

State of Crops Throughout the Province.

JULY CROP BULLETIN, 1890.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, Fredericton, July 22nd, 1890.

Notwithstanding a very wet and backward spring, I am able to report favorably upon crop prospects.

The past winter was of an unusual character, the early part having been remarkably open with frequent rains, the latter part generally severe, especially in the Gulf counties, where both the cold and snow were said to have been in excess of the average.

On the whole, the winter was not so severe as the average, but the late spring frosts, which were unusually large, conspired to reduce the supply of old hay on hand to a very small amount.

As a result of the high percentage of mortality in lambs, and the same thing has been mentioned to me by others, in the regular correspondence of the office.

Others of my correspondents say that owing to the shortness of feed last fall, cattle went into the barns in poor condition, and were consequently not in shape to stand the long winter; therefore they came out this spring looking very thin.

This is unfortunate for the owners, because where cattle have not wintered well, they require more of the summer to regain lost ground.

In this connection it may be well once more to call attention to the importance of growing fodder corn, or some other green food to supplement the pasture.

This is being done largely in Kings and some other parts of the Province with the best results.

The complaints of winter-killed grass are not so general as usual, or as might be expected after a winter characterized by light snow fall in the beginning.

This attribute in part to the slowness with which vegetation started, and it tends to confirm the theory that a large portion of the winter-killing is done after the snow goes off in the spring.

On the whole the hay crop is probably not quite up to the average.

Seed time appears to have been from ten days to three weeks later than usual, according to locality, perhaps an average for the whole Province would be a fortnight later than the general run of years and nearly three weeks later than last year.

In view of this, the reports as to the breadth in crop are very interesting. In two hundred and fifty-seven cases the area sown is reported as equal to that of last year, which, as every one remembers, was an exceptionally fine spring for putting in a crop.

In one hundred and twenty-six cases a decrease is reported, and in ninety-nine an increase. Taking these returns in connection with the individual crop reports and the localities from which the reports come, I conclude that the acreage in crop is fully as large as last year, and the general condition of the crop, though late, is satisfactory.

The condition of the fruit crop is very satisfactory, and the interest taken in this important branch of farming is more general.

It is very gratifying to be able to report that forty-four correspondents tell of an increased interest in dairying. These are not confined to any part of the Province, so that there may be said to be a pretty general awakening on this most important subject.

I have not published the replies of those who simply reported that no increase was observable to them. I think we may look with confidence for a further improvement in this line.

Recent legislation, the lectures that have been delivered and are now being delivered in the Province on the question of dairying, the great prominence given to the matter by the Provincial Farmers' Association, and the co-operation of the press must produce very beneficial results.

It may be worth considering whether it would not be desirable to have the right to appoint inspectors of butter. There is a too general complaint that sufficient distinction is not made in the market between good and inferior grades of butter.

Undoubtedly, if inspection were provided for, butter that received an A1 certificate would bring a better price than an inferior article, and thus would be removed all ground for the claim that it did not pay to make a good article.

I take this opportunity of saying that I am able to note an increasing interest in improved farming and stock raising. The Agricultural Societies are showing a more liberal spirit and generally there are many reasons to feel encouraged.

I do not think that it can any longer be said with truth that the farming community is not responsive to efforts made to stimulate an interest in better methods. It is true that the attendance at the Farmers' Association or at the Agricultural lectures is not large as is desirable, but it must not be forgotten that the provincial newspapers have dealt so generously with these events, that the most of what has been said or done has been reported broadcast.

I have to thank my correspondents for their courtesy in replying to my circulars. It entails some trouble upon them, for which of course they can receive no direct recompense. It would make these reports more valuable if more replies were sent in, and I would like to say to those persons who do not reply to circulars sent them, or who send their replies in too late to be used, that they would confer a favor upon the department and the public, if they would kindly answer the circulars as soon as received.

If there are any gentlemen who would be willing to act as correspondents, I would like to have their names and post office address.

In the reports which follow, an excellent idea is given of the present condition of farming in the Province. They are evidently in most cases prepared with a good deal of care and they will repay perusal.

CHAS. H. LUGRIN, Secretary for Agriculture.

THE PAST WINTER AND THE HAY CROP.

ALBERT COUNTY.

W. P. Robinson, Elgin—Grass land was injured somewhat by the warm winter and absence of snow; but the hay crop will be a full one. The winter was favorable to stock.

W. E. Bishop, Irving Settlement—A favorable winter for stock. There was not much snow and a good deal of ice; but the hay crop was not hurt and its prospects are good.

C. J. Bennett, Rosedale—The sudden changes in the weather were hard on stock, and heavy rains, with ice forming, hurt the grass. Hay prospects are good on marshes and lowlands, but on highlands they are poor.

Alex. Rogers, Hopewell Hill—The winter was not severe on stock; but the spring was late and feed scarce. Not much grass was winter-killed. The hay on the marshes is better than last year, but is not so good on the uplands.

CARLETON COUNTY.

S. E. Campbell, Brighton—The winter was mild and long; on the whole unfavorable to stock; but it did not injure the grass land. Hay prospects are an average crop. New seeded meadows promise a good crop.

H. H. Scholey, Centreville—The winter was cold, with plenty of snow. Clover was not killed, which we take as a sign that grass lands did not suffer. New meadows look all; old meadows not so promising. Stock did very well.

F. E. McNally, Kent—We had a heavy snow fall which did not go off until late, consequently grass roots wintered well. New seeded meadows are exceptionally good. Hay prospects generally are good. Stock generally came through the winter well, though hay was scarce towards spring.

David Burt, Centreville—The winter did not injure grass in this section and we will have a full hay crop. Stock did as usual.

James Love, Glassville—Fodder was scarce towards spring. Hay will be an average crop, but late.

A. W. Hay, Lower Woodstock—Except that it was unusually long the past winter was not severe on stock. Grass was very little injured by frost. Hay will be late, but about an average crop.

James Simons, Jacksonville—Stock did not winter as well as usual, probably owing to short pasturage in the fall. The grass land was not hurt and its prospects are very good.

E. M. Shaw, Victoria Corner—A very favorable winter for stock, and a winter, generally speaking, where land is wet and not drained grass is light, having either been killed out by the frost or hardly recovered from last year's drought. On the whole, hay will be an average crop, with a good proportion of clover.

Gideon Phillips, Coldstream—Stock came through the winter very well. Grass was not winter-killed any in this locality and hay will be a good crop, but late.

G. L. Cronkite, Royalton—A favorable winter for stock and grass. The prospects for hay are better than for some years.

CHARLOTTE COUNTY.

John S. Magee, St. Andrews—The winter was very favorable to stock, and was mild, but grass lands were winter-killed to a considerable extent. The prospects for hay are poor.

John S. Maxwell, St. Stephen—The winter was mild and favorable to stock, with little or no winter-killed grass. Hay will be late and about 75 per cent. of last year's crop.

H. E. Hill, St. Stephen—A favorable winter for stock and for the grass lands. Prospects for hay are good.

J. W. Stevenson, St. Patrick—A favorable winter for stock, except spring lambs, a large part of which died, from some unknown cause. The snow fall was light, and grass was hurt on the

intervals. The hay crop will be 25 per cent. below last year's; and the grass is full of weeds.

F. M. Miville, St. Stephen—A favorable winter for stock, which came out looking well in the spring, partly on account of better care and much on account of better feed. We see a great improvement in this line, horses and cattle especially. The winter was not hard on grass lands, and hay is about an average crop.

A. M. Mealy, Pennfield—Stock wintered well. The lack of snow was injurious to grass land, though highland did not suffer much. Hay will be a light crop in this section, as so much grass was winter-killed. P. McLaughlin, Doacobe—A very favorable winter for stock. Considerable grass winter-killed. Hay prospects fair, say 80 per cent.

GLOUCESTER COUNTY.

W. Walsh, Pokemouche—Stock required heavy feeding and many cows came out very thin. A rough winter on grass; but it looked well in June.

James Hayden, Pokemouche—A favorable winter for stock. Grass was well covered with snow and was not hurt. Hay promises to be an average crop; better than last year.

Once Hornbrook, New Brunswick—An unfavorable winter for stock owing to severe weather and late spring. It was the most severe winter in many years, but snow being deep grass was not hurt much; the late spring frosts, which were unusually large, conspired to reduce the supply of old hay on hand to a very small amount.

W. Rogers, Bathurst—Stock generally wintered well. The most severe winter for twenty years; severe frosts and heavy snowfall. The snow helped the grass, none being winter-killed. New hay is a full crop; better than last year.

John Jardine, Jr., Kingston—The past winter was unfavorable to the grass lands, having laid on the pastures, killing much of the new sown hay. Hay is about a month later than last season, and the present prospects are that the crop will be much below the average.

Rev. Joseph Michaud, Bouchouche—The winter was rather mild and favorable to stock. Grass lands suffered less from late frosts than the winter after soft weather. The prospects of the hay crop are very poor.

P. M. Theriault, St. Mary—The winter was hard on stock, and no hay was left on hand; but though the snow fall was not light grass was not hurt by the frost. Hay will be 20 per cent. better than last year.

J. T. Vautour, St. Louis—The winter was not favorable to stock, especially the latter part of it. The ice which covered the land lay late in the spring has hurt and delayed the grass crop. The hay crop appears below the average of last year.

McG. Powell and C. Y. Walker—A very favorable winter for stock, which came out stronger than usual. The hay crop is in general light in consequence of winter-killed grass and a backward spring.

F. X. Cormier, Coacobe—An unfavorable winter for stock. Much new hay was killed by ice; but the prospects of the crop are 50 per cent. better than last year.

Hon. O. J. LeBlanc, St. Mary—A fairly favorable winter; but feed of all kinds was very scarce, and consequently cattle did not come out as well as they would otherwise have done. There was not much snow during the greater part of the winter, and the frost hurt the grass to some extent. New hay looks very well. Old hay is a poor crop; about two weeks later than usual. The cause is due to the cold rains.

Hon. G. H. Flewelling, Clifton—It was an average winter, and the prospects for hay are fair. Grass on good ground is doing first rate, but on poor ground it is late and not so well drained.

A. C. Fairweather, Rousesay—The winter was favorable to stock, but alternate freezing and thawing and the lack of snow seriously affected grass land, so that there is a poor prospect for hay.

Abram Alward, Butternut Ridge—The winter was favorable to stock. We had alternately snow and rain, so that the grass lands were either covered with ice or bare, and subsequently grass was badly killed out. Hay on uplands looks fair, on lowlands poor.

C. J. Keith, Havelock Corner—The winter was favorable to stock; but though rainy it did not do much good to the grass. The prospects for hay on dry land are very good; but not so good on wet land.

N. P. Wannanake, Hammond—A very favorable winter for stock, with little or no snow, and a very light frost. The prospects for hay are very good; grass winter-killed in some places. Hay about an average crop.

Thomas Ross, Sussex—A favorable winter for stock; but lack of snow and prevalence of ice on fields hurt the grass. Hay will be about an average crop.

O. N. Price, Havelock—Stock wintered well, and pastures being very green. The prospects for hay are very good. Some new seeded grass was killed. Hay is doing finely and will be 25 per cent. above last year.

Montgomery Capulch, Apohaqui—The winter was favorable to stock, and was not more severe than usual on the grass lands. Hay will be an average crop.

MADAWASKA COUNTY.

L. Theriault, M. P. P., Edmundston—Grass was very little injured last winter and hay promises an average crop.

Hon. G. H. Flewelling, Clifton—The winter was unfavorable to stock, but it was a hard winter on stock. The prospects of hay are excellent, the best in many years.

John Galloway, Napan—The past winter was very unfavorable to stock. There was a great deal of rain during the early winter months, and the weather was very wet, so that the grass was not hurt and on good strong land the prospect for hay is excellent.

George Jardine, Rogersville—The winter was unfavorable to stock, owing to its great length. The ice which formed on the fields killed many of the grass roots. Prospects of hay are fairly good.

QUEEN'S COUNTY.

Albert Palmer, M. P. P., Hamstead—The winter was hard and grass land was considerably injured, but the prospects for hay are very good.

L. Colwell, Cambridge—A favorable winter for stock. Grass land wintered well. The prospects for hay are good, both upland and interval, but the water will hurt the low land grass to some extent.

Delacy McAlpine, Cambridge—Stock wintered well, and went to grass in better shape than usual. Hay will be an average crop. On the whole the winter was not so wet, grass not being so sweet and nourishing as usual. The winter was not favorable to grass, being very wet with insufficient snow which was not so good as last year's. The late spring frosts, which were unusually large, conspired to reduce the supply of old hay on hand to a very small amount.

L. P. Farris, White Cove—A favorable winter for stock. Grass was winter-killed to some extent; but on dry ground the prospects of hay are fair. On lowland they are poor, on account of the wet and cold.

W. C. King, Chipman—A favorable winter for stock. Owing to lack of snow and cold weather the early winter months were considerably hurt, but the hay prospects are good.

Isaac C. Burpee, Upper Gaspeaux—A favorable winter for stock. Much grass was killed for want of snow early in the winter. Hay is fair on upland. Poor on lowlands.

RESTIGOUCHE COUNTY.

W. Murray, M. P. P., Campbellton—The past winter was a hard one on the Province generally, but it was not so severe on us, causing all kinds of food to be scarce. The prospects of hay are excellent.

SUNBURY COUNTY.

W. W. Hubbard, Burton—The winter of 1889-90 was remarkably fine and open. The lack of snow in the early winter, with frequent thaws and consequent ice, together with a long duration of freezing nights and thawing days in the spring, operated unfavorably on grass lands. Old meadows, intervals, and much winter-killed. On the whole upland hay will be an average; but the prospect is that the interval hay will not be up to the yield of late years. Stock wintered well.

W. Barker, Sheffield—We had about equal quantities of snow and rain, and grass was very little winter-killed in this locality. Stock wintered well.

T. L. Alexander, Fredericton Junction—The winter was mild. Stock did well and grass was not injured. Hay on the uplands will be a fair, perhaps an average crop, though ten days later than usual. The lowlands are injured by water and cannot make a full crop.

W. D. Smith, Blissville—The winter was very mild and favorable to stock; but there was much heavy rain and the ground being bare, much grass was killed in hollow places, but, perhaps, not to as great an extent as in late years. New seeded fields look well and promise a good yield. Hay on the uplands will be about 75 per cent. of a crop; on the intervals a full crop.

H. Wilnot, Burton—The winter was favorable to stock. There was much rain and mild weather in the early winter and not enough snow to keep grass from winter-killing. Hay is good on the highlands where not winter-killed. Very good on low intervals and islands. On low intervals the prospect is at present uncertain.

Hon. A. Harrison, Mungerville—A favorable winter for stock, but very severe on grass lands. Meadows were covered with ice much affected the grass land very materially, the grass being entirely killed in some places and weeds coming up in places. The prospects of hay will not be more than from 75 to 80 per cent. of an average.

ST. JOHN COUNTY.

W. E. Skillen, St. Martins—The winter was mild with little snow and favorable for stock. Grass land was not hurt and hay prospects are very good.

S. J. Shanklin, St. Martins and Simonds—The winter was favorable to stock, but the late spring was not so good as usual. The hay crop is left over. There was very little snow and much ice, so that many fields were winter-killed. Until the last week in June hay looked very promising; but the warm rains and hot weather of the past three weeks have made a decided change for the better, although there is not much improvement close to the Bay Shore. If the warm moist weather continues we will have a fair crop.

F. O. Olive, Lancaster—A mild winter, favorable to stock. Frequent rains kept the meadows bare and considerable grass was winter-killed. Old meadows are thin and bare. Hay prospects are from fair to good.

VICTORIA COUNTY.

J. McNichol, Kincardine—A favorable winter for stock. Grass land was not injured. Hay promises well.

A. F. McKinley, Grand Falls—A rather unfavorable winter for stock, very long and stormy; but the good grass in the pastures this year has compensated for the harshness of the winter and cattle look very fine. We had very dry snow, and it appears likely to have been beneficial. There are no complaints of winter-killed grass, which is well, as the old hay is about exhausted. Hay prospects are excellent, certainly 25 per cent. more than last year.

George Murton, Birch Ridge—Fodder was scarce and conse-

quently the animals on most farms were poor and thin in the spring. There was much loss with sheep and lambs. Mares and foals have done very well. The snow of the winter was favorable to grass. Clover survived it well; but on flat lands where there was not much chance for the water to run off, ice formed and much grass was winter-killed. Stems and sheltered spots were not much damaged. Lowland hay is better than highland; last year the reverse was true. The prospects of hay are unusually good; 83 per cent. above average and it will contain an unusual amount of clover.

WESTMORLAND COUNTY.

James Barry, Melrose—The winter was favorable to stock as it was not cold, but the spring was cold, backward and hard on animals. In the winter the winter for grass was as from lack of snow much grass was winter-killed. The hay crop looked light until lately, when the weather became warm and showery. If it continues thus for a short time the hay crop will be fair.

E. A. Dixon, Sackville—A rather favorable winter for stock; but so changeable and so much ice formed on the marshes that hay has been injured. The prospects for the crop on old land is still very poor, although the warm weather for the past week has caused an improvement. Many look for the poorest crop on record but there is still chance for improvement, and the warm weather continues, there will be an average crop, though two weeks later than usual.

Howard Trueman, Point de Bete—A favorable winter for stock, and it did not appear to have hurt the grass lands much. On good land hay will be an average crop; on low and poor land under average. On the whole less than average.

Gilbert Willbur, Shediac—A favorable winter for stock. There was very little snow, but severe frost hurt new seeded land but not the old. I think the severe weather of the past three seasons is telling on the hay lands in this vicinity. On dry land hay will be a fair average. On low, wet lands there was not a full crop.

W. A. Ward, Grand Shemogue—A favorable winter for stock and for grass lands. Hay is late, but is growing fast and will be an average crop.

Alfred Raworth, Upper Cape—A favorable winter for stock. A mild winter with little snow. Winter frosts hurt the grass lands. Hay is not so promising as last year, but is growing fast. The prospects for the crop are 50 per cent. better than last year.

D. Sinclair Smith, Petticoat—The winter was cold, but stock did well. There was very little snow, but grass was not hurt; 33 per cent. more hay will be cut than last year.

W. F. George, Sackville—Stock wintered well and went out in fine shape. On good marsh and well cultivated upland hay will be better than last year, but on poor ground the crop is poor. On the whole an average crop.

YORK COUNTY.

Daniel Elliott, Stanley—A very cold winter and unfavorable to stock; but grass was not hurt to any extent and hay will be 20 per cent. above an average.

E. Landon, Canterbury—The winter was favorable to stock, though wet and cold towards spring. Considerable ice lay on the fields and grass was winter-killed in some places. Hay is considerably later than last year, but it will be an average crop in this section.

John A. Campbell, Spring Hill—Stock wintered well, owing to the mildness of the season, but alternate thawing and freezing kept meadows covered with ice and much grass was winter-killed. Hay is in good shape on low, wet lands, but poor on the uplands.

John Rutherford, Tweedside—A very favorable winter to stock, but too much rain for the grass land. The prospects for hay have been better than last year.

G. M. Sleep, Upper Hainesville—A favorable winter for stock. It did not appear to hurt the grass which looked well in the spring, but the wet weather has injured it where the land was not well drained.

George Armstrong, Lower St. Mary's—A favorable winter for stock, but the abundance of rain led to the winter-killing of grass. Hay is late; but it will be an average crop.

A. W. Coburn, Harvey Station—A hard winter for stock. The fall being dry, cattle were housed in poor condition and required a good deal of feed to pull them through. Though long the winter did not hurt the grass. New grass where the land is poor looks well. Hay will be above an average crop.

John S. Magee, St. Andrews—The winter was favorable to stock, and the condition of the animals was fair; but the number of good steers is greatly reduced. Grass is very irregular, owing to cold weather and late spring. Some meadows look well, but poor fields are thin and will be light. The winter was favorable to grass, and any shortcoming in the hay crop will be due to the backward weather in May and June.

Luther Goodspeed, St. Mary's—Stock wintered well. Owing to wet weather and lack of snow much grass was winter-killed. Hay will be an average crop.

J. H. Murchie, St. Stephen—A favorable winter for stock. A good deal of snow was winter-killed. Hay prospects are average.

E. D. Estabrooks, Prince William—A very favorable winter on the meadows in general, but the ice which formed on the meadows injured the grass to some extent. Hay will be a very good crop; probably 10 per cent. above that of last year.

W. E. Skillen, St. Martins—The winter was favorable to stock, and the condition of the animals was fair; but the number of good steers is greatly reduced. Grass is very irregular, owing to cold weather and late spring. Some meadows look well, but poor fields are thin and will be light. The winter was favorable to grass, and any shortcoming in the hay crop will be due to the backward weather in May and June.

Luther Goodspeed, St. Mary's—The acreage in crop is about the same as last year, but there is an increase in wheat and potatoes, and a slight decrease in turnips, 100; wheat, 100; potatoes, 100; turnips, 100.

John S. Magee, St. Andrews—The acreage in crop is about the same as last year, but there is an increase in wheat and potatoes, and a slight decrease in turnips, 100; wheat, 100; potatoes, 100; turnips, 100.

E. Landon, Canterbury—The acreage in crop is ahead of last year.

John A. Campbell, Spring Hill—Turnips and buckwheat, 100; barley, 95; oats, 90; wheat and potatoes, 85 per cent.

John Rutherford, Tweedside—The acreage in crop is about the same as last year, but there is an increase in wheat and potatoes, and a slight decrease in turnips, 100; wheat, 100; potatoes, 100; turnips, 100.

G. M. Sleep, Upper Hainesville—Oats, 90 per cent; wheat, 50; barley, 100; potatoes, 100; turnips, 100.

G. Armstrong, Lower St. Mary's—The acreage in crop is about the same as last year, except a 25 per cent. reduction in wheat.

A. W. Coburn, Harvey—An average acreage in crop.

J. L. Inchee—It is difficult to give a correct statement of the average of crops, but it is no doubt less than usual because of the bad state of the land. All root crops, except potatoes, are short in acreage and in prospective yield.

Luther Goodspeed, St. Mary's—The acreage in crop is about the same as last year, but there is an increase in wheat and potatoes, and a slight decrease in turnips, 100; wheat, 100; potatoes, 100; turnips, 100.

J. H. Murchie, St. Stephen—Oats, 90; wheat, 50; barley, 75; buckwheat, 110; potatoes and turnips, 100.

A. W. Coburn, Harvey—An average acreage in crop.

J. L. Inchee—It is difficult to give a correct statement of the average of crops, but it is no doubt less than usual because of the bad state of the land. All root crops, except potatoes, are short in acreage and in prospective yield.

Luther Goodspeed, St. Mary's—The acreage in crop is about the same as last year, but there is an increase in wheat and potatoes, and a slight decrease in turnips, 100; wheat, 100; potatoes, 100; turnips, 100.

J. H. Murchie, St. Stephen—Oats, 90; wheat, 50; barley, 75; buckwheat, 110; potatoes and turnips, 100.

A. W. Coburn, Harvey—An average acreage in crop.

J. L. Inchee—It is difficult to give a correct statement of the average of crops, but it is no doubt less than usual because of the bad state of the land. All root crops, except potatoes, are short in acreage and in prospective yield.

Luther Goodspeed, St. Mary's—The acreage in crop is about the same as last year, but there is an increase in wheat and potatoes, and a slight decrease in turnips, 100; wheat, 100; potatoes, 100; turnips, 100.

J. H. Murchie, St. Stephen—Oats, 90; wheat, 50; barley, 75; buckwheat, 110; potatoes and turnips, 100.

A. W. Coburn, Harvey—An average acreage in crop.

J. L. Inchee—It is difficult to give a correct statement of the average of crops, but it is no doubt less than usual because of the bad state of the land. All root crops, except potatoes, are short in acreage and in prospective yield.

QUEEN'S COUNTY.

Albert Palmer, M. P. P., Hamstead—Oats, buckwheat and potatoes, 70 per cent. last year; wheat, 60 per cent; barley and turnips, 30 per cent.

G. L. Colwell, Cambridge—Wheat, barley, rye and fodder corn about as last year; buckwheat, 25 per cent. increase; oats, 20 per cent. decrease; turnips 25 per cent. decrease.

Delacy McAlpine, Cambridge—Oats are below the average acreage. Wheat is grown only to a small extent. Barley is not grown to any extent, last year's wheat and potatoes more than average. Fodder corn and rye an average.

L. P. Farris, White Cove—Wheat and fodder corn about as last year. Turnips, 30 per cent; potatoes, 80; oats and buckwheat, 75.

W. W. Hubbard, Burton—Fodder corn, 80 per cent. of last year; sweet corn, 45 per cent; other crops about the same.

W. Barker, Sheffield—The acreage is generally smaller than last year.

T. L. Alexander, Fredericton Junction—Oats and buckwheat the same as last year; potatoes, 80 per cent; wheat and turnips, 75 per cent.

W. D. Smith—An increase of 25 per cent. in barley and buckwheat; a decrease of 10 per cent. in turnips; other crops about the same as last year.

H. Wil