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HALIFAX, July 1st, 1872.

The peculiar character of the present season has been too forcibly pressed upon the attention of those engaged in rural operations: a cold, wet, and, in every way, *backward* spring, followed by some very hot days; yesterday our thermometer (10 miles north from Halifax, and 290 feet above the sea level) tood at 85° in the shade for eight hours.

The results of the long continued cold and wet weather are shown in the ample reports from Members of the Board of Agriculture and other Correspondents, which we are enabled to publish in the present number.

HAY CROP.

Throughout the Province we may expect an abundant Hay Crop, although in certain localities there will be a deficiency. In exposed places, where there was much ice formed, patches have been winter killed; in low marsh lands there has been too much wet; in very rich lands, the grass has grown so rank that it is already lodged and will require to be cut early;

but on average uplands and well drained marsh lands there is a healthy and rapid growth, and every promise of an unusually large yield.

POTATOES.

The wet, cold season has apparently affected this crop more injurious than any other, by preventing preparation of the land and planting. Potatoes that were planted very early on cold moist soils have in many cases rotted; but in dry soils they are coming away rapidly, and present a very healthy appearance. H. BLACK, Esq., Amherst, reports: less sown than usual. G. CAMERON, Esq., Guysboro' Intervale; quantity planted, considerably below average. B. ZWICKER, Esq., Mahone Bay: not as much as usual. GEO. WHITMAN, Esq., Annapolis: much of the seed planted in very wet land has been destroyed. C. J. CAMPBELL, Esq., M.P.P., Baddeck: prospects very bad. DR. HAMILTON, Cornwallis: one third less planted than in former years. JOHN DAKIN, Esq.: fully one fourth less in Digby. DAVID MCNAIR,

Esq., Antigonish: fully one third short of former years. I. LONGWORTH, Esq., Colchester: not as many bushels as formerly. D. ARCHIBALD, Esq., Upper Musquodoboit: far short of the breadth planted generally. H. DAVENPORT, Esq., Sydney: a deficiency of one third. G. C. LAWRENCE, Esq., Port Hood: breadth of land planted largely diminished. J. J. O'BRIEN, Esq., reports that through Maitland, Noel and Walton less than half the seed usually planted has been put in. JOHN ROSS, Esq., M.P.P., gives a similar account of Boularderie.

There is a remarkable unanimity in these reports that renders it quite certain the breadth of land planted, with Potatoes throughout the whole Province is much less this year than in ordinary seasons, and, however favourable the season may prove to be for growth and ripening, there will of necessity be a deficiency. The probable deficiency, as near as can be estimated, will be one third for the whole Province. It is understood that there is likewise a large