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WEDNESDAY, AUG. 23, 1882.

EDITORIAL.

THE NEW RUSSIAN RED.

Parties wishing to secure this wheat are requested to send in their orders at once. Cash at the rate of \$2.00 per bushel to accompany the order. Be sure to send plain directions regarding station to send to etc. along with order also.

CROP, STOCK, ETC. REPORT

The report of the Bureau of Industries for August contains statistics of the live stock of the Province as returned by school section districts on the 31st of May, and tabulated by counties and county groups. It also reviews the condition of crops on the 1st of the month, the progress of haying and harvesting at that date, farm labor and the rate of wages, and the state of pastures and live stock in relation to meat supply and dairy produce.

The month of July was very favorable for hay-making, the weather being steady and the temperature moderate, and the bulk of the crop has been saved in excellent order. Clover recovered to some extent from the serious damage done to it by winter exposure and spring frosts, but in the most favored localities the yield does not exceed one ton per acre, and the general average is much less. Timothy and mixed grasses were very heavy, and the uniform report from all sections is that no better crop has been gathered in twenty years.

Throughout the western half of the Province fall wheat has been remarkably heavy, but it has not escaped the dangers incident to a late season of ripening. Owing to a rank growth of straw and occasional rain storms, the crop lodged badly in many localities just as the grain was beginning to harden, and about the same time, unfortunately, it was struck with rust. As a consequence the sample is not generally as good as we looked for; it is lacking in plumpness and color. The worst effects from these causes are reported from the loamy lands of the south-western counties—from Essex, and the basins of the Thames and Sydenham rivers. In some sections the whole crop has been reaped and saved in good condition, but the bulk of it was either standing or in shock when work was interrupted last week by a rain storm of several days' duration. Late reports say that in many fields the grain has sprouted, but the full extent of the damage will not be known for some time. The storm was local, and confined chiefly to the western counties. In the Georgian Bay counties a large acreage has been saved in good order, and the sample

is prime. In the Lake Ontario and St. Lawrence and Ottawa counties the crop was badly winter-killed, and what remains will yield less than an average. In the East Midland counties a good crop will be harvested, but not equal to last year's. In the Lake Erie counties, where some grain has been threshed, it is found to yield from 20 to 30 bushels per acre, and correspondents in all counties west of Toronto estimate the yield at not less than 20 bushels per acre. Spring wheat in the eastern half of the Province, where it is extensively grown, gives promise of an abundant harvest, but in some districts it is being attacked by the midge, the Hessian fly and rust. It will be ready for reaping generally about the 20th of this month.

Barley is everywhere a heavy crop and a large acreage has been grown, especially in the Lake Ontario and East Midland counties. The grain is uniformly plump and of good color, with a few exceptions where it ripened too rapidly owing to the drought, or where it lodged and rusted. In the western countries the yield is good, but the harvesting season has been unfavorable.

There is a large area under oats, and with the one exception of the Georgian Bay Counties, the crop is reported good all over. The estimates of correspondents range from 35 to 60 bushels per acre. Peas are a good crop in all the northern counties, but elsewhere they have been injured by the bug.

The corn crop is everywhere pronounced a failure. The season has been too wet and cold for it, and though it has made good growth during the past three weeks there is little chance now of its attaining to half an average crop. Beans are chiefly grown in the counties of Kent, Norfolk, Brant and Renfrew. They are generally reported good, but in some localities the crop is worthless.

Potatoes were injured by too much rain early in the season, and later on by the drought. The beetle, too, is about as troublesome as ever. Turnips, mangolds and carrots have only partially come up, and a good crop is rare; turnips especially are late, and are badly injured by the fly.

The fruit crop is poor in all the best fruit-growing districts. Apples are good only in the Lake Ontario and River St. Lawrence counties, and there they will not be more than half a crop. Peaches and plums are almost a total failure, pears and grapes are fairly good, and small fruit alone is abundant.

Pastures were good throughout June and the first half of July, but recently they have become parched and bare in many parts of the Province. This has been especially the case in the Lake Ontario counties, where in some districts cattle had to be given extra fodder. For this purpose soiling is good where it could be availed of. Fat cattle are scarce, particularly in the finer classes suitable for export, and there is a disposition to force young cattle prematurely into the market. The dairying interest is less flourishing now than it was earlier in the season, and the milk supply is falling off. The recent rains, however, will doubtless make the pastures good again.

Farm labourers have been scarce, and the demand for them was increased by the general heaviness of the harvest. Wages ran from \$1.50 to \$2.50 per day, and from \$25 to \$40 per month with board, and even at these high figures it was difficult to procure men.

The statistics of live stock are as complete as they could be obtained. No estimates have been made of thoroughbreds for sections for which returns were not received, owing to the difficulty of finding an average. It is certain that the full number has not been reported, but it is almost equally certain that some animals entered in the schedules of farmers as thoroughbreds would never obtain registration in a Herd Book. Following are the returns for the Province and for the County of Welland.

	HORSES.	
	The Province.	The County.
Working horses.....	335,481	5,753
Breeding mares.....	72,025	995
Unbroken horses.....	100,505	1,530
CATTLE.		
Thoroughbred.....	23,237	281
Working oxen.....	11,215	210
Milch cows.....	680,522	7,740
Store cattle, over 2 years.....	273,851	2,750
Other cattle.....	617,001	6,705
Total milch cows, all breeds.....	687,937	7,812
Total cattle, all classes and broods.....	1,008,050	17,715
SHEEP.		
Coarse woolled, 1 year and over.....	911,741	11,313
Coarse woolled, under 1 year.....	666,610	8,084
Fine woolled, one year and over.....	183,022	2,818
Fine woolled, under one year.....	151,401	3,245
PIGS.		
One year and over.....	257,406	2,581
Under one year.....	659,589	10,224
POULTRY.		
Number of Turkeys.....	317,781	6,197
Number of geese.....	638,922	7,151
Number of other fowls.....	4,221,809	79,350

The Weather Report, which is furnished by the Meteorological Office, is a register of important facts for the farmer. The addition of eight sunshine recorders to the two heretofore in use will add materially to the value of future reports.

MEMORIES OF CHILDHOOD.

After travelling through a beautiful valley for quite a distance, and gaining some prominence, where, wearied with our journey we stop to rest, and turning our eyes backward, how we are astonished as new objects of beauty meet our gaze; and we wonder how they escaped our notice while passing through. So it is with this life of ours; while gliding through the happy days of childhood and youth, how much of good and blessing escapes our grasp, only because we do not realize the blessings with which we are surrounded. In the happy days of childhood we are not content, but long for a more advanced stage—for the time when we will be men and women, and can throw off the restraints of childhood, which will, as we foolishly think, increase our happiness. But when we reach that long-desired period it brings with it its own share of trials, perplexities and cares, and in our world-weariness how often we long to rest, and taking a retrospect of the past, live over again those happy days of childhood, when our life was so joyous and gay. Living in the past, especially if that past be a pleasant one, is one of our greatest pleasures; so far as this life is concerned—and we often find ourselves dwelling upon past scenes of enjoyment. Who can dwell upon the scenes of their childhood without feelings of emotion? Oh, those merry, jolly days, when free from care and sorrow, our hearts were light and gay! How we wandered through the fields and plucked the wild flowers that grew in such rich profusion around us! The blue and white violets, the buttercups, of which we made bouquets, and thought them so lovely in our childish simplicity. And then those romps in the dear old barn, tossing the new mown hay, hunting hens' nests, chasing the swallows from