

tion was very backward till about the tenth of June, when we were blessed with a very copious and refreshing rain, which caused the grass to start rapidly. We have had very seasonable showers up to this date. The Grass makes a good appearance at present, and bids fair for a medium crop. Wheat, which has been considerably more sown than formerly, looks exceedingly well at present. Oats promise well. Potatoes are also coming well. I have not heard of any rot. The appearance of Fruit is not at all encouraging at present. Canadian Five Wheat was in great demand this spring, people from all directions applying for it for seed.

I am, &c.,

ROBT. FAULKNER.

PICTOU, June 29, 1871.

I am happy to say that the agricultural prospects of the ensuing harvest are of the most encouraging character. The spring was somewhat backward and cold, but well adapted to labour, and the crop, from all I can learn, the largest ever committed to the ground in this county, several farmers sowing from 20 to 30 bushels of wheat, which was got in in a very good condition. There have been plentiful rains ever since, and the crops, with the exception of the lowest grounds where there may be a surplus of moisture, exhibit a most flourishing and hopeful appearance, and unless some unlooked-for blight or mishap takes place, the farmer may fairly calculate on a largely-remunerative harvest.

As regards Fruits, apples promise a fair crop. Cherries and plums are likely to be deficient. Strawberries, except where injured by the hail-stones of the 4th and 17th, will be abundant; and from the general appearance of the face of nature, everything seems calculated to inspire in the breast of the husbandman feelings of gratitude and thankfulness to the kindness of a benignant Heaven.

D. MATHESON.

MAHONE BAY, June 27, 1871.

Dear Sir,—I herewith give you a brief statement of the prospect of the crops in this part of the county. So far everything looks very promising; the weather has been all that could be desired during this month; the hay-crop is later than last year, although this season we had much finer growing weather than last. The way I account for it is this: the winter of 1870 was one of the mildest we ever had, and there was very little frost in the ground, and the grass took a very early start, although May of 1870 was even colder and much dryer than last. Last winter was one of the coldest we ever had, and very sudden changes of thaw leaving no covering of snow. Consequently the frost penetrated very deep,

leaving the ground long cold before the grass could take a start. But I think there will be a very good crop of hay, but late haying. The grain and potatoes look very promising. The winter-rye is very good. There is also a prospect of a good crop of apples. The plum, I think, will be short. Some of your readers may differ with me in the statement of the weather, but what I state is correct. I have kept a regular journal of the weather for the last seventeen years, and can certify to every day.

Yours, &c., B. ZWICKER.

SOUTH GUT, ST. ANN'S,  
June 24, 1871.

Dear Sir,—Notwithstanding the unfavourableness of the first part of the season for agricultural operations, farmers in this district have succeeded in putting down as large a quantity of the different kinds of seeds as in former years, if not larger. Wheat, in particular, has been more generally sown, and in larger quantities. Although May did continue wet and drizzly throughout, yet nothing appears to have perished in the ground, and the genial rays of the summer sun during the last two or three weeks, accompanied by copious and refreshing showers, have produced extraordinary results. Grass and grain fields have assumed a blooming aspect unusually rapid. The gloom which had settled upon the farmers' countenances during the month of May has now wholly disappeared, and, instead, they begin to reflect the cheering aspects of their fields and meadows. Should the season for fructification prove as favourable as the present prospects, the result will certainly be an abundant harvest. Fruit trees promise good returns.

JOHN MORRISON.

ANNAPOLIS, June 26, 1871.

In consequence of the cold weather in April and May the whole of the crops in Western Annapolis, with few exceptions, are later this year than usual. Grass upon some of the marshes is not as good; but on the uplands is much better than last year, and promises a fair yield both in quality and quantity of hay. Less grain was sown than formerly, but from present appearances an average yield per acre may be expected. More potatoes were planted than usual, and although late, they are looking well, with every prospect of an abundant yield. The same may be said of turnips, mangolds and other root crops. Squashes, pumpkins, melons and cucumbers have all suffered by the squash-bug. Many plants were saved by sifting dry ashes, lime, or dry earth on the leaves when wet, and some by tobacco in liquid, not too strong. Corn is poor, and not likely to be an average crop. The show of blossoms on the apple-trees was more

than usual, but many trees were injured by the late frosts, and the crop of apples is not expected to exceed the average.

GEORGE WHITMAN.

N. SYDNEY, June 26, 1871

Dear Sir,—I am sorry your note did not come to hand until Saturday evening, 24th, and as you wish a reply not later than 28th June, any information I could furnish would be late for the Journal. But I would say in answer to your request that crops in this township generally look well; grass, in particular, is heavy for the time of year. Wheat is but sparingly sown, and that not earlier than 10th of June; so I cannot say much about it. Barley and oats look backward. Potatoes look well; though late planted, they have come up well and are growing rapidly. Turnips are not cultivated to any extent, except by a few. Some farmers are giving more attention to the cultivation of carrots, as they withstand the fly better, and are thought better for stock. There is every appearance of an abundant fruit crop.

Our Society, I hope, is going to work well. Since my last communication I have received additional names, with their subscriptions, making a total of fifty-four members.

I think before the annual meeting we will likely number over sixty.

Yours, &c., A. G. MUSGROVE.

TRURO, June 23, 1871.

Dear Sir,—In reply to your note of 21st inst., would say,—That the general appearance of the crops in this county is very promising. A dry May and a wet June keep the farmers in merry tune, is the old proverb; and accordingly we farmers should be quite cheerful, as the season in this respect has been all that could be desired. About the usual crop has been put in. Hay is likely to be good—the bottom being thick and well set. Grain looks well—potatoes are coming up, and so far, prospects seem favourable. This county being the largest hay producing county in the Province, the success of that crop is looked to primarily. I am, &c.,

JOHN B. DICKIE.

ANTIGONISH, June 19, 1871.

Dear Sir,—Your favor of the 14th duly received. To comply with your request I submit the following remarks:—Owing to the late cold, wet weather in the first of May, and hay being scarce in many localities, the spring work was rather backward. To make up for this the last half of May was never more favourable, it being dry and generally cool. The crop was put in the ground in first rate condition; and though not on the whole very early, still all in good time.