

OUR FARMERS' CLUB

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NOVA SCOTIA

COLCHESTER CO., N. S.

LOWER TURNO-The past season has been a peculiar one; cold and wet weather in May was followed by dry weather in June and July. Both crops suffered the most; root seed, especially turnips, did not germinate readily. Many fields were plowed up and sown later. In such cases the yield was small, but on an average the turnip crop was good considering the season. Some fields yielded from 400 to 50 bushels to the acre. Turnips do well in this province, as high as 1500 or 1500 bushels having been taken off one acre in favorable years. Corn for silage is not a success here. We do not need to worry about the corn crop, as it can grow roots of all kinds so readily. With mill facilities at their present almost prohibitive prices,

more roots should be grown, and some of the concentrates bought to balance up a ration.

Potatoes were a splendid crop. Grains are turning out very poorly. Whilst the straw is heavy enough, the heads are light. Hay in the centre of the province was a good average crop; in the eastern and western counties the yield was small. We are having a very mild open autumn and at the present time (Nov. 29) there has not been enough frost to stop the plow, and a lot of fall plowing is being done. Some strawberry and dandelion blossoms are still in the field. In peonies bloom, a great aftermath of grass covers the fields to protect the roots through the winter.

Stock is scarce and high; new milk cows bringing \$50 to \$55 at auction; young stock being double what they did some years ago. Poultry and eggs are high in price; dairy products also, as well, except milk in the towns, which are retail at two or three cents less than in the upper Canadian cities. Mill feeds cost here about \$3 a ton more than in the east, Toronto or Montreal. Horses are high in price, good 1500 to 2000 lbs. teams sell for \$600 to \$650.

Quite a large number of English and Scotch immigrants have settled in Nova Scotia this year; there is prospect of more in the future. Our Government has a good live immigration department and it is trying to induce the tenant farmers to come out and acquire the small farms. These can be had for about what rent they pay annually in the Old Country. As Lord Northcliffe says, "this class could come here and make a financial success of farming, and they would make good desirable citizens."

The Agricultural College of Nova Scotia is beginning to realize the benefit of an agricultural education, and are sending their sons to this college. If the farmers of this and many other provinces and states are to take their places in business and society they must educate the boys and girls who stay on the farm as well as those who leave it. Some of the so-called learned professions. No one needs an education more than a farmer, and he can get just the required knowledge at the institution that we have at Bible Hill, Truro.

In Scotland it is said, that parents' fondest hopes are realized when they have educated one of their sons for the ministry. Let the farmer's parents of Nova Scotia have the same desire, to give the boy who stays on the farm an agricultural college education.—A. H. C.

ONTARIO

DURHAM CO., ONT.

BLACKTOWN—Winter seems to have once more set in although we are having very nice weather. The recent storm did considerable damage to fruit trees, as also to shade trees and shrubs. The cattle have gone into the stable in rather this condition, and although feed will be fairly plentiful the majority of farmers will have none to spare. There will probably be an average number of cattle fed for the market. Those who have had feeders to sell have been able to realize a fair price for them. Hogs are bringing in the neighborhood of \$7.50 a cwt., and prices for turkeys are very good. The majority of farmers get their plowing all done and are in pretty good shape for the winter. There is a number of cases of distemper among horses but none that are very serious.—J. F. T.

NORFOLK CO., ONT.

SOUTH WALSHAM—The passing of November, left our level-headed, up-to-date farmers, with their farm work in a lull. Corn is husked and put away into winter storage. Clover threshing is finished; the crop gave a fair yield. Fall plowing is about half done; the other half will be finished on the bright warm days of December. Wheat looks fairly well, but the rains make it look more thrifty. Cattle are being sold for Christmas beef. Butcherers are doing a good business, and become the order of the day with our husband farmers. Christmas turkeys are already put up for extra markets. The farm boys and girls are selecting good seed reading in the lull in the winter evenings.—B. B.

NORFOLK CO., ONT.

ELORA—The rain and low temperature is one of the most destructive in the memory of the oldest inhabitant. The village has been a week without electric light, and the telephone is out of order. Rural, has been a week out of business, and the loss to the company must have been great. In the country, the loss to

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farmers will be considerable, many of the farms having their front adorned with large maples, and these have suffered more than the smaller ones. This suggests the advisability of planting young trees between, and then removing the larger and unsightly ones. The cattle suitable for the Christmas market have been bought up at high prices, and this shows the encouraged feeders to invest in deer stock, which after a month or two may not look like a profitable investment.—G. W.

METZ—The severe ice storm on Monday, November 1st, did great harm to trees, also to the telephone lines. There are a great number of auction sales this fall, some of which are due to the number going west, and some are intended to be nearly wound up before it freezes up. Hay is selling at \$14.00 and \$12.00 and \$11.00; oats, 40¢ good country, 35¢ and 30¢ a bushel, and hogs \$7.50 a cwt. There seemed to be more work put on the land this fall than usual on account of the low tide. If all farmers were would follow this practice it would help some to lessen the cost of the seed.—H. E.

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BYRON—Much labor is being expended on the roads in cutting down hills, and filling up the lower places. Several villages and steel bridges are also in course of construction. These new improvements will add greatly to the value of the property and to the convenience of the people.—J. E. O.

TEMPO—More than 100 years ago, Sir Thomas Talbot, an old country gentleman, secured a grant of land from the British Crown for settlement. This included Middlesex and Elgin Counties. Now Sir Thomas brought from his old home, "Malahide Castle," Ireland, among many other things, some small apple trees. These were planted at Port Talbot, on the shores of Lake Erie, an ideal situation, and, of course, soon began to produce fruit. When the early settlers went to the lake to secure the timber later on their deeds, Sir Thomas would give them a few apples. He also gave them explicit instructions as to how to plant and tend the settlers did so, and thus saw their orchards blooming and bearing fruit, thus to their pleasure and joy. So that from year to year, there has not been any scarcity of apples all around here. The first fruit produced was very good, but as the orchards were growing in the rich virgin soil, the apples grew large and juicy. These old orchards are all gone and have been replaced by the newer and more up-to-date varieties, though no more appreciated than the old varieties were in their day. E. O.

GREY CO., ONT.

MAPLE LAKE—Although October was in part very disagreeable, November was very fine and gave good opportunity to grade the roads and to plant the trees. Those who owned plenty of rape had good success side feed till November 23. O's have been stable feeders for some time past. It is a good idea to provide plenty of feed for late fall. Threshing is just being completed, and the satisfactory results. The majority of farmers manage to thresh a spell in or just after harvest, and leave the rest until the time is not so very favorable. There will be plenty of feed for all demands. Hogs are very scarce, weanlings sell at rates for \$2.50 up to 10¢ to make them generally have gone into winter quarters in good condition.—J. B. P.

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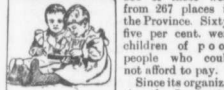
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