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Interest is taken on the work on such farms, it puts the farm above the ordinary, greater returns are obtained from the same, and farm life becomes more worth the living. A fine field of improved standing grain is a great joy to its owner, and is a standing advertisement of the best kind to all passers-by, for all that that farm produces.

Farmers Defend the Fort

Geo. Rice, Oxford Co., Ont.

A fine tribute to the influence of the farmers upon the prosperity of the country, has been drawn out by the recent set back upon the prosperity of the country, whereby several financial institutions have been experiencing hard times.

To relieve the depression, to whom do all eyes turn? Certainly not to the speculator, the boomster, or the gambler, nor yet to the manufacturers and other industries, great as they are. All eyes turn to the farmer. Of late, all eyes have been turned in the direction of the coming crops. Probably with a view of "whistling to keep their courage up" as it were, or to inspire confidence, papers have been dealing out enthusiastic crop reports all summer. Even before the grain was in the ground in the North-West we read of fine reports of great crop promise, etc. Here in Ontario for some reason papers have been publishing crop reports that would seem rather over-drawn. But, probably all crops look alike to the inexperienced crop reporters that have been writing things up.

CONDITION OF THE CROPS

While there is no great shortage of crops throughout Ontario, yet on the whole crops must be considered rather below the average. Hay may be considered from one-half to two-thirds of a crop. On account of the scarcity of help much of it was cut very late. Fall wheat where grown has been a pretty good crop. The acreage has not been as large as in former years, as farmers recognize that they cannot compete with the Northwest in growing wheat. Oats have been sown over a greater area than in former years, but as far as the writer has travelled they are a very indifferent crop. They came out in head when only eight or ten inches or a foot high. The rains have helped the growth lately, but when the straw is so short the yield is likely to be short too. The oats will probably be heavier per bushel than last year as the blight does not seem to have affected them.

Barley is also an indifferent crop, from medium to poor. Owing to the peculiar state of the weather it did not do so well in the earlier part of the season. Corn, of which an increased quantity is grown yearly, mostly for silos, will probably make up to a very good crop. Where it got an early start, it is excellent, but there are many fields that had to be sown a second time. This was due either to poor seed or the unfavorable condition of the ground. The wet weather at planting time delayed planting on heavier land so that some crops got a late start. Since we have had fine rains and very warm weather—ideal conditions—so that the growth will be large and very rapid. The rains of late will be of more benefit to the corn and roots than to the grain crops.

DEPENDENT UPON DAIRYING

However it is not on grain crops alone that many farmers depend for their revenue. They look to the dairy to supply much of it. The heavy rains recently which were both copious and long continued have thoroughly soaked the ground. While being bad for wheat, making it sprout in the stacks, it has been great for the peaches. Not only, will the second crop of clover get a fine growth, but

even the old pastures that were getting very dry have been freshened up and they have made a growth of late like that of spring. The cows instead of shrinking day by day have not only held their own but have increased in their milk supply. Even a pound or so of milk a day from all the cows in the dairy districts totals an immense amount. This year, we may look for a fairly large yield of milk. As the market has been kept fairly well cleaned up, fairly good prices will likely rule for all dairy produce. This means a great deal to the dairy farmer. He stands to make more out of a large flow of milk, with fair prices for his produce, when the same milk is made out of cheap food like grass and not out of the more expensive mill-feeds, than he would out of a smaller quantity of milk for which he might get a slightly better price, but would have to provide much more supplementary feed.

PROSPECTS BRIGHT FOR DAIRYING

Cows will likely be in better condition through the latter part of the season and the fall because of the good pastures. Usually they have to rustle pretty much for themselves during August. The farmers are busy gathering the crops during this month and too often the cows are neglected and not fed supplementary feed. Now however, with pastures so good, even if the farmer is busy the cows can help themselves, and we may look for a favorable year for the dairy business from now on.

The revenue from hogs will not be so large this year. The comparatively low prices received for hogs and the high price which had to be paid for feed has discouraged many in the business. As we are now likely to have a shortage of young grains again it is just as well that hogs are not too numerous because hog feed is not likely to be very plentiful. Many would have to depend on mill feed, which is very indifferently and of uncertain quality. With the shortage of oats and barley, stock breeders will have to depend more on mill feed.

Try It On a Small Scale

Ed. The Dairyman and Farming World: Free rural delivery would be a very good thing for the farmers, and it seems to me, we should have free delivery all over the country. The only thing against it would be the expense. We have too many roads, and if the Government were to go into anything like that there are too many fellows looking for a fat job or office.

Still there is no reason why the Government should not try it on a small scale at first. Then, if it proves anything near a success, they could extend it. The farmers in this section are all in favor of free rural delivery.—Thos. Howe, sr., Ontario Co., Ont.

A Few Pointers

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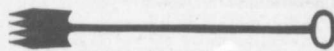
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