Agriculture, &c,

SALTED MUTTON.

"Salted mutton in barrels is now chiefly used in the lumbering districts of Quebec owing to the high price of pork."-Globe.

The raising of pork has not proved a profitable speculation in Nova Scotia, and can never do so in any country that is not a grain-growing country. But no part of America is better adapted than our grassy hills for sheep pasturage .-- There is therefore, very little necessity for the enormous importations of pork which we receive, if salt mutton will do as well. In some parts of Europe we know that salt mutton is much used. Corned mutton if properly prepared is a delicacy fit for any table.

There is not much profit in the present system of sheep farming which necessitates the sending down of all the surplus stock of lambs and old sheep to Halifax on the approach of winter, where they arrive not always in the best condition, and are frequently sold at nominal prices. How much better it would be for the farmer to fatten up his sheep and salt them down for winter use. Then in spring time, when fresh meat is at famine prices, all classes would have the opportunity of obtaining a healthy variety of animal food at a low price, instead of wasting their means and tempers by dining day after day for months together, alternately on fat pork and pork tat .- N. S. Journal of Agriculture.

BREEDING MARES.

If two or three general rules were observed by all breeders, great changes might be wrought in a few years. The first of these is, never to breed from an old animal, whose body has been injured and its vitality weakened by injudicious treat. ment or by severe labour. The results which follow these are obvious to every observer, both in man and beast. They are all impressed upon the living organism, and can no more be separated from it than breath can from the body and life still be preserved. They are there, whatever they may be, and will be imparted to the offspring, just as sure as "like begets like." -N. E. Farmer.

HAY REQUIRED FOR COWS.

After an experience of many years, a writer in the N. E. Farmer says that good cows will eat, on an average, twenty pounds of hay per day when giving milk, and fifteen pounds when dry. Not by guess work, but tested by actual weight for months at a time. They will pay well for their keeping by yielding an average of six quarts of milk per day throughout the year. He estimates summer pasture at fifty cents per week, and milk at three and a half cents per quart.

CATTLE FOR FATTENING .- In the Agricultural Gazette, England, are published some directions as to the choice of cattle for fattening, by Mr. Hedly. He thinks the head ought to be the first consideration, and that an animal with a broad, full capacious skull, will be found every way superior to one with a long, narrow skull. A large, bright, open, soft eye he finds denotes aptitude to fatten.

HAY .- More than a hundred hay growers in New England indorse the report of the Board of Agriculture, that the time to cut hay is when it is flowering, and not when the flower is dying, as formerly practised.

DECOMPOSITION OF BONE. -- Dr. Voeleker says :-- " Placed in a heap with ashes or sand, occasionally moistened with liquid manure or water, bone enters into putrefaction, and becomes a more soluble and energetic manure than ordinary bonedust."

HAY FOR BUTTER. -- Some varieties of grass, though not so strong as others, should be more cultivated on account of the aromatic flavour they give to butter. The finest butter that comes to Philadelphia is made on farms where the sweet-scented vernal is abundant.

DRAINING .- " An Old Farmer " says in the Country Gentleman, that he has laid many miles of tile drain, and observed that in a very dry season the rows of potatoes directly over the tile, are double in yield to those on each side.

A SQUARE ACRE. -To lay off a square acre of land, measure 200 feet for each side of your square, and it will contain an acre within an Inch.

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