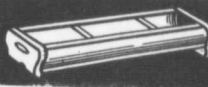


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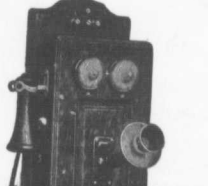
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QUEBEC

MISSISSQUOI CO., QUE.

FRELINGHARD, May 17.—Sugaring ended the last week in April. The season was much later than for several years. The quality of the syrup was excellent: the yield somewhat below the average. Seedling is about completed, and though the spring has been an unusually dry one, grass has come up well. There was a heavy rain on the 18th. Ear loads of potatoes have been loaded here recently at 45c and 50c a bushel. Hogs are selling low at 15c—C.A.W.

ONTARIO

NORTHUMBERLAND CO., ONT.
CASTLETON, May 12.—Spring's work is almost completed. A rain is needed to start things growing. These factories have all started again, with about as large a run as last year. Very few are now raising alfalfa this spring. It did not winter well. Potatoes are scarce. Buyers are paying 75c per 90 lb. Seed now is 81c a bushel. Hogs are down.—H. V.

EDVILLE, May 15.—The slight rain on the 9th came at the right time, as we have had no rain of any amount for a long time past. The land was getting very dry.—H.H.H.

DURHAM CO., ONT.

TYRON, May 13.—Twenty-five farmers, keen on the subject of underdrainage, turned out to profit from the demonstration in underdrainage going here to-day. The people locally are going in extensively for apple growing. There are acres and acres of new trees to be seen

in this district, and if a few die in a wet follow farmers begin to think about "planting" a few trees.—H. H. C.

PETERBORO CO., ONT.

CENTRAL SMITH, May 18.—A late spring does not necessarily mean late vegetation or seeding. We are just as far ahead now as we were at this time last year. Pastures have improved wonderfully in the last few days. A good crop of hay is being made. Alfalfa seed and butter will be made at our cheese factory this season. Farmers are beginning to appreciate the growing value of dairy-by-products, and prefer to retain the skin milk at home. Pasteurization of the whey is becoming more and more popular. Holsteins are becoming more and more popular. Several good grades are seen. The low price of cheese is discouraging. Butter and hogs also are down.—K.P.

GREY CO., ONT.

RAVENNA, May 17.—Farmers are bustling with the seeding. Everybody seems to have had abundance of feed. Most of the cattle are still fed out. The late rain has helped the spring. The future is very short. A number had to grow up their last year's meadows. They have been rooted so badly that they will have to be sowed. Butter has dropped to 15c; eggs, 15c to 17c. A number of cows and hogs are shipped every week. Everybody is plowing up their wheat, either sowing with barley or spraying. Pruning the orchards and spraying have been the chief occupations during the last six weeks. Everybody seems to be interested in fruit than before.—C.P.

WELLINGTON CO., ONT.

FERGUS, May 17.—Farmers around here thought the early going to have a very late spring on account of the weather. Late spring in April, but the weather came in so warm and dry about two weeks ago that the grain crop never went green. However, for the past few days weather—warm and dry—consequently there was an excellent seed bed. Rain was badly needed, however, for the past few days and hay crop, and the show-ers during the present week were just what were required. A number of young cattle are now turned on pasture. Some meadows are badly winter killed. Some work will be done to get the ground ready for the root crop—the earlier the better for mangels.—W.B.

WATERLOO CO., ONT.

ELIMIA, May 17.—Spring seeding is over and the seed has been put into the ground in the best of shape. Most of the grain is up nicely. Fall wheat has wintered fairly well and has revived somewhat the last week or two and promises good average crop. Meadows don't promise well. Alfalfa has been winter killed and will be a failure. Some new patches have been seeded. Feed is plentiful and prices failed to reach the expected high levels, and feeders are losing heavily. Considerable fat cattle are in the breeders' hands yet. Mangels and sugar beets are planted. We are now preparing for corn and turnips. The acreage of ensilage corn is being increased. Farmers are more in for dairying and calf raising. Fully double the number of calves are being raised in this than in previous years. Lambs are a good crop. There is fatality in spring foals already.—A.B.S.

BRANT CO., ONT.

ST. GEORGE, May 16.—We have had a nice gentle rain which was much needed, since several exceedingly windy days lately have sucked the moisture out of everything. Spring grain is showing up nicely. Fall wheat looks well. Well got a bad racket in places. Some of it is half killed out on level land; it does not seem to have been killed at all, but thousands of plants are alone dead. On the clay knolls it is all right. Fruit trees are showing up great for blossoms.—H.R.N.

BLUE LAKE, April 26.—Trees indicate a large bloom, and I think the prospects for a large yield are better than they were a year ago. The young trees appear to have come through the winter well. There were several young orchards set out last year, but there will be scarcely as many set out this year. There has been scarcely any spraying done. At St. George a few miles away several new spraying outfits have been purchased this spring, and I feel quite safe in saying that in the near future nearly every one will spray.—Wm. J. Little.

NORFOLK CO., ONT.

ERIE VIEW, May 9.—Orchards are looking fine. Nearly all are in blossom, and there has been quite a lot of new trees set. There are indications of a large

bloom. The young orchards as far as have been able to come through the winter in fine shape.—J.C.P.

OXFORD CO., ONT.

GOLESPIE, May 15.—We are having a spring weather, but we notice that it is considerable growth. Farmers in this section are having their own hay. There are a few of the farmers have made the cattle out to pasture, but the majority have them stable. They are giving the pasture a good start. Trees are almost in full leaf. Everything is in the green and the weather is the most pleasant time of the year to visit the country.—A. McJ.

KENT CO., ONT.

BLENNHEIM, May 12.—Farmers are putting into tobacco growing in real earnest. The big returns realized last year have made everybody anxious to have a share this season. The 1,000 acre group in Kent in 1910 will be increased to 1,500. The tobacco crop is very hard to procure. The tobacco crop is backward for working our clay soils. The tobacco crop is very hard to procure. The tobacco crop is backward for working our clay soils. The tobacco crop is very hard to procure. The tobacco crop is backward for working our clay soils.

BRUCE CO., ONT.

HEPWORTH, May 17.—Seeding is lagging, but it has been a fine spring. The low land as the ground has been very dry. It is badly needed. Fall wheat is a good fruit year, as there is abundance of bloom. Clover looks good, and late in starting. Cattle are good, and number of brood mares have died about 100. The country is quite a loss. There are not enough in the country now.—J.K.L.

MANITOBA

MARQUETTE, ONT. MAN.
KELLOE, May 10.—Seeding is going well. Wheat is already showing fine green. The weather has been very dry and windy, and we have had no rain whatever since last evening, when we had quite a heavy rain, which did considerable damage. This morning it is snowing hard; quite an old time blizzard. Farmers think a good "ill of snow" will help the ground ready for the root crop—advanced to be but by the cold snap. Beef prices remain the same. Hogs are lower.—B.V.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

SIMILKAMEN DISTRICT, B.C.
ALLAN GROVE, May 6.—We have had the showers of rain lately. Pasture is plentiful and good. Stock of all kinds are putting on flesh. Most people are busy gardening now. Peach, cherry, and apricot trees are in bloom. The fruit trees will be in a few days. Potatoes are high here, being 83c a cwt. On the coast, where the price is \$1.50. Winter wheat is stealing out well. Alfalfa looking fine. Many newcomers are looking over the country, and land is changing hands at a good figure.—H.L.A.

ONTARIO CROP REPORT

The following is in brief the condition of crops as reported by the Ontario Department of Agriculture:
Fall Wheat.—The present condition of fall wheat is about average. The conditions being reported as an absolute failure in some sections, and in others as a good crop. Take as a whole it is about the average of recent years. In the western part of the province, and in the Lake Ontario district, prospects are fair to good, while in the Georgian Bay district, and the more eastern part of Ontario conditions range from fair to poor.

Clover.—Reports on clover range all the way from good to poor. There has been much winter killing especially on old fields. With recent favorable weather clover is making a fair recovery.

Fodder Supplies.—Complaints of lack of fodder are fewer than in previous years. Notwithstanding the fact that cattle had to be fed later than usual. Taking the province as a whole there is plenty of feed, but none to spare.

Vegetation.—At the end of the first week of May vegetation was about a week behind the average. The weather at that time, however, was inducing a vigorous growth.

The farmer who gives the preference to Sulphate of Ammonia over Nitrate of Soda, without a special reason, says it is 10, or even 15 per cent. dearer for a fertilizer, the fertilizing power is the same at equality of Nitrogen, in most cases 15 and 20 per cent less than that of Nitrate of Soda.