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THE SEASON AND CROPS.

HALIFAX, 26th July, 1870.

Through the kindness of our correspondents we are enabled this month to present our readers with a series of Reports on the State and Prospects of the crops throughout the various counties of the Province. These will be found to contain not only information of immediate interest, but instructive and suggestive remarks that will prove of permanent benefit to every thoughtful cultivator of the soil. We therefore bespeak them a careful reading. To the numerous gentlemen who have so promptly responded to our request for information, we beg to return our best thanks.

It will be observed from these Reports that our Hay Crop is to be unusually light, partly from injury to the marshes by the Saxby storm of last year, and partly on account of the drought of May and June burning up the poorer class of lands and fields. Land well worked and manured,—that is, land in good

heart"—can withstand a severe drought; but this season some of the best lands seem to have a short crop.

Wheat and other grains are very favorably reported, and we trust our farmers will be encouraged to increase still farther their acreage of grain, not as a "stolen crop" on new land, but as part of a regular rotation. The United States is not going to supply the whole world with wheat. As the new lands of the West become used up, the Wheat yield decreases. A considerable rise in the price of Flour and Wheat was telegraphed from the New York market a few days ago. Is this to be wondered at when we reflect upon the short crops in Europe, the sudden outburst of war there, and the remarkable fact that in the United States, with a rapidly increasing population, there is this year a decrease of five per cent on the land under Wheat of the whole Republic. There are 930,000 acres less Wheat in the States this year than in 1869. There is an increase in the acreage of Spring Wheat in

Nova Scotia, Maine, and New Hampshire.

There have been partial spring failures in the Potato, but only partial, and there is every prospect of an abundant crop. Early sown Turnips were mostly eaten up by the Flea, but those sown at the beginning of July are coming away vigorously and quite untouched.

The whole of the Returns may be summarised as follows:—Hay, average 4, over average 1, under average 14. Potatoes, average 3, over average 11, under average 1. Spring Wheat, average 1, over average 5, under average 1. Winter Wheat, over average 2. Oats, average 2, over average 4. Apples, average 2, over average 1, under average 3. Turnips, average 4, over average 2, under average 1. Cherries, plums, and small fruits are decidedly under an average crop. There is a great increase in the extent of Wheat, Oats, Barley, Roots, and especially Potatoes, grown by our farmers this season. The Pastures are mostly in good condition, and Dairy Pro-