

Agriculture, &c.,

CELERY.

To obtain good celery, it is necessary that the plants should be strong and well grown. Sow the seeds in a hot-bed or cold-frame. When the plants are about three inches in height, transplant to a nicely prepared bed in the border, setting them about four or five inches apart. When about six inches high, and good stocky plants, set them in the trenches. About the middle of July is early enough. Too many make trenches by digging out the top soil, and only putting a few inches of mould at the bottom, and never obtain good celery. The trenches should contain at least eighteen inches of good soil and well-rotted manure, in about equal portions. Take off all suckers and straggling leaves at the time of transplanting. Earth up a little during the summer, keeping the leaf-stalks close together, so that the soil cannot get between them, and during September and October earth up well for blanching. Those who grew celery for market extensively do not use trenches, but make the soil deep and rich and plant in rows, earthing up with the plough. Take up the plants late in the fall, just before winter sets in. A little may be placed in the cellar, covered with sand or earth for immediate use. The best way of keeping is to dig a trench about a foot wide, deep enough to stand the stalks erect, leaving the tops a foot below the surface. Place them in this trench, without crowding, then cover with boards and plenty of leaves and straw. This can be opened at any time during the winter, commencing at one end, removing enough to the cellar to last a week or ten days.—Vick's Guide.

POTATO SETS.—A correspondent in the Country Gentleman, in an article on potato culture, has the following sensible remarks: "I have noticed several articles in your columns lately in regard to the size of seed. The question appears to be, shall we plant large, small, cut or uncut seed. There is almost always too much seed planted—too many eyes to the hill. We might as well expect to raise large ears of corn with ten or twelve stalks to the hill, as large potatoes with the amount of vines in a hill. I have tried every way of seeding, and with me the best is to select large, smooth, well developed tubers, discard deep-eyed and prongy specimens, for I believe in potatoes, as well as in other things "like begets like." This is best done at digging time. Put them away by themselves. I have found it best to bury (for if put in cellar the temptation to use them is great), and not open until planting time. Cut them to one eye in a piece, and put but one piece in the hill: plant in the drills, and at digging time you will find but few small potatoes. On no account plant the very small potatoes; cook them and feed to the hogs. I believe that the main cause potatoes running out is planting small or medium seed, and continuing it year after year.

LARGE CROPS OF POTATOES.—A farmer in Pontiac county, Quebec, writes to the Canada Farmer that he has never failed to obtain 400 to 500 bushels of potatoes per acre for several years past.—He selects the earliest and best potatoes of all variety he wishes to grow, in the fall ploughs the land 8 inches deep, and cross-ploughs it in spring 4 inches deep, thus leaving the seeds of weeds, &c., at the bottom of the seed bed. He plants about the 12th of May, cuts his seeds into from three to six pieces each, a week before planting time and is careful not to have the eyes sprout before planting. He has the ground well harrowed and levelled, marks rows both ways two and a half feet apart each way, by means of a wooden rake with four large teeth in it, each the required distance apart to mark the rows. He drops three pieces of potato at each cross mark, and does all the afterwork by means of a plough which he runs both ways between the rows; and harvests his crop of potatoes fifteen to twenty days ahead of any of his neighbours. He grows potatoes on the same land for three years in succession, and then puts in wheat, of which he always gets a good crop after potatoes. The varieties he grew were Peachblow, Pink-eye, Irish Melvine, and China White.

COMPOSITION FOR WOUNDS ON TREES.—We find nothing better than white lead paint, adding a little lamp-black to render it less conspicuous.—The edges of the wound where the branch is sawn off should be pared smooth with a knife, and the wound well coated with the paint.

OATS.—The Country Gentleman says that all heavy oats that have been introduced have degenerated after a few years to the old standard.

It is said that Ohio has in the past three years imported ten million bushels of wheat to feed her people, instead of exporting, as formerly, from seven to ten millions annually.

NEW PEAS.—Mr. Laxton, of Stamford, England, has succeeded in raising a race of early green marrows of great excellence, by his exertions in hybridizing.

William L., raised by him, is a wrinkled blue marrow, as early as Sangster's No. 1. and producing very large pods. Multum in Parvo is said to be a larger form of Little Gem, and in some respects an improvement on that variety.

Letters from France mention a premature growth of the wheat on account of the mild weather.

MESSENGER ALMANACK.

Table with columns for Day, SUN, MOON, and HIGH WATER AT WINDSOR. Includes dates from May 9th to May 22nd, 1869.

For the time of HIGH WATER at Pictou Pughwash, Walla e 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. For the time of HIGH WATER at Windsor is also the time at Arbroath, Horton, Cornwallis, Truro, &c. For the LENGTH OF DAY double the time of the sun's setting.

NOVA SCOTIA RAILWAY.

WINTER ARRANGEMENT.

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

Table listing train schedules for Main Line and Windsor Branch, including departure and arrival times for passengers and freight.

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TOILET,

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 P. 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 situated 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. For terms, and other particulars, parties are requested to apply to Hon. S. L. SHANNON, Halifax, or to either of the Subscribers—

CHARLOTTE BISHOP SMITH, EXECUTRIX. T. W. CHESLEY, EXECUTOR. Bridgetown, Annapolis Co., Jan. 30th, 1869. Feb. 24. wes. t.f.

"CITY OF MANCHESTER." WHOLESALE.

ANDERSON, BILLING & CO. Have received as above: GREY DOMESTICS (several qualities), SCARLET FRENCH DELAINES, FINGERING YARNS, and HERRING-SHERRY, (ASSORTED). Which they offer low at their Warehouse, 95 & 97 GRANVILLE STREET. Jan. 13.

THE GREATEST SALE YET! FOR CASH ONLY.

Look Out for Bargains. VAUX BROS.,

ANNOUNCE that preparatory to making an alteration in their Business they will dispose of their large and valuable STOCK OF DRY GOODS, at cost and less. Sale commenced Thursday, First April. Hours of Business, 9 a. m. to 7 p. m. See Catalogue of Stock now ready. 5 GRANVILLE STREET. April 7.

MILL PROPERTY FOR SALE.

SITUATED in St. Andrews, in the County of Colchester, consisting of a superior Saw Mill, Shingle Mill, Dwelling House, Out house and Barn, on a good stream of water and plenty of logs, seven miles from Stewiacke Station, on the Post road, in the centre of a good settlement. The above property may be had for half its value by applying immediately to the Proprietor on the premises. Title unexceptionable. WILLIAM SIBLEY, 2ND. St. Andrews, March 25th, 1869. March 31.

GRAND PRE SEMINARY.

THE undersigned, a Committee appointed by the Governors of Acadia College, to provide for the continuance of the above institution, are desirous of procuring some fit person to assume the management and responsibility thereof for the year commencing August 1st, 1869. Any person desirous of obtaining the situation may learn further particulars by applying immediately to Rev. J. E. BALCOM, of Hantsport. Signed, J. E. BALCOM, J. S. MORSE, G. F. EATON, D. R. EATON, D. FREEMAN Committee.

April 28. ASSIGNEES' NOTICE. WHEREAS Richard Forsyth, of Cornwallis, in King's County, yeoman, having by deed of Assignment, and bearing date the eleventh day of February, A. D. 1869, assigned all his Real Estate, personal property, debts, credits and effects, to the subscriber, for the benefit of his creditors as therein specified, notice is hereby given that the said deed is now in the office of the subscriber for inspection and signature, and all creditors of the said Richard Forsyth, not executing the same within three months from the date of the said indenture of assignment, will be excluded from any benefit arising therefrom. AUGUSTINE A. PINEO, ASSIGNEE. Waterville, Cornwallis, March 1st, A. D. 1869. March 10. till May 11.

CHIPMAN & RUMSEY, Produce and General Commission Merchants. No 5 DUKE STREET, Near Fishwick's Express Office, HALIFAX. PARTICULAR interest taken in the sale of all kinds of COUNTRY PRODUCE, and consignments respectfully solicited. Place of business central, and ample facility for the storage of goods. City References: E. W. CHIPMAN & Co. AVARD LONGLEY, Esq. Sept. 23. GREAT CLOSING SALE OF English and American BOOTS AND SHOES! AT AND BELOW COST. THE Subscriber will offer from this date the balance on hand of the above mentioned Goods at DECIDED BARGAINS! And will continue the sale until the whole is disposed of. WHOLESALE BUYERS Will find in this STOCK, some Very Cheap Job Lots. TERMS CASH. GEORGE S. YATES, 22 & 23 George Street. N. B.—This Stock has no reference to Home Manufactured Goods. Feb. 3.

To Parents and Sabbath School Teachers. JUST PUBLISHED. A SCRIPTURE CATECHISM, for the Family, the Bible Class, and the Sabbath School, BY S. SELDEN. At the end of the Catechism are the following HYMNS:—"Around the Throne," "My Heavenly Home," "The Sabbath School," "In the Christian's Home in glory," "Happy Day," "Shall we gather at the river," "There is a happy land." Price 5 cents or \$6.00 per 100. Feb. 17.

THE BRITISH AMERICAN BOOK AND TRACT SOCIETY. 66 Granville Street, Halifax. Keep constantly on hand a good supply of STANDARD RELIGIOUS, THEOLOGICAL AND SCHOOL PUBLICATIONS, Including those of the LONDON, AMERICAN STIRLING and DUBLIN TRACT SOCIETIES, with selections from leading Publishers in Great Britain and the United States. COMMENTARIES by Lange, Jacobus, Barnes, Plumer (on the Psalms), Ripley, Hodge, Alexander, Scott, and Henry; Valuable Helps for S. S. Teachers, such as Pardee's S. S. Index, House's S. S. Hand Book, Todd's S. S. Teacher, S. S. Times (an excellent weekly Paper, \$1.35 a year), &c. A liberal discount to Clergymen and S. Schools. N. B. The Society have recently purchased the Stock and effects of the Religious Book and Tract Society on Barrington St. Both Depositories (now united) are removed to 66 Granville Street, Opposite the Province Building. S. School Papers, Religious Magazines, &c., furnished by the Society, as formerly by the Depository on Barrington Street. Orders addressed to REV. A. McBEAN, Secretary of the Society, Halifax, will be promptly attended to. Dec. 2.

PREMIUM VENETIAN BLINDS. W. FRASER & SON. HAVING been appointed by the manufacturer of the above celebrated Blinds, sole Agents for Nova Scotia, the public are respectfully invited to call at their Ware Rooms 70 & 72 Barrington Street, Halifax, and examine Samples of different Styles and prices. They are the best and most durable, article in use for Bay Windows, Drawing Rooms, Dining Rooms, Halls, Conservatories, Public Buildings, &c. These Blinds are of different widths of slat, and trimmed with Worsted or Silk, with plain or carved cornice, to suit the taste of purchasers. Oct. 30.

OLD STOCK.

A Large Variety every description of IRON BEDSTEADS. Will be sold at Cost to make room for new arrivals. Also—A choice lot of Old SEASONED SCOTCH FLOOR CLOTH, AT REDUCED PRICES.

As the above Stock is the Largest and best selected in town, purchasers will find this an excellent opportunity for securing articles of the best quality, much under market value. McEWAN & CO., Cabinet-makers, Upholsters & Bedding Manufacturers, 20 BARRINGTON STREET. March 3.

FELLOWS' COMPOUND SYRUP OF HYPOPHOSPHITES \$1.50 per bottle, 6 bottles for \$7.50. FOR SALE BY JOHN K. BENT, 124 GRANVILLE STREET, HALIFAX, N. S., Wholesale and Retail Dealer in Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals, FANCY AND TOILET ARTICLES, SPONGES, BRUSHES, PERFUMERY, &c. Garden Seeds, Dye Stuffs, Spices. Physicians' Prescriptions carefully compounded, and orders answered with care and despatch. Farmers and Physicians from the country will find my stock of Medicines complete, warranted genuine, and of the best quality. Jan. 13. 6 mths.

THE PROVINCIAL MELODIST, A NEW COLLECTION OF 202 Hymns and 82 Tunes, suitable for Sabbath Schools, Prayer Meetings and the Social Circle. Price 20 cents each, or \$2.00 per dozen. "CHRISTIAN MESSENGER" OFFICE, 59 GRANVILLE STREET, HALIFAX Aug 1.

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NOTICE. THE business heretofore conducted under the name and style of JAMES THOMAS & SONS, Hat, Cap & Fur Dealers, in consequence of the retirement of Mr. James Thomas, will in future, be conducted by JOHN R. THOMAS & PETER E. MCKERRROW, at the old stand, corner of Barrington and Sackville Streets. 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. The Subscribers beg to return their thanks to the general public for past favors, and respectfully solicit for the new firm a continuance of the same. JAMES THOMAS, J. R. THOMAS, P. E. MCKERRROW. Halifax, 1st January, 1869. Jan 6.

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