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STATE OF THE CROPS.

Halifax, 2nd Sept., 1869.

In order that we might be able to give reliable information respecting the actual condition of the Crops throughout the Province at the present time, we applied by letter to some of the leading agriculturists in the various counties, and now furnish our readers with the substance of replies received.

CUMBERLAND.

From Hon. Alexander McFarlane, we learn that in Cumberland, the Hay crop is far in excess of that of any previous year, fully a third more than in good average seasons. Winter Wheat has done remarkable well, last winter having been favorable for it. Spring Wheat also will give a good yield, the weevil not having touched it. One farmer sowed 60 bushels Spring wheat this season, and the crop is all that can be desired.

[From T. D. Dickson, Esq.]

Parrsboro', Aug 31, 1869.

I received your letter of the 19th inst. on the 28th inst., wishing to know the state of the crops in this district.

I have to report most favorably of

them. The hay crop has been harvested and was never more abundant here. It is probably 50 per cent greater on the uplands than it was last year, and nearly all got in good condition. On the meadows or low grounds it is said not to be so good as it is generally. Potatoes look well everywhere and promise a large yield; no blight has attacked them here yet that I have heard of. Oats and buckwheat look well. Wheat, wherever sown, is ripening and filling well, and not affected by rust or weevil. Turnips and other vegetables are growing well. Apples will be a light crop. The wild fruits, viz., cranberries, blackberries, strawberries and raspberries have been most abundant.

PICOU.

Picton, 26th August, 1869.

I am in receipt of your esteemed favor of 19th inst., and am happy to inform you that from all that I can see and hear, concerning the crops in this county, there never was a more promising appearance at this season of the year.

The Hay crop is all or nearly all housed, a better crop than we have had for many years and put in prime order.

Wheat, Oats, Barley, and Buckwheat, all look exceedingly well, the only fear

is that in consequence of the wet backward weather in seed time, some fields look as though they would be late, but if the weather continues favorable for a few weeks there will likely be a very abundant harvest.

Potatoes and Turnips look uncommonly well and as yet there is no appearance of the much dreaded potato blight.

W. H. HARRIS.

[From James M. Patten, Esq.]

Lower Barney's River, Aug. 30, 1869.

I received your letter in regard to the state of the crops in our district, and in reply would beg leave to state,—That all field crops, so far as I can learn, are good. Early wheat, particularly the Fyfe imported by the Board, is very good—the late sown, I hear, is more or less affected with weevil; the Scotch or Mummy is a good crop, and I think is better suited to light gravelly soil than the Fyfe—the latter is better suited to clayey heavy land. Oats are a good crop. Grain heavy and straw good. Barley is also a good crop. Potatoes have a fine appearance, and I have heard of no appearance of rot. Hay crop I think is about an average. All root crops and garden vegetables promise well,—in fact all the crops present a good appearance where there is an effort