop never gave a better promise than this Spring. The apple trees were filled with a plethora of buds, pear trees were white even to the tips of the branches, and cherries were never more heavily laden with blossom. But "there is never an open pot without a fly in it." The wind suddenly veered round to the north-east, and brought with