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HEING THE THIRD AFTER BISSEXTILE OR LEAP YEAR, AND THL 'THE 20TH DAY OF JUNE, THE TEN'SH GEAR OF THE REIGN OF HER MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY QUEEN VICTOIIA.

Calculated for the Meridian of Sherbrooke, in Latitude $45^{\circ} \mathbf{2 4} 40^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{N}$. and Longitude $71^{\circ} 55^{\prime} \mathrm{W}$. from the Royal Obscrvatory, Grcenwich, but arranged so as to serve without essential variation for every other portion of Canada.

ASTRONOMICAL CALCULATIONS BY



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S Leo, heart.
$\mathrm{m}_{\mathrm{K}}$ Virgo, belly.
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m Scorpio, secrets.
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## COMMENCEMENT OF THE. SEASONS.

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 Autumnal Equinox-Antumn begins september "3rd, 11 . 28 . morning.

Winter Solstice-Winter begins December 92ni, ith. 11 m . murming.

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Soft Ginger Breud. Four teacups of flome, wo of molasses, half a cup of butter, two of butter milk, in which is dissolved, a tea spoonful of saleratus, a cup of cream, three eggs, and a table spoonful of ginger. Mix all together and bake in shallow pans.

## MEMORANDUM.

The left hand pages are left blank for the purpose of recording transactions, \&c. for future reference. Let a lead pencil be attached to a string and fastened to the back of the Almanac, near the top. This will serve to hang up the Almanac, and be always ready for use.
. Memorandum for Jan wavy.

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Horse Distemper.-Put in a rowell on top of the head, take 口p the skin and mane just where the bridle covers the top of the head, and with a knife or big needle put in a string; when it begins to run, the horse will be seen to mend. A correspondent of the Prairie Farmer says, he never knew it fail of a cure.

- Wemorandum for February.
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Sting of " Ire. Apply a washerwoman's blue-bag moistened, to the part stung. It will operate like a charm, removing the pain almost instantly, and prevent swelling. If the above is not to be had, apply earth moistened with vinegar
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To Preserve Fiurs from Moth. Wrap up a few pep. per corns, or cloves with them, when you put them away for any length of time, and always keep them in a dry place. Expose them to the rays of a warm sun it moths effect them.

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Ring Bone in Horses. Clean the part affected, and rub it well with common woft soap; then dry it in well with a hot iron, but not too hot. Continue this for three mornings, which will commonly effect a cure. If not repeat the treatment. In the first stages it is a sure cure
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Bees generally eat more honey than they collect, after the lit of August. I'his may he ascertained by weighing the hive. Hence swarms that are to be taken up should be attended to about that period.

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T'o cure Sheep-skins with the roool on.-Sprinkle the Alesh side of the skin with powdered aluan and saltpeore, one part of the former and two of the lister. Roll up the skia tight, and let it ronain till dry; then scrape it with a blunt knife tili clean and suppla. Fur skins may be cured in the same way.
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To Kill Flics. Cobalt mixed with water and placed in shallow plates is the best poison to destroy the com-

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## T1 days. DECEMREDR. 1847.

Alas ! how short is lourscore years, Life's utmost stretch-a span ;
And shorter still, when past appears The vain, vain life of man.

- New Moon, .... 7d. 3h. 42m. Evening.

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## 2x <br> Farmer's Calendar.

## JANLIARY.

Sommer is the season for preparing food, winter fior disposing of it. Whatever grain or other produce of the firm is now on han!, beyond what is wanted for home consumption, should be carriet to market. Don't let frost, rot, mildew, vermin, waste or too much care swallow up the profits. Perishiable articles should at once be sold for whatever they will bring. All others may be sold when they will command the best price, but in waiting for a higher, see that the waste, interest, and risk: of holding will not exceed the additional price expected.
' 1 'his is the monthto canvass the qualities of your farm atock, as it should be the earnest desire of every farmer to possess the best of breeds. Attention should also now be given to their food. The best farmers in England are agreed that catte should eat no straw, unless it he cut intn chaff mixed with hay; but on the contrary, that they should he fed with something better, and have the straw thrown in th them to be trolden into dung. More than an equalalent will be derived from the increased outlay and trouble of now leeding your cows with ronts as well as hay. Provide them pure water. FEBRUARY.
Lizef the stables clean: the yards dry and well littered; the barns and shelters tight and warm; curr; the catte and horses ; and always provide salt and pure water where they can get them. Nearly all amimals like clay, tar, and sulphur occasionally; provide hese within their reach, and thrir heal'h and appetite will be inproved by them.

It labor is cheaper than fodder, cut the hay, straw and orrnstalks, and cattle will eat them clean; they wil thank and pay you for it too, if a litte meal be added. Good farmers during this mouth generaly attend carefilly to their stack, their ayricultural implements, the ir barus, stables, outhouses, all of ewhich should be put in perfect repair. If the proper attention be given th these matiers there will be but few tarmers fimmil in the bar ronms of the neighboring taverns, idling any of their:

time for want of employment at home. At this rigid season, when all the eart! is sealed up, and impenetritble as the rock, how can the farmer better employ his time than in reading the varions agricultural periodicals within his reach.

See that cows are milked very clean; more so than most boys and hired men can be coaxed or compelled to do it. Many fine cows are for ever ruined by careless milking.

## MARCH.

Now lay your plans for the season. See that your farming tools are all in perfect order. Attend to your cattle; keep them in good heart. Feed your poultry. Cut scions for grafting. Let your wond be cut, split, and piled up before spring work comes on. Never be hacking a few splinters from a log to heat the tea-kettle, when you ought to be at work in the field.

Now is the time to prepare for making Maple Sugar. See that your buckets and tubs are all in order and scalded clean. Many farmers loose the first run, which is often the best, by not having their apparatus in order. Perfect cleanliness in all the operations of making sugar is the great secret of obtaining a good article. Another important point is to avoid burning. To prevent this, the kettles should be set in arches,-otherwise the syrup which adheres to the upper part of the kettle, is apt to be burnt, and mixing with the boiling liquid colors and spoils the flavor of the sugar. If the boilers are inade of sheet iron and placed upon brick walls with the fire underneath, there will be no danger of burning in boiling down the sap. Strain your syrup through a woollen cloth, let it settle, add half a pint of lime water to a bucket full, to keep it from souring. In redacing it to sugar, turn it off from the sediment, add a pint of milk or two or three eggs to 50 !bs., remove the scam just before it boils, and be careful not to allow any blaze beneath the kettle. When sufficiently boiled, which may be known by its feathering on a wig, turnit into buckets, and when grained drain off the molisses; and if you wish to have it very white, spread a cake of dough over

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the top, repeating it several times, when it will be found nearly as white as loaf sugar, and far superior in flavor to Wess India or New Orleans sugar. Cows that calve in March, win twolast months. If you ruary than they required in ission, suffer not your cows have any prudence or comprassion, hey are nigh calving. to be bowed by the neck wive the cow after she has dropThe first driuk that you goarm as her milk.-If she has ped her calf, should be aill, she will drink her own milk, been taught to drink swil, sou have drawn it from lier should you offer it as soon as have hailful of water udder. If she refuses it, let her thrown into it. She will be very thirsty, but ye during the twenty-four hours. thim one pailful at a the calf knows what Milk away all you can get ben the ulder and drain you are about-he will the bag from swelling. it clean, and prevent APRIL.

Farmers are your fences in order? Don't send a hired boy to examine them, but attend to them yourselves, and then you'll know what's to be done. If you have not done it before, attend now to the spring seeds which you want to sow; see that you have the best hind, and that they are clean. It is no time to attend to this matter just when you are ready to sow. Tap the maple trees Let it be remarked, that a with confidence as a good work well, may be looked for all the crops you intend farmer. Procure gond seed into the ground early. to raise, and let them be well betore applying it to your Nix compost manure woo much neglected in our counground. Gardening is toomployed in cultivating a kitchfry; if half the time was in doing nothing, or what is en garden, that is spent in fore to worse, we should live much cheapeying. Spade round our comfors. Let the plows be mound clean and mellow young fruit trees, and keep the grou round thems all summer.

Take cirse of the garden. With very litle trouble you

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might have early cucmmbers, melons, lettuce, cabbages, tomatoes, \&c., \&c., well started in boxes sheltered from frost, so as to be ready for transplanting as soon as the season will warrant. Peas may be sown at almost any time. We know of a farmer, near one of our largest villages, who ploughed in his peas last spring as well as he could while the lrost was il the ground. IIe had a crop of excellent peas for the table in June, and made a handsome profit on them.
'The Farmer's Mine of Wealth gires a new method of making mannre which is worth trying. It is this: 1. Form your barll-yard, so that all the water or juice may How to one side. : Then sink a vat large enough to contain the juice of tie yard. 33. To every barrel of liquid add 4 !bs. of stone lime just slacked, 4 lhs. wood ashes or an equivalent of leached ashes or 1.4 lb . potash, 1-4 lb. salt or its equivalent of old brine, 2 oz . saltpetre, $\mathbf{9}_{0} \mathrm{lbs}$. plaster or mud or mack-mis thoroughly and stir every day for a few days. 4. On the upper side of the vat place rails about two feet apart, with their ends at the vat, and above these atier of rails crosswise. 5. On the rails put a layer one foot thick of straw, weeds or stalks, and then stir up the vat and thoroughly wet this layer-place another layer of the same thickness and wet it like the first, and so on until you have as large a heap as you wish, stirring up the contents of the vat at every wetting and always wetting thoroughly. 6. If the heap consists of straw and weeds, wet thoroughly every fourth day ; if you use much peat, muck or earth with the straw, wet once a week. At every watering, make holes in the heap with an iron bar, from 8 to 12 inches apart, extending abont to the middle. Incline the rails or ground under them, so that the liquid from the heap will return, to the vat. Straw, wet three times, will be fit for use in: fifteen days; and in thirty days if muck or earth has been added. Water may be |lased in place of the juice of the harn-yard, by increasing the quantity of the articles to be mixed with it.

MAY.
Farmers ! this is the month for sowing grain, and
ing the quantity of the articles to be mixed with it.
MAY.
Farmers! this is the month for sowing grain, and
panting Indian corn, thongh the time varies in different seasons and different districts. We have faith in the following directions: The ground should be sulficiently warm to produce speedy germination. Some follow the rule of phating when the apple buds begin to burst. Seeds should he carefully prepared, to resist the attacks of the wire worm, brown grub, birds and squirrels, which may be done by soaking it from. fifteen to twenty hotirs in hot water, with a few ounces of saltpetre, and then adding half a pint of tar warmed and diluted with a quart of water to every eight quarts of seed. The corn should then, while wet, be rolled in and completely coited with plaster. Another much approved plan, is to wet the seed corn with soft soap, and then roll in plaster.

Farmers possess the means of living within themselves, and are not under the disagreeable necessity of fawning for patronage or stooping to flattery for a livelihood, or bartering opinion, reputation, or conscience, for gold. The avocations of the farmer are now becoming multifarious, and he mast attend to ail, or some will suffer.

## JUNE.

If sheep have been well. taken care of, and not suffered to run among the trees and bushes, they are now ready to give you a rich reward for your trouble. After washing, which should be done in a thorough manner, the sheep shombl be kept in a clean pasture-till sheared.

Put the light plows and cultivators agoing among your corn and roots, and hill the weeds betore they kill the

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De Plant more cucumbers and see that the bugs do not take them.

Finish planting potatoes, and sow ruta-baga. Dont be afraid of getting an over stock. What you cant sell

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there is much less waste. Cut the wheat, oats and barley, when the berry is in the dough state, and before it is fully ripe, and you will get more grain and infinitely bettor straiv. 'The following are the results of an experiment made in England in 1841, in cutting grain:
.Vo. Whrn cut. Flour. Scconds. Bran.
I. month betore fully ripe, $75 \mathrm{lbs} .7 \mathrm{lbs} . \quad 17 \mathrm{lbs}$.
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65, cut when ripe. $7: 11$ 15
From this it will be seen that the wheat cut two weeks betore it was fully ripe was the most productive.

What is intended for seed may stand till dead ripe, and see that it be gathered free from all weeds. This fby many is thonght the best season of the year for laying down land to grass; and wo other is admissible for it on strong, wet, or heavy soils. Spring sowing with grain may succeed, and do often, but they are hazardous. As to the quantity of seed which should be sown to the acre, much depends upon the quality and richness of the soil. 'The poorer the soil the greater the quantity of seed necessary. It is said that six or seven ponnds of clover seed is sufficient where the ground is highly manured. The quantity ranges from eigh: to fourteen pomads, or even more.

As soon as the grain is off of such land as is intended for tillage, plough in the stubble. It you have paid prop. er attention to your garden, it is now a source of profit, pleasure, and heath : but if you have neglected it, the thult is yours. 'T'ike early pears, plums and apples to market.

Take up yours bees that are not intended to keep over winter, as they will eat more honey than they will make. EEPTEMBER.
Should the drover appear this month to buy your fat cattle, sell what you can spare, if he offers a fair price. Do not run the risk of keeping more stock than you can winter out in good condition, in the hope of getting a higher price. Put up your swine for fattening, as they will take on fat much faster now than in cold weather
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particle of liguid, which, if left in it, would induce rancidity."

Select your seed corn in the tield; gathering the best filled and ripent ears, with the smallest cob; take these from the most thrifty stalks, that produce two or more ears each. The good husbandman is now diligent, and suffers not trilling concerns to call him from his harvest. Give swine brimstone. Cover Howers with straw, to defend them from frost. Gather in roots. Get out seeds and put them up for next season.

Now collect your roots, apples and corn, and store them up for safe keeping through the winter. 'T'arnips and parsuips may be left till in danger of freezing in the ground, and the latter, if not wanted for water use, are better for remaining till spring. Potatoes are ripe when the vines are decayed, and they should never be dug before. All roots onght to be protected from the sum after digging, by throwing over then some of the leaves or striaw, and as the dirt attached to them is dried, carry hem at once to the cellar or pit. Feed all fattening animals with pertect regularity-enough but not too much. Save all your straw for litter and winter feed.

## NOVEMBER.

Prepare for winter quarters now with all your might. Put the children to their winter's school, and see that you have a good master, good discipline, good books, and attrartive rooms, well warmed and well aired. If you expect good cattle, you first look for good calves: and if you wish good men and women, you must first secure good children. Repair all the barns and sheds so as to exclude wind, rain and snow. Take off the catthe from the meadows in time to prevent injury to the turf. Soon as the grass is much injured by frost, take off all the stock.

Dig your garden-sauce. 'The best way to preserve beets, carrots, and other roots, is to pack them in the cellar in dry sand or earth. Look to your poultry, if you mean to have it fat. Pile up stones to be removed by sledding.

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keep: the belter you feed them the more profitable they are. Clear out drains that convey wash upon your mowing grounds.

Ashes, charcoal and lime, should be placed around the trunks of fruit trees. The first will kill worms and insects harboring about the ronts, and prevent the mice burrowing around the bark.

Winter is at hand; the frost has claimed dominion, and the year is wending to its close, wrapped in its winding sheet of snow. Have a care for your most faithful and profitable servants-your cattle, your horses, and your sheep. Some of them have aided you through the laborious season-others have ministered to your necessities and supplied you with the comforts of life; neglect them not in the time of their need. If your stock is in good condition now, see to it that you do not lose all this advantage by suffering winter to overtake you with your barns and sheds unprepared. Now is the time to put all the tools in good order. Keep the wagons, and carts, and plows, \&c. \&c. under cover; exposure to the weather for one winter will injure them more than the wear and tear of summer's use.

## DECEMBER.

Now settle all your accounts, collect what is due you, and pay what you owe. "Short settlements make long triends." Stock now require increased attention. They must be well housed, or at least protected against wind, with a shelter to which they can resort in storms, well supplied with salt, and abundance of water if possible in the yard, where they can get it when they want, and without wearying themselves in looking for it, and wasting their manure by dropping it in the road, or by a running stream or pond, where it will all be lost. Their feed should be regular, and given to them as near stated times as possible. They look for their food then at certain hours, and are not uneasy and fretful till the customary period arrives, when they again fill themselves, and rest quietly, digesting their food tull it is time to look for another sup. ply.


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lime-water would do the same, to a certain extent, but it is far less soluble than salt.
J. C. Mather, a very intelligent and spirited farmer of Scaghticoke, says: In the spring of 1839 we spread on a good coat of manure, and planted it all to corn, except about half an acre of the salted land, which was planted to Rohan-potatoes. The Rohans were the best crop I ever saw. Seed planted, two and a half bushels, produced over 300 bushels. The largest potatoe 4 3-4 lbs. The corn was a heavy crop, but was no! measured. The summer was very dry and hot; but the corn on the salted land did not appear to suffer at all from the drought, while the other was considerably injured. The salted land appeared always moist, and the growth of every thing upon it was very rapid. We found great difficulty in keeping the weeds down. After three successful hoeings, we were obliged in August to give it a hand weeding. Spring of 1840 , intended to have stocked the land down for meadow; but thinking it too rich for oats, planted potatoes without manure. Crop good. The effects of the salt still very apparent. Adjudged to be onethird more potatoes where the land was salted."
"Spring of 1841, sowed part of the lot to oats, remainder to potatoes and onions, without manure. The onions were a great crop. The summer was very dry, but they did not suffer, while other crops in the neighborhood, on similar soils, were nearly destroyed by the drought. The oats were a heavy crop and much lodged on the salted part. The clover grew well, and produced a fine crop of fall feed.

We sowed salt the same spring on a part of our meadows. The grass was evidently improved, the result satisfactory, and we shall continue to use it on our meadows.
"At a farmers' conference meeting, held at Marcellus, Onondaga county, in November last, Mr. Brown, President of the County Agricultural Society, said, "he had used salt as a manure with great benefit. He sowed it broad cast upon wheat and grass at the rate of three to five bushels to the acre. On grass he would sow it in

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the fall-for wheat he would sow it just before the wheat is sown. He found that three bushels of salt to the acre
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## PRUNING APPLE TREES.

The frilowing directions from the Gardener's Chronicle has reference to the small dwarf trees in gardens, but will apply equally well to the large trees of the orchard.

All that is necessary, says the writer, to insure abundant fruit, is to practice dillig ontly the August topping. This consists in breaking or cutting off at that season from three to four inches of every summer shoot, and then in mid-winter, cutting back two thirds or one half more of such shoots so as to reduce them to the length of four to six inches.

The effect of this system is to prevent the sap of the trees from expending itself in the ever-lengthening of branches. The end of the summer shoots being broken off, the sap is arrested in its onward course, and forced intolateral channels. Those lateral chamels are buds in the axils of the lower leaves There it collects, is occupied in the organization of short lateral branches, which finally become shore fruit-hearing spars. In this way, we have seen dwarf trees covered with bearing wood down to the very graft.

If observed from the becrinang, this practice readers a dwarf tree a most prolifi: object. If neglected at first, it uny at any time afterwards be put into force, with this difference in the result, that it takes a mach loager time

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to bring into bearing a tree rendered barren by a long mismanagement, than to secure abundance from a tree well healed from its earliest youth.

The reason why August is chosen for the operation is this: If the summer shoots are shortened earlier, the inside buds will all break from the excessive influs of sap; if performed later there will not be a sufficient propulsion of sap into them to effect the desired object. It will frequently happen that with the best management, some of the side buds will break; but they will be near the end of the branches, and will be removed with the winter pruning.

We have said that in winter pruning, the shoots are to be cut back to the extent of half or two-thirds of their length. It is hardly necessary to explain that it is only the weaker shoots that require to be shortened by twothirds, and that the strongest are to be left with half their length.

## MANURE.

Meadow muck or peat has been used in various ways, and found so beneficial, that two-thirds of the manure fused on the farm is dug from the swamp. A compost fof top-dressing mowing land is made from leached barilla ashes from the soap hoilers, and meadow muck, in the following manner. The muck is dug from the swamp, the last part of August or nearly in September, and lies one year on the surface, after it is thrown our ot the pit. It is then carted to a convenient place to make the compost heaps, which are formed by spreading a layer of muck ten feet wide, eigititinches thick, and of any fleneth that is desired; on the muck four inches of ashes lare spend, then another layer of muck, and so on for five layers of each, which makes a pile tive feet high, in the form of a ridge. 'This is to lie through the forlowing winter. As som as the frost is gone in the spring, the pile is turned over, well broken, and mixed together. It then lies till the October or Comember tollowing, when it is spread on the land at the rate of fifll fteen cart loads to the acre.

Two accurate trials of the above compost, in comparison with decomposed stable manure, resulted as follows. Foar squares of equal size, which are kept as lawns and mown seven or eight times in a season, were manured, two with the leached barilla and muck compost, and two with a compost of well rotted stable manure. It was spread at the rate of twenty cart foads to the acre. The grass on the different squares was much the same in quantity, but on the squares manured with the muck compost it was of a darker color, and the manure metroduced a greater quantity of white chiver. The second was in a field of two and a quatier acres mown for bay. It was divided into two equal parts, and one half mamred with muck compost the other half with rotted manure, at the rate of fifteen cart hoads to the acre. Eight (net) tons, and eighty lbs. of hay were cut from the field. No difference could be discovered in the parts manured i,y the different composts. This proved that for a top dre-sing the compost of leached barilla and muck is equal to stable manure. After using it to a large extent, I an still in fivor of it as a top-dressing. The compost manure which we use for ploughing land, is made up of two thirds muck, and one third manure. The muck in all cases is mixed with the manure before it ferments, and care is taken not to put in so much muck as to prevent the compost's heating. 'The firmentation of the manure decomposes the muck rapidly, and 1 an comvinced the greatest art in the use of muck, as a mamure, is to have it in a proper state before it is put upon the land. Co dig it from the swamp and apply it betore it andergoes a chemical change is nudombedly injurions. This change is brought on rapidly by hot horse dung or nuslacked lime, but with colder substances it requires a longer time. For mixing with cow dung or putting in hogstyes, it onght to be dug from the swamp at least six months, and it is better that it should be exposed to a winter's frost before it is used. The air then, in some measure effects a change. The action of the manure soon tlecomposes the fibre in the muck; it falls to pieces like lime, and then has an earthy appearance. In this!

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state a mixture of one third manure and two thirds muck has never failed with me to produce better crops of all kinds of vegetables than clear manure. For the last five years we have thought it wasteful to use manure without being mixed-Before coming to this strong conclusion of the benefit of muck, when used as a manure, many experiments were made, which universally resulted in favor of muck.

Expiatit.-"Mrs. Grimes, lend me your tub." "Can't do it, all the hoops are off! it is full of suds; besides I never had one, because I wash in a barrel."
'Ihat reminds us of the Dutchman's "I comes home, amt I fints my wife wide open, ant te door fast asleep. I |fiuts iny neighbors poonkins proke into my hog patch, (ant I picks up a hogg ant I breaks it ofer every rails back in de field, ant dey roon dro de tieufel, as if de fence wash pehint 'em.'"
'Tue Farmer's Gobaen Rube.-Use such manures as will make heavy land lighter, and light land heavier, cold hand hotter, and hot land colder-this must never be lost sight of. He who knows and follows this rule, and he only, is a farmer.

Preparing Hans.- We kill our own hogs, the meat is out up before it is cold, and the hams are then put on a table or shelf, on the skin, where they lie until mornling to cool, hut not to freeze. If the skin becomes dry and hard it cannot be restored to its goft flexible state. The hams should lo taken in hand the day the hogs are killed-and to one barrel, or to 15in) pounds of hams, thus cooled, the following compound is to be applied.

Salt, 4 quarts-sugar, 2 pounds-saltpetre, 1 pound -let them be pounded and rolled until they are fine and well mixed. Rub each ham with the mixture, hard and thorougily, over the whole surface, and as far around the bone as it can be reached. Then pack the hams in a barrel, as tight as possible, and let them lie two weeks; after which put 6 quirts of light wood-ashes into a kettle, with about 10 gallons of water-boil two hours, and

We have practised mixing fine salt with the whitewash, plentifu!ly, even more than will dissolve, and both the lime and salt appear t" be gratefinl to the bees, which often eat it freely. With this course, some sluggish swarms will immediately become active. In whitewashling our hives several times in a year, using salt freely, we have never been troubled with the bee-moth, and a part of the time in sections of the country where the moth has generally been very destrucive.

Hens and Eggs. - Hens, in order to supply egge, require a supply of animal and vegetable frod, including grain. They will lay to a certain extent in winter if well provided with food in all its variety: also warm, clean, and comfortable apartments, gravel, lime, ashes or dry sand to roll in, and pure water. [The roundevt eggs produce females, those pointed at one end miles.] From November to February, he period whell eggs atre most wanted, feed the hens well with grain, briled potatoes, given them warm, and now and then animal food. In summer they run about and eat worms and insects. Hens moult and cast their feathers once a year, commencing in August, and lasting until late in November. Pullets do not moult the first year. Buffon says, thas a hen well fed and attended (by one cock to every fivs. or six hens in winter,) will produce upwards of $\mathbf{i 5 0}$ eggs in a year, besides hatching $t w$, broods of chickens. Iif 1837, eggs to the value of $\$ 250,000$ were imported into Liverpool and Bristol, from Ireland, and ahout $\$ 250,0100$ worth trom France. England import; 60 millions of eggs yearly from France, value $\$ 700,000$. The Astor House, New York, is said to require 1000 eggs a day, or 365,000 every year! Poultry should be fed early in the morning and about sunset.

GOVERNOR GENERAL OF CANADA.
Uis Excellency Lientenant General The Righ Hom,rable Charles Muriay, Earl Catheart, of Cathcurt. in the County of Renfrew, K, C. B., Governor General of Our Province of Canada, and Commander of Our Forces in British North America, \&c. \&c. \&c.
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## Drovincial Conrt of Appeals.

From the 1st to 10th of the mouths of Marel':aly, and
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The Cout will sit alternately in Quebec and Montreal, the first sitting being held at Quebec.
(Consists of all the Justices of the Courts of Queen's Bench, four a Quorum.)

## Queen's Bench.--Superior 'Terms.

## DIS'TRIC'T OF MONTREAL.

Honourable J. R. Vallières De St, Kéal, Chief Justice. Honourable J. R. Rolland, Puisnè Judge.
Honourable Samuel Gale. do
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Civil Court-for cognizance of suits above $\$ 0$ curren-cy-From 15th to $29 t h$ Jany.; 17th to 3lst March and May; 15th to 29 th July ; 16th to 30th Sept. and Novr--both days in all cases included.
Criminal Court.-From Ist to lith Feby, and Aug. QUEBEC.
Honourable Sir James Staurt, Chief Justice.
Honourable Edward Bowen, Puisuè Judge.
Honourable Phillippe Paner, dito.
Honourable Elzéar Bedard, ditto. \{
Civil Court.-To sit the same times as in Montreal.
Criminal Court.-From 1st to 10th Feby. and Aug. THREE RIVERS.
Honourable D. Mondelet, Resident Judge.
Civil and Criminal Court.- From 12th to Dith Feb, and 14th to 28th October.
Civil Court only.-From 19th to 28th June. ST. FRANCIS.
Honourable R. II. Gairdner, Resident Judge.
Civil and Criminal Courts.-From 7th to IEth Jan and 19th to 31st Aug.

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Sessions of the Peace.-1st to 7th March, 24th to 30th Sepl.

## Quecn'\& Bench.--Inferior Terms. Having Jurisdiction up to $\mathbf{L}^{20}$ currency. <br> IN QUEBEC AND MONTREAL.

From 17th to 23rd Feby., 24th to 30th April, 21st to 67 th June, Augt. and Oct. and 1st to 7th Dec-both days in all cases included.

THREE RIVERS AND ST. FRANCIS.
From Ist to 7th February, April, June, August, October and December.

## Circuit Courts.

(Having Jurisdiction up to £20 currency)
Parish of Berthier.-1st to 7th March, July, Nov.both days in all cases inclusive.
L'Assomption.-9th to 15th March, July, Nov.
T'errebonne.-7th to 13th Jan., May, Sept.
St. Benoit.-17th to 23rd Feby. June, Oct. Aylmer. - 7th to 13th January, May, Sept.
Vaudreuil.-10th to 16th Feby. June, Oct. Beauharnois.-17th to 23rd Feby. June, Oct. St. Johns.- Ist to 7th Feby. June, and Oct. Shefford.-9th to 15th March, July, Nov.
St. Hyacinthe.-10th to 16th Feb. June, Oct.
St. Ours-7th to 13th January, May, and Sept.
Baie Du Febvre, (Yamaska District.) -23rt to 29t Jany. May, and September.
Gentilly.-15th to 25th March and July, and 23rd tol 29th November.
Richmond.-23rdi to 29th January and July.
Eaton.-16th to 22nd March and September.
Stanstead.-16th to 2nnd May and December.
St. Germain, (Kimouski.)-1st to 7th Feb. June, Oct. St. Louis, (Kamouraska)-10th to 19th dn do do.
St. Thomas.-19th to 25th Feb. June, Oct.
St. Marie, (Beauce.) - 13th to 19th Feb. June, Oct. Les Eboulinens.-1st to 7th March, July, Nov.
Leeds, St. Croix, and Cap Sante.-7th io 13th January, $\because$ May and September.


