

Agriculture, &c.,

SEASONABLE.

The following extract of a letter from a friend, contains a suggestion or two that may be beneficial to some of our readers:—

"The Winter though rather long, has been very favorable for farmers, generally sufficient snow to make good sleighing for visiting one's friends, and good sledding for getting out fire wood, saw-logs to the mills, and poles for fencing; all of which, every prudent farmer has of course attended to. It will soon be time to look after fences, repair and fix up where necessary, and get them all in order before the Spring work commences; to have good fences should be the aim and pride of every farmer, it enables him to feel pretty certain that he can keep his cattle in his own pastures; and his neighbours' cattle from running over his pasture and fields, thereby saving much valuable time, and often angry words and ill feeling, which between neighbours, ought always to be avoided."

HOW TO PREVENT SMUT.

Many of our cereal grains are liable to a disease known as smut, which is caused by the growth of a cryptogamous parasite that fastens upon the grains in the ear, just after the bloom is past, and turns the seed into a mass of blackish dust. This parasite is produced from minute spores or seeds, that seem to adhere to the seed grain, and if not destroyed before sowing, will in some strange and unaccountable way reach up to the heads of the grain, and there become developed into activity. In order to prevent this it becomes necessary to destroy the spores while they adhere to the seed grain. It is well known that salt acts as a destroyer of all fungoid life, so that by steeping seed grain for a short time in strong brine, or sprinkling a mild solution of sulphate of copper over it, the vitality of the spores of smut attached will be effectually destroyed.—Brine is always safe to use, while sulphate of copper is dangerous, it being a deadly poison, and a small portion of the grain impregnated with the latter might accidentally get within reach of poultry or pigs, or even by chance get mixed with what is to be made into flour. When brine is used, it is a good plan to spread the grain after steeping, on the barn floor, and sprinkle over it fine air-slaked lime, stirring all up together till every seed grain gets a coating of the lime. The operation is to be performed a day or two before the seed is to be sown. We have always adopted this plan with the seed of both fall and spring wheat, and found it greatly diminished, if not entirely prevent, any liability to smut.—*Canada Farmer.*

HEMP CULTURE IN NOVA SCOTIA.—In a ship-building country a Rope Factory is one of the first requisites. Through the enterprise and enlightened views of one of our leading merchants that want is now supplied. A Rope Factory not only contributes to the success of the "Ship Manufacture," but likewise opens a new market to our farmers. If Hemp can be grown in Nova Scotia as well as in Russia or the United States, there is no good reason why our own farmers should not benefit by this branch of industry. Now we know that Nova Scotia is very well adapted for the growth of Hemp Fibre and we trust that some enterprising farmers will try their hand at its production this season.—*Journal of Agriculture.*

LEMON PIE.—Take three large juicy lemons, grate the yellow rind into a pan; roll the lemons until soft; squeeze out the juice into a cup, then take half a cup of butter and two cups of sugar, and mix them to a cream, take four eggs, beat them well, and add to the creamed sugar; pour all in the pan with the yellow or grated rinds; mix thoroughly; lastly stir in the lemon juice; bake with an undercrust; and you will have one of the best lemon pies ever eaten.—*Exchange.*

PASTE FOR A SCRAP-BOOK.—Take the best of laundry starch in a clean dish, wet it with sufficient cold, soft water, to permit its being stirred smoothly. Pour on boiling water, slowly stirring until the starch is clear and jelly-like.—Ready for use as soon as cool. For many uses it is preferable to a mucilage of gum Arabic.

Since trees have been planted in Egypt they are beginning to have rain. Plant trees—nut trees and fruit trees—they'll pay for their room and care, in beauty, shade and fruit. Plant trees.

Buying pork at ten cents; paying for it by selling corn at fifty—result, a sheriff's sale.

Deep stirring, slight manuring, late planting, clean hoeing, will make melons.

To correct a sour swamp, rock lime is the best; for general use, shell lime is to be chosen.

Nature can best produce living forms with what has been alive. This is the essence of the doctrine of progression in manures.

FISH CULTURE.—The unplanted water is being "cultivated." For ponds and sluggish waters get spawn of carp, perch, eels, and pike; of trout for cool and bounding brooks; of salmon for clear swift running rivers.

MESSENGER ALMANACK.

From April 4th, to April 17th, 1869.

Last Quarter.....	April 3rd.	4 34	Afternoon.
New Moon.....	" 11th.	9 33	Afternoon.
First Quarter.....	" 19th.	10 51	Morning.
Full Moon.....	" 26th.	2 7	Morning.

Day	SUN.	MOON.	HIGH WATER AT
Wk.	Rises.	Sets.	Halifax.
4 Su.	5 40	6 26	1 59
5 M.	5 38	6 27	2 43
6 Tu.	5 36	6 28	3 21
7 W.	5 34	6 30	3 56
8 Th.	5 32	6 31	4 23
9 F.	5 30	6 32	4 53
10 S.	5 29	6 33	5 16
11 Su.	5 28	6 34	5 46
12 M.	5 26	6 35	6 13
13 Tu.	5 24	6 36	6 42
14 W.	5 22	6 38	7 12
15 Th.	5 20	6 40	7 48
16 F.	5 19	6 41	8 31
17 S.	5 18	6 42	9 16

For the time of HIGH WATER at Pictou Pictou Wash, Wallis and Yarmouth add 2 hours to the time at Halifax.
 For the time of HIGH WATER at Annapolis, Digby, &c., and at St. John, N. B., add 3 hours to the time at Halifax.
 The time of HIGH WATER at Windsor is also the time at Miramichi, Horton, Cornwallis, Truro, &c.
 For the LENGTH OF DAY double the time of the sun's setting.

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WINTER ARRANGEMENT.

ON and after MONDAY, 4th January, 1869, Trains will be run as follows:—
MAIN LINE.

Carrying Passengers, Mails and through Freight,	Leave Halifax 7.15 a. m.
	Arrive at Pictou 2.10 p. m.
Ditto Local Freight,	Leave Halifax 2.30 p. m.
	Arrive at Truro 7.00 p. m.
Ditto Local do.	Leave Truro 7.30 a. m.
	Arrive at Halifax 12.05 p. m.
Ditto (Through),	Leave Pictou 11.25 a. m.
	Arrive at Halifax 6.15 p. m.

WINDSOR BRANCH.

Carrying Passengers, Mails and through Freight,	Leave Halifax 9.00 a. m.
	Arrive at Windsor 10.40 a. m.
Ditto Local Freight,	Leave Halifax 3.30 p. m.
	Arrive at Windsor 6.55 p. m.
Ditto Do. Do.	Leave Windsor 7.50 a. m.
	Arrive at Halifax 11.20 a. m.
Ditto (Through)	Leave Windsor 4.15 p. m.
	Arrive at Halifax 6.55 p. m.

A. LONGLEY, Commissioner.
 Jan. 6. 31.

TOLET,

FOR a period of one or more years, from the first day of May next, that pleasantly situated Dwelling house and premises, at Bridgetown, in the County of Annapolis, formerly owned and occupied by the late Thomas Spurr, and now belonging to the Estate of the late T. Lovett Bishop. This property consists of the large and convenient dwelling house—a horse stable and coach house, and all necessary outbuildings—about twelve acres of land attached, including the large front lawn, judiciously planted with ornamental and fruit trees, and the Garden, enclosed by a hawthorn hedge and stocked with an extensive variety of fruit bearing shrubbery; and pear, plum, and cherry trees, and the whole of the land in the highest state of cultivation.

Besides the above there is a field containing ten acres, separated from it only by an intervening field of equal size, owned by another proprietor.

The property described, being situate within a walk of five or ten minutes only, from the Railway Station, will form a most desirable residence for a gentleman and family who may be desirous to remove from the city to a healthful rural residence, and where all the accessories of comfort and happiness are available at a cheap annual rental, and a moderate annual expenditure.

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Several suits of Drawing Room Furniture, finished in plain and fancy Repps, Brocades and Damasks; Wardrobes, Book Cases, Whatnots, fancy Tables, Fancy Chairs, &c., &c., in Walnut and Mahogany.

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 May 20.

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Oct. 30.

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Oct. 21. 6 mths.

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Applications, accompanied by testimonials of ability to properly teach and govern the respective Departments, will be received until April 10th

Address,

C. H. HARRINGTON,

Secretary to Trustees.

Sydney, Feb. 10th, 1869.

Feb. 17. prov. wes., pres. wit., 5 ins. each.

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All persons indebted to the late firm are requested to make immediate payment, and parties having claims against the firm are requested to render the same for adjustment.

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Halifax, 1st January, 1869.

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