

COUNTRY NOTES AND PRICES

ALBERT CO., N. B.

GALWAY.—Hay is commenced and about half over. The crop is far from being as heavy as was at first anticipated, although the new seeding is fairly good. The old meadows are very light. The frosts in June, which were quite noticeable on several mornings in this locality, followed by extreme warm sunshine, had a disastrous effect on the old meadows. Hay should not be cut for more than three years. After that it should be pastured or plowed up. Oats are the chief crop grown. They look rather delicate in some places, more especially where the fertility of the soil has become exhausted. The welcome rain, which is falling today, and which appears to be quite general, may have the effect of bringing them up to the average—C. C.

GREENVILLE CO., ONT.

PRESBOTT.—Pastures are in very good condition since the recent rains. Grain is coming on well but is very short in the straw, except the earlier varieties. Weather is very showery at present. Hay is half over, and farmers are beginning to realize that they have to use economy in feeding to have enough to bring them through till next spring. Hogs, 9c to 10c a lb.; 4c; beef, 10c to 12c; chickens, 15c to 16c; fresh eggs, 17c to 18c a doz.; creamery butter, 27c to 30c a lb.; potatoes, \$1 a bag; hogs, 65c to 66c a lb.; 1c; Timothy hay, \$16 to \$18 a ton; clover, \$15; baled straw, \$8; bran, \$24; middlings, \$25; oats, 65c a bush; corn, 75c—C. W. C.

HASTINGS CO., ONT.

ELDHORATH.—Crops as a whole are favorable. Hay is probably below the average in length. It is also patchy, owing to the poor catches on the knolls and hard places due to the dry weather last year. The lower and more level lands are very thick and heavy, ensuring fully a ton and a half or better to the acre all told. Very little red clover was thick enough for seed. Alsike did well wherever sown. Very little hay was cut before the second week in July. The majority did not begin until the third week. This was evidently a great mistake, as the hay is thoroughly ripe now. Wheat is fairly good as a rule, owing to the previous two weeks' drought. Barley is short in straw but fairly well headed, and is beginning to turn. Oats also are short but well headed. Peas look fine and are loading nicely. The weather has been favorable for corn. Potatoes are doing well though the bugs are unusually plentiful. The early sown root and corn crops cover the ground. The late sown ones are very thin owing to the absence of late rains. Early apples are in abundance. Late varieties are scarce. There are plenty of wild berries. Small fruits of cultivated varieties are not raised to any great extent—F. A. U.

ESSEX CO., ONT.

There was a monster farmers' picnic at Kingsville, Essex County, on Wednesday, and Mr. G. A. Putnam, superintendent of Farmers Institutes, who was present, says the crops in that section look well in comparison with other parts of the province. To some extent they are specializing in vegetables, and a light crop has three acres of melons just about ready to pick.

OXFORD CO., ONT.

NOELWICH.—At the present time pastures are very poor. The hot, dry weather has dried them up badly, and there is a great shrinkage in the amount of milk received by the cheese factories. Hay is about over, and wheat cutting has started. Hay is an average crop, and has been secured in splendid condition. Wheat is not much grown but good crops will be in order. They are having ideal weather for corn and it looks like full silage this year. Spring grains are a good crop, but perhaps a trifle short in the straw on account of dry weather. Hogs, 7c a lb.; 1c; new potatoes, 26c a peck; fresh eggs, 15c a dozen; root butter, 26c a lb.; new hay, \$8 a ton; bran, \$23; middlings, \$25—J. M.

TAVISTOCK.—Pastures are dry and hard, and there is a great shrinkage in the milk at the cheese factories. Pastures average three cheese less a day than at this time last year. Wheat is ready to cut, and is a light crop. Hay was harvested under the best conditions, but was a light crop. Barley and oats are a very heavy crop, but the latter are

badly lodged. The weather is favorable, with plenty of moisture lately. New Timothy hay, \$8 a ton; bran, \$23; middlings, \$25; linseed meal, \$23; oats, 50c a bush; fresh eggs, 15c a dozen; creamery butter, 26c a lb.; price of corn, colored chow, 11½c; white, 11 5/8c; hogs, \$6.40 a cwt. 1c—H. B.

ALGOMA, ONT.

MINDIMOYA.—The grasshopper plague, which we feared a few weeks ago, has not materialized. In one or two sections the crops are being damaged considerably, but the frequent rains during the past two or three months has produced such abundant growth that the work of the

grasshopper is hardly felt, except in sections already referred to. The hay crop on new meadows is better than the average. The old meadows are rather light, especially those which have been standing for two or four years. Grain crops are looking well. A larger acreage than usual of corn and potatoes has been put in, because these are crops which the grasshoppers did not hurt much last year. A smaller acreage than usual of turnips has been sown—A. J. W.

DURHAM CO., ONT.

IDA.—The hay crop as a rule was slightly in advance of last year, making from 1½ to 2 tons an acre. There is a

large quantity of hay out yet, owing to the rain the last few days. It will be damaged considerably as what was not cut is nearly ripe. Fall wheat is waiting for the "sickle." It promises an advance on last year's yield. Peas promise fairly well. Barley is very short and is little better than in '07. Oats will be much benefited by the late rainfall. They look encouraging. Potatoes are growing well but there has been quite a battle with the bugs. They seem to be out in full force. Spraying for them is not common, as we were not bothered at all with the highest last year. Root stock well, where the cultivation has been looked after properly—H. S.

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