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QUEBEC

MISSISQUOI CO., QUE.

FRELIGHSBURG, 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. Seeding 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. Everything is coming on fine. Several car loads of potatoes have been loaded here recently at 45c and 50c a bushel. Eggs 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. Cheese factories have all started again, with about as large a run as last year. Very few are sowing alfalfa this spring. It did not winter well. Potatoes are scarce. Buyers are paying 75c per 90 lbs. Seed peas are $1 a bushel. Hogs are down.—H. P. M.

EDVILLE, May 16.—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.—S.H.

DURHAM CO., ONT.

TYRONE, May 13.—Twenty-five farmers, keen on the subject of underdrainage, turned out to profit from the demonstration in underdrainage near 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 hollow farmers begin to think about "planting" a few tile.—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 many lambs are on pasture. Both cheese and butter will be made at our cheese factory this season. Farmers are beginning to appreciate the feeding value of dairy by-products, and prefer to retain the skim milk at home. Pasteurization of the whey might help to make cheese more popular. Holsteins are becoming more and more popular. Several good grade herds 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 hustling with the seeding. Everybody seems to have bid abundance of feed. Most of the cattle are stall fed yet owing to the lateness of the spring. Pasture is very short. A number had to plow up their last year's meadows. The frost heaved the roots so badly that they will have to be plowed. Butter has dropped to 19c; eggs, 16c to 17c. A number of cattle and hogs are shipped every week. Everybody is plowing up their fall wheat, either sowing with barley or buckwheat. Pruning the orchards and spraying have been the chief occupations during the last six weeks. Everybody seems to be more interested in fruit than before.—C.P.

WELLINGTON CO., ONT.

FERGUS, May 17.—Farmers around here thought we were going to have a very late spring on account of the cold, backward weather in April, but the weather came in so warm and dry about two weeks ago that the grain crop never went in in better shape. We had ideal seeding weather—warm and dry—consequently there was an excellent seed bed. Rain was badly needed, however, for the pasture fields and hay crop, and the showers 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. The next work will be to get the ground ready for the root crop—the earlier the better for mangels.—W.B.

WATERLOO CO., ONT.

ELMIRA, May 13.—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 cattle look well. All are stabled. Cattle 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. Alfalfa got a bad racket in places. Some of it is half killed out on level land; it does not seem to have heaved at all, but thousands of plants are stone 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 spraying, and there has been quite a lot of new trees set. There are indications of a large bloom. The young orchards as far as I have seen have come through the winter in fine shape.—C. P.

OXFORD CO., ONT.

GOLSPIE, May 15.—We are having fine spring weather, but we need rain. There is considerable growth. Farmers in this section are busy with their corn ground. There are a few that have not their mangels in. A few of the farmers have turned their cattle out to pasture, but the majority have them stabled. It pays to give the pasture a good start. Trees are almost in full leaf. Everything is so green and fresh that I think this the nicest time of the year to visit the country.—A. McD.

KENT CO., ONT.

BLENHEIM, May 12.—Farmers are going 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 acres grown in Kent in 1910 will be increased by seven to 10 times this year. Labor is hard to procure. The season has been backward for working our clay soils, and seeding is much delayed. Wheat promises splendidly, and grass lands have made a good start.—A.D.

BRUCE CO., ONT.

HEPWORTH, May 16.—Seeding is late, but it has been a fine spring to get on the low land as the ground has been very dry. Rain is badly needed. Fall wheat looks good. There is every indication of a good fruit year, as there is abundance of bloom. Clover looks good, and came through the winter well. Pasture was late in starting. Cattle are thin. A number of brood mares have died about foaling time, which is quite a loss, as there are not enough in the country now. —J.K.L.

MANITOBA

MARQUETTE DISTRICT, MAN.

KELLOE, May 10.—Seeding is general. Wheat sown is already showing fine and green. Seeding is well advanced. The weather has been very dry and windy, and we have had no rain whatever until last evening, when we had quite a heavy fall, accompanied by a very high wind, which did considerable damage. This morning it is snowing hard; quite an old time blizzard. Farmers think a good fall of snow will help. Fruit blossoms are not far enough advanced to be hurt by this cold snap. Beef prices remain the same. Hogs are lower.—L.J.N.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

SIMILKAMEEN DISTRICT, B.C.

ALLAN GROVE, May 6.—We have had fine 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 and other fruit trees will be in a few days. Potatoes are high here, being $3 a cwt. Oats are $2 a cwt., and wheat $2.50. Winter wheat is stooling out well. Alfalfa is looking fine. Many newcomers are looking over the country, and land is changing hands at a good figure.—R.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 most varying—in some sections being reported as an absolute failure and in others as a good crop. Taken as a whole it is much behind the average of recent years. In the Lake Erie, West Midland and in the Lake Ontario districts prospects are fair to good, while in the counties of Huron and Bruce, the Georgian Bay district, and the more eastern parts 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 the crop is making a fair recovery.

Fodder Supplies.—Complaints of lack of fodder are fewer than for many 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 fine weather at that time, however, was inducing a vigorous growth.

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