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See appeals for aid to lessen this calamity in the *Times*, September 10th and 16th, and in the *Star*, September 18th, 19th, and 25th, and in the *Canadian News*, September 17th and 24th. The extent of it is set forth in the appeal in the *Nor'-Wester* of August 7th in these words:—"We have had the customary fruits of the earth entirely cut off by a plague of grasshoppers, and, instead of our usual abundance, we shall reap nothing, absolutely nothing, in the shape of wheat, barley, rye, or oats." And this statement is confirmed by letters which appeared in that journal of August 11th, from the French R. C. Bishop, thus:—"I have to certify that in your issue of the 4th instant the following statement is not exaggerated, 'That within the whole colony not one bushel of any kind of grain will be harvested, and that the potato crop will be very meagre also.' Yes, everything is destroyed by the grasshoppers; neither grain nor vegetables of any kind are to be found in our gardens or fields. Moreover, the buffalo hunters, instead of furnishing their large share of provisions and leather, arrived starving from their usual hunting-grounds. Many, during their long excursions through the plains, were reduced to eat their yoke of oxen, or even their horses, and they are now in our midst without a morsel of food." From Archdeacon Mac Lean:—"Having visited from La Prairie to the Indian Settlement, I have seen the sad evidence of the total ruin of the crops," &c. From the Rev. J. Black, Presbyterian Minister:—"There can be no question as to the destruction of the crops of the settlement by the grasshoppers. I understand that the buffalo hunt has proved an entire failure, and thus both the great sources of our food supply are cut off at the same time." From the Rev. George Young, Wesleyan Minister:—"I have recently visited La Prairie, and, with the exception of two or three small patches of peas and a few late-planted potatoes, there is nothing growing between that place and this (sixty miles) on all the beautiful farms, save grass and reeds."

In the *Times*, October 16th, a letter also appears from the present Bishop of Rupert's Land, dated from Quebec,