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Crawford peaches will be scarce, but some less popular varieties are fairly abundant, the later kinds more especially. Cherries yielded well, but the robins and other birds were very injurious to the growing crop, and black-knot is relentlessly attacking the trees. Grapes give promise of an immense yield, and the rose bug is mentioned so far only to note its absence. Small fruits generally were a good average crop.

Pastures and Live Stock—Pastures were in good condition when correspondents reported about the middle of August, except in Renfrew and one or two other St. Lawrence and Ottawa counties, and in the northern districts. Most of the live stock were consequently in good form, even though they had been put on the grass in much thinner condition than usual, owing to the scarcity of fodder last winter. All classes of farm stock are remarkably free from disease, the only serious feature reported being the unusually large number of cows that failed to come into calf this season. This, coupled with the fact that many dairy cows were sold for beef last fall and winter, means that the scarcity of milkers will be continued. Flies were very annoying in many parts of the Province. The flow of milk was fairly steady during the summer, and was keeping well up as correspondents wrote. The quantity of milk this year, however, will be less than that of last season, owing to fewer cows being available; but good prices have brought a ready market for both butter and cheese, and so far the season has been regarded as a favorable one for the dairy. From present appearances, there will be more than a sufficiency of fodder for the fall and winter keep of live stock.

Labor and Wages—There has been a sufficiency of ordinary farm help, but first-class agricultural hands are as scarce as ever. Harvest wages ranged from \$1 to \$2 a day with board, \$1.25 and \$1.50 being most frequently given; monthly rates varied from \$15 to \$35 with board, according to experience. More tried men are being hired by the year, with house, although improved machinery is rendering farmers more independent of hired help.

She—"Where's your Naturalist Brother now?"

He—"California. Started an Apiary, don't you know?"

She—"How nice! Monkeys are so interesting!"—Punch.



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