

crops, I think the farmers are likely to have an abundant return for their labour.

Yours, &c.,

CHAS. B. WHITMAN.

FROM GEORGE WHITMAN, ESQ., ROUND HILL, ANNAPOLIS.

*Round Hill, Annapolis, }  
June 20th, 1874.*

DEAR SIR,—In answer to your letter of the 10th inst., requesting information of the prospects of crops in this district, I am happy to be able to report the fruit-trees looking well with a fine show of blossoms, and every prospect of an abundant crop of fruit.

Owing to the wet weather in April, and the general scarcity of Hay throughout the country, many were hindered in getting in their crop; but the weather during May being unusually fine, the farmers generally have been enabled to get the usual amount of land tilled. More potatoes have been planted than last year, and also more oats sown—both of which look well, and promise a yield above the average.

Very little corn planted, which is later than usual, owing to the cold and wet weather during the past two weeks.

But little wheat, rye, or barley sown, that sown looks well.

The grass appears to be well set, and is more forward than at this time last year, and promises an abundant yield, which is quite encouraging, as the hay and fruit are the two most important crops for the farmers of Annapolis.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE WHITMAN.

FROM AVARD LONGLEY, ESQ., PARADISE, ANNAPOLIS.

*Paradise, June 23rd, 1874.*

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your enquiries of recent date concerning the crops in this district, I beg to say, speaking generally, that they promise well. To particularize, the following brief statement or exhibit may be deemed pretty reliable:—

Hay crop unusually promising; pastures good, and dairy products likely to reach the average standard; wheat, barley, and oats promise well; potatoes good, and fully an average breadth planted; Indian corn backward and somewhat unpromising, turnips, mangolds, beets, and carrots have come up well, and bid fair to give a good yield.

Fruit promises to be most abundant. As regards the apple crop there has been the best show of blossoms ever witnessed in the history of this county, and the apples and fruit generally are seemingly setting well. The chances are in favor of a large exportation of apples from Nova Scotia this season, I think.

Should nothing occur to mar present

prospects, it may be pretty safely predicted that the apple crop of 1874 will be the largest ever harvested in the country. Pears, cherries, and nearly all the varieties of small fruit promise well.

I shall be happy to answer any further enquiries if necessary, and remain very truly yours,

A. LONGLEY.

FROM REV. W. M. GODFREY, CLEMENTS, ANNAPOLIS, TO J. DAKIN, ESQ.

*Clements, June 22nd, 1874.*

If you see Mr. Lawson, please say to him, I received his letter, asking for an "anticipated donation" from our Society to the Exhibition in addition to the tenders voted. In reply, say his request came just after our quarterly meeting in June had closed, and that most of our people having been called to Court as jurors, and others having gone to the Baptist Association, I have not yet been able to gather members enough to assent to his proposition. With regard to his note of inquiry about our crops: They were got in with great difficulty and delay, owing to the weakness of working cattle, many of which had been turned out to seek their own living in April, and so became too feeble to work; and the cold backward weather since planting has seriously damaged our prospect. Potatoes in wet lands look sickly; corn is backward, and barley somewhat injured. The grass, however, with some few exceptions of old worn out fields, promises well, and if July opens warm and favorably, we in this township, always backward, may yet come forward in a manner to enable us to win the Provincial grant next December.

Yours truly,

W. M. GODFREY,

*Sec'y Clements Agricultural Society.*

The cherry crop at Bear River promises well. Apples will be possibly an average crop, and smaller fruits, currants and gooseberries, are sadly damaged by the currant worm, against which as yet we have found no remedy.

FROM J. J. O'BRIEN, ESQ., NOEL, HANTS COUNTY.

*Noel, 23rd June, 1874.*

DEAR SIR,—Since I received your note of the 12th inst., I have made enquiries, and from all parts of East Hants I hear favorable reports of the crops. The hay although rather late beginning to grow has made remarkable progress, and may be almost looked on as secure for an abundant supply.

The grain, potatoes and other crops also appear to be doing well, and promise an abundant return for the labors of the husbandman, and seldom have been better at this season of the year.

I am happy to observe that the measures taken so far in the Industrial Exhibition matter appear to be working well, and I think Hants will not be missing when the time comes.

The JOURNAL OF AGRICULTURE also is useful, and the contributions to it by your correspondents are becoming very interesting, when such men as Colonel Laurie, A. C. Thomas, Samuel Blois, and others give us the benefit of their experience, judgment and science on the somewhat difficult subjects of capital and labor, expenditure and income. We cannot fail to observe how necessary it is to understand the principles of science in connection with agriculture. Chemistry, political economy, and others, will I hope be more and more studied by our young men, and thus be made, as they are capable of being made, subservient to the best interests of our country.

I am, &c.,

J. J. O'BRIEN.

FROM EDWARD ALLISON, ESQ., NEWPORT.

*Newport, June 16th 1874.*

DEAR SIR,—Yours of the 10 inst received. The prospect for Hay is very good. Oats are looking well. Barley starting well. Wheat is coming up very well. Potatoes coming well. The weather is rather cool for Corn, Turnips, Mangold, &c. The prospect of the Apple crop is good. Cherries good. Plums very poor.

It is rather soon to say what the crops will be, but the prospect so far is good.

Yours truly,

EDWARD ALLISON.

FROM JAMES GRAHAM, ESQ., NINE MILE RIVER.

*Nine Mile River, 22nd June, 1874.*

DEAR SIR,—In compliance with your request, I would respectfully intimate that I cannot report as favorably of the crops growing as I would wish to do. The cold wet spring has kept back the operation of planting until this period—even when I write, the potatoes, barley and buckwheat are not all planted yet, and all cropping has been, I think, so far poorly done, as the ground was too wet at any time for the usual operation of carting and ploughing. The grass alone promises to be an abundant crop in consequence of the superabundance of moisture, and promises to yield a plentiful crop, this alone is very encouraging as the farmers in general suffered from want of hay to perform their very late spring work. The oats seem to be stunted and turning red in the leaf from the wetness of the soil when sown. The few early potatoes planted in dry and warm places look quite well, but these are few. I