

cultural and mechanics' societies throughout the province. It will be seen that the departments of live stock and agricultural productions are to be this year thrown open to general competition, so that we may reasonably expect a number of competitors appearing from the adjacent British Provinces and the neighboring States.

The Weather and the Crops.

Up to the date of this issue of our Journal the weather has been very favourable for getting in the spring crops, which work, with the exception of Swede Turnips, and some other fallow crops, may now be said to be completed. For Swede Turnips the first and second week in June, or say about the 10th of this month, has generally been found to be the best time of sowing, provided the weather and the state of the ground be suitable. For the growing crops this season there has been a great lack of moisture. In this portion of Canada, there can scarcely be said to have been more than one day's good rain since spring work commenced. Fall wheat generally looks pretty well, and did not suffer much from winter killing or late frosts, but spring wheat and other spring grains are seriously retarded for want of rain, and unless we soon have sufficiently copious showers the meadows will give but a short crop. An esteemed correspondent from West Northumberland writes us:—

"Our crops have been mostly all got in in good order, and, notwithstanding the spring was late, vegetation is as far advanced now as it usually is at this season of the year. The weather was favourable for getting in the crops well. Rain is wanted now, and unless we have some soon our hay crop will be light, indeed all crops want rain."

The accounts are pretty much the same from all parts of the country, west, as well as east, but we hope that a few days of plentiful rain may soon put a different face on the appearance of the fields. The Kingston Whig of a late date says:—

"Rain is badly needed, at least most farmers are crying out for it. Peas and potatoes are doing very well. In this section of Canada, the crops have been put in exceedingly well, and in ample time, the weather being very favourable for spring work. But the country wants rain badly, and the hay will suffer if rain does not

soon fall in abundance. As little winter wheat is sown in this neighbourhood, we can offer opinion as to its state of forwardness, but have heard no complaints as yet. A large breadth of rye has been planted, and that looks well.

Reply to the Address of Condolence to Her Majesty.

The following correspondence was inadvertently omitted in a previous issue of our Journal. It is in acknowledgement of the Address of Condolence to Her Majesty, on the occasion of the death of the late Prince Consort, adopted at the convention of the Agricultural Association held in this city on 30th January last.

QUEBEC, 19th April, 1862

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor General to transmit to you the enclosed copy of a despatch from the Secretary of State for Colonies, conveying Her Majesty's gracious reply to the address of condolence from the Agricultural Association of Upper Canada.

I have the honour to be,

&c., &c., &c.,

DENIS WILLY
Governor's Secy

H. C. THOMSON, Esq.,
&c. &c., &c.,
Toronto.

[Copy No. 89.]

DOWNING STREET,
4th April, 1862

My Lord,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's despatch No. 1414 of the 14th ultimo, together with an address of condolence to the Queen from the Agricultural Association of Upper Canada.

I have to request that you will inform the Agricultural body from whom the address was presented that it has been laid before the Queen, and that Her Majesty was much impressed with the expression of sympathy and devotion.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) NEWCASTLE

VICOUNT MONCK,
Governor, &c., &c. &c.

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LONDON, ENGLAND,
6th May, 1862

Editor of the Canadian Agriculturist

Sir,—Having arrived at Liverpool on the morning of Saturday the 3rd inst. on a very pleasant voyage across the ocean.