

OUR FARMERS' CLUB

COLCHESTER CO., N. S.

TRURO.—In Nova Scotia, the province has heaped on us a full share of good crops and good weather. Hay was one of the heaviest crops in the province, and the ruling price for No. 1 yearling, which has been good but not up to last year, which was extra. Potatoes are a good crop. They are bringing about 40c. a bushel. Mangels and other field crops gave a large very dry weather. In October somewhat retarded their growth. Beef is high in price and scarce. Hogs are bringing 50c. dead weight; mutton and lamb from 50 to 100 a lb. Dairy products are high. No 1 creamery butter being quoted in Halifax at 32c. 125, slightly fresh, are worth from 30c to 40c at Halifax. Apples are plentiful and are low in price; the quality is good. Stock is abundant in the stables in fine condition. The Agricultural College opened a few days ago with 40 or good showing considered that it is only two years since the college first opened. The short course commences on January 4th, and bids fair to eclipse even last winter when 175 young and middle aged farmers gathered to gain information from an able staff of professors and instructors.—A. H. C.

PRINCE EDWARD CO., ONT.

HILLIER.—"The chill November days have come." So says the poet, and we can testify to the truthfulness of the words, as we have had very chilly days the last week. Sunday, the 1st of November, was extremely cold. Yesterday we felt the more keenly as October was so mild. Those having clover seed threshed have only about half a bushel. The weather turned out well-much better than was expected. Our cheese factory closed about November 15th, the butter factory will begin operations. The farmers are getting along nicely with their plowing the ground working up fine after the rain.—W. A. F.

HASTINGS CO., ONT.

THE RIDGE.—The weather has again opened up and everything has been plowing after the big snow storm and frost of last Thursday night. Our cheese factory has closed down, and the cheese maker has gone home. The hope is to see him here another year. Our factory has done very well this season, and the cows seem to be in good order to go into winter quarters. There is plenty of feed for this winter, although a few will be short. Hay is selling at 125, and oats at 10c a bushel. The quantity for sale is very limited. We would like to see more rain soon, as water is very low, one man having to drive his horses and cattle two miles to a lake every day, to water them. Threshers have difficulty in getting water.—A. B. C.

PETERBORO CO., ONT.

LAWSE.—We have had a most beautiful fall, a little dry, yet in this part there never was so much grain. A considerable fall rye was sown. We have had but very little cold weather. A slight fall of snow, followed by a warm rain, very warm for the time of year, came recently. Farmers have scarcely had any feed for their cattle yet, except roots. Cows are drying up fast. I think that butter will soon take a rise in price. It has been selling at only 25c a lb. There is a great demand for brood sows, more than can be met. The cattle buyers are still going through, and large droves of cattle are being sent out of the country at very low figures.—H. W. F.

VICTORIA CO., ONT.

HARTLEY.—The continuation of dry weather has been a great drawback to the farmers in getting their plowing done. There is quite a lot to do yet. The farmers have taken advantage of the extra weather which prevailed to get their root crop housed in good time. Although damaged considerably with the crop was a great deal better than was anticipated. A great deal of anxiety prevailed among the farmers in reference to their corn not keeping so well in winter as there was a considerable number rotten in the field. It is not wisdom to worry over anything we can't control. It is time enough to be worried when we are hurt. The straw is short and threshing not as brisk as in former years, but the hum of

the cleaner and an occasional whistle tell us that some of the threshing outfits are busy yet. No doubt they will realize a good season as they have not had any lost time, and many of them never had better roads to move on. We have realized a reasonably good price for our grain this year, and with a very good yield from the door. The prevailing price of cattle is high, and will keep farmers well from hiring a good plow and well-fitted soil from frost last week. As the ground was great deal, it did not affect the plowing a great deal. In the winter, and an Indian summer is promised.—N. M.

WENTWORTH CO., ONT.

KIRKWALL.—The showers of last week have not been plowing possible on stubble and root ground, but the soil is a little too hard yet, where the soil is partly clay. Threshing is nearly over. All crops were somewhat of a failure. Oats are yielding from 30 bushels to 50 bushels an acre. Wheat is averaging about 35 bushels an acre. Buckwheat is much heavier than usual. This crop on one farm yielded 40 bushels an acre, which is above the average. On the same farm about 160 bushels of grain were threshed in one day. It is considered an extraordinary day's threshing. It is only one extra. Mangels, on the whole, were a rather poor crop, although on some farms 30 large loads of three acres, and on others 40 large loads of the same amount on 10 acres. Wheat was above the average. On some farms this crop yielded 200 bushels an acre. Stockers and feeders are much cheerier than a month ago. Heavy feeders, weighing from 110 to 120 lbs are rather scarce, and are selling at 14c a lb. Lighter ones weighing from 70 to 900 lbs, of best quality, can now be bought at about 10c a lb. It is very difficult to get a quarter of a lb. is being paid for choice Christmas time. The number of cattle going are going to be fattened in the winter, but the greater number of these are small cattle. Therefore, probable that very few exports will be from the market from this locality next spring. Names are also becoming cheaper. Farmers seem to be getting a little better on account of the low price paid by packers, and large numbers of young pigs are being sold. Grain is very high. Oats are selling at 4c at sales; peas, 8c a bushel, and corn, 10c a bushel. Wheat about 90c a bushel. Hay is also going up in price.—C. A. W.

WATERLOO CO., ONT.

ATY.—We are having some wintry weather, and it is a little dry. The farmers are going on with their work. Recent rains have facilitated plowing operations, but it is becoming dry again, and there is still considerable to be done. Turnips are a fair crop, notwithstanding the loss. Considerable quantities were shipped from here recently, but they are scarce again. Threshing is drawing to a close—some wheat earlier than usual. On the whole, the fair crop, taking everything all through. The trade in stockers and feeders seems to be rather slow. The right kind of cattle are in demand, and are selling at high prices. With feed the price it is, farmers are kind of slow to fill up unless there is a good reason. The prices in the spring, and buyers are not offering enough to make it profitable to the feeder. We had a well attended meeting of the farmers' club the end of October. The creamery inspector for the district addressed us on "The Production and Care of Cream," and gave a demonstration of milk and cream testing at the close. We have been disappointed in the advisability of holding a seed and stock judging fair for two or three days during the coming winter.—G. G. E.

OWING CO., ONT.

NORWICH.—The farmers are busy doing their fall plowing; so far the acreage is less than other years at this date. (Nov. 18th) Silos are being filled, and on many farms considerable is left for husking. Roots are all stored away for winter. Turnips were largely a failure, and they were being replaced by the intermediate mangels. Hay is in great demand, and is selling readily at 25c a ton. The apple crop has been disappointing, but a grower and shipper. The supply is not as large as was expected, and is of a poor keeping quality. There are a number of empty barrels at nearly every orchard. The price of cheese is good; October's

make all sold at 12c and a fraction. The supply of milk is very fair. Nearly every farmer has a silo. The hog industry is not quite so good. Taking the price of grain into consideration, it is very little if any profit.—J. C. S.

BRUCE CO., ONT.

WILKINSON.—This autumn will be long remembered by residents of this district on account of the destruction of bush fires. Scarcely a farmer has escaped some damage. Many have lost cords of wood, and nearly everybody has lost some fencing. Almost all the hardwood bush has been burnt over. Very little of it will come out in less than a few years. Farmers are talking of combining to purchase wire fences, and there is great discussion as to the best fence to buy. A few barns and houses were also burnt, and many others only saved by strenuous efforts. No one here ever saw the creeks and rivers so low; wells are the same. So far not much plowing has been done, and on clay lands plowing is well nigh an impossibility. People are expecting a dry winter, whether they want it, and partly because everything is so dry that it looks hardly possible that winter could come with such conditions prevailing. It looks as if feed would be high in price again this winter. There is no difficulty in selling grain at 50c. Other produce remains unchanged in price. Potatoes are a little lower.—C. S.

SUSSEX DISTRICT, ONT.

HUNTSVILLE.—Threshing has been finished. Grain yielded better than was expected earlier in the season, although some of the wheat was destroyed by grasshoppers. In spite of the poor pasture cattle and sheep are going to their winter quarters in good condition. Potatoes are better than the average but other root crops are almost a total failure.—R. B. B.

THUNDER BAY DISTRICT, ONT.

SELOW RIVER VALLEY.—The weather during October has been ideal. The long-looked for rain came at last and has made fall the general order of the day. The dry weather several farmers found it necessary to haul water some distance for house use. Those living any distance from the river or springs, have had to drive their stock to water. Plowing has been the general order of the day. There is more plowing being done at this date than the year ago. Breaking is difficult yet as the rain is sufficient. We have had some light frosts. Three or four pieces of fall wheat have been sown as a test and are in splendid condition for winter. This crop will be watched with interest as it has not been tried before. Hay and potatoes are being teaming for winter. The creamery is nearest city, where they find a steady market. The city is progressing so rapidly that the farming community cannot hope to more than partially supply the demand for farm products. In the dairy line, farmers find it necessary, since the light frosts, to supplement the clover pasture with bran or chop feed. The demand for milk and butter in the city is keen. All live stock are in good condition. The hunting season has just opened, and it is a general rule for each farmer to lay in a supply of moose or red deer.—J. H. H.

GOSSIP

While making a hurried trip through Central Ontario, the writer called upon Mr. A. A. Colwell, an old-established breeder of Al Fawthors. We found a goodly number of pigs comfortably housed in the

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