

## From all Over the Dominion

### Prince Edward Island

The weather, with the exception of a few days, has been very cool up to July 3. Crops are looking well since the late rain, but the hay crop in some localities is expected to be rather below the average. Pastures are also looking better. On account of the late drought the mills have been unable to run full time. Codfish and lobsters are reported scarce. Good catches of mackerel lately. The market was lately as follows on July 3. Wild strawberries sold for 30c. per quart. Beef by quarter 65 to 70c., small 6 to 12c. per lb. Mutton per carcass, 6 to 7c.; lamb 65 to 85c., fowl per pound, 9c.; butter, fresh, 20 to 22c.; cheese, 10c. per lb.; eggs, 11 to 12 cts.; flour, \$2 per cwt.; oatmeal, \$2.50 to \$3; potatoes, 40 to 45c. per bushel; turnips, 18 to 20c. per bushel; codfish, 8 to 25c. each; lobsters, 5 to 15c. Oats, 35 to 36c. per bushel, hay 60 to 65c. per cwt.

Beef cattle are reported hardly saleable at present. Horses are in good demand. A Clow took over six horses to St. John on July 3rd. Potatoes are looking fine, but the bugs are already here.

The S.S. Bonavista sailed on June 29th for St. John's, Nfld., via Sydney, and North Sydney, C.B. Her outward cargo from here consisted of 1,500 bags oats, 60 tubs butter, 25 boxes cheese and sundries. Deck cargo, 72 head cattle, 4 horses and 168 sheep.

Cows are milking better lately and business at the cheese and butter factories is increasing.

A large number of chickens have been hatched this year. There is expected to be good demand for them in the fall.

The auction sale of the Westwood poultry farm on June 24th was largely attended. Everything was sold, and fair prices realized. Mr. W. H. Hankin bought the large poultry house, 220 feet long, for \$580. He also bought the large 380 egg incubator, the other buildings and a good deal of stock.

Some pure bred stock was bought by Mr. George Matheson, Messrs. Mark Wright, Amear, and McMillan purchased the other incubators.

Joseph Read & Co. shipped 300 bags of potatoes by the Northumberland on June 28th for the Boston market. A. R.

### Nova Scotia Consolidated Rural School

The board of trustees for the Nova Scotia Consolidated Rural School to be established in the district of Middleton, held their first meeting last week. Norman Beckwith, Nictaux, was elected president and C. C. Slocumb, East Brooklyn, secretary. Resolutions were adopted thanking Sir Wm. C. Macdonald and Prof. Robert

son for their efforts in securing a consolidated rural school for the Middleton district. A scale of salaries was fixed and a staff of teachers secured with the exception of the vice-principal, who will be engaged later. The principal will be Prof. G. B. McGill. It was recommended that the teachers engaged who have not taken the short summer course at Truro, should do so.

### In and About Quebec

A peculiar season is this of 1903. The fine weather of April was responsible for much early sowing of various crops, which for the most part were destroyed by the hard frosts about the 26th of May. What survived suffered from the prolonged drought, and as a general thing, I believe, the crops are backward. Early sown grain on fall plowing is looking very well indeed, but spring plowing has come up very unevenly and will not amount to very much; this applies to wheat, oats and barley. Not much pease has been sown this season, but what has looks fairly well. Buckwheat was not put in early enough to have suffered much from the dry weather, and appears to be doing well.

Corn is only a medium crop, had seed owing to the wet season of 1902, seems to be the cause of a poor catch in places.

Potatoes alone seem to have come through the drought in good shape. Other roots are very poor, especially mangels, and a lot of turnip seed is being used to replace misses.

A large prospective crop of apples almost entirely disappeared after the frosts in the latter part of May. Small fruits are scarce, although wild raspberries will be plentiful. Plums are not to be thought of.

Hay will not be more than half a crop, although the present weather is very favorable for its growth, but it lacks bottom entirely.

Pastures are picking up, but the usual June flush of milk has this year been conspicuous by its absence. H. W. P.

### Northwest Institute Meetings

Mr. Duncan Anderson, Rugby, Ont., is addressing farmers' institute meetings in the Northwest Territories. Writing regarding his work, Mr. Anderson says: "Our meetings are quite successful; they are generally held in the open air, but when the weather is unfavorable, we make use of a large tent or skating rink. The farmers are much interested in the demonstration work. I have demonstrated every day on heavy horses, dairy cattle and beef cattle, and have had some very fine Clyde and Shire stallions, also Shorthorn, Hereford and Ayrshire cattle for object lessons.

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