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COMMERCIAL REVIEW.

THE HARVEST OF 1866.



THE date has arrived at which definite and positive opinions may be ventured in regard to this year's yield of farm products, and accordingly we find in most of our exchanges throughout the province, more or less copious harvest reports. To insert all the extracts we have culled and clipped would occupy too much space, and we can but endeavour to give the spirit of the press in a brief editorial of our own. Indeed to copy the reports in question would be to a great extent, to say the same thing over and over again, for there is a marked similarity about the most of them. Happily, this accord is to the effect, that we are gathering in one of the most bountiful harvests ever vouchsafed by Providence to this or any other country. One of our cotemporaries, the *Perth British Standard*, reports "an extensive harvest, which is all said to be as large as those of the previous four years combined." Another, at the opposite end of the province, the *Huntingdon Journal*, reports "a yield of the staple crops of surpassing excellence and abundance," and adds:—"Agricul-

turists have unbounded cause of thankfulness, and little to deplore in the order of nature the present season." The *Guelph Mercury* says of the counties of Grey, Bruce, and Perth, that "the yield of this year will exceed anything known in Canada for the past fifteen years." The *Chatham Banner* says: "The harvest in this county is nearly finished, and so far as we have been able to learn, the yield exceeds anything we have had for eight or nine years past." The journal just named adds: "A very good idea of the extraordinary prosperity enjoyed by the farmers of this county may be formed from the fact, that between 140 and 150 reaping and mowing machines have been sold here this year." Our exchanges do not all paint the state of things in colours of such glowing hue, as do the journals we have named, but there is a general and pleasing agreement as to the satisfactory character of the harvest of 1866.

Of course there are exceptional cases. In some localities fall wheat was badly winter-killed, and in others both fall and spring wheat have suffered from the midge; but the fears that were entertained in the early