

Prince Edward Island.

The harvest is now mostly cut, except in the eastern end of King's County, where the grain is later. The crop is a good average one, and is being saved in fine condition. Wheat is exceptionally good, and oats, though not as heavy in straw as we have seen, will thresh out well. Potatoes and root crops continue to do well, and a good yield of each is now assured. There is as good a catch of clover on the newly-seeded meadows as ever we had. Pastures continue poor, though somewhat improved since the middle of August. Since August 10th we have had a good share of rain. There is great complaint of falling off of the supply of milk at the dairy stations. Apples are maturing well and showing fine color. We have had no heavy wind storms to knock them off yet.

Prof. J. W. Robertson and Dr. Fletcher visited the Island during August, and delivered addresses at several central points. The Professor, while here, selected the site for the "consolidated school" to be established by the liberality of Sir W. C. Macdonald. The site is at "Pownal," a thriving agricultural village nine miles south-east of Charlottetown.

J. W. Mitchell, Dairy Superintendent for the Maritime Provinces, visited the Island two weeks ago, and delivered a number of addresses on matters connected with dairying. Island exhibitors of cheese have carried off the best prizes at St. John Exhibition. The steamship "Manchester Trader" will call in Charlottetown in a few days for freight, and sail from there direct to England.

There are no prices named here yet for the grain crop, and shipping will not begin before October to any extent. One dollar to \$1.50 per barrel is offered for apples suitable for canning. Eggs sell for 14c.; live hogs, 5c. to 6c.

Our Provincial Maritime Exhibition promises to be the largest and best ever held on the Island.

A company of capitalists are proposing to erect cold-storage warehouses in Charlottetown, Summerside and a central place in King's County; to establish a pork-packing and meat-canning emporium; and fruit-canning establishment in Charlottetown; to spend \$250,000 within one year in starting these industries; and to pay out yearly in wages not less than \$10,000, if the Government will grant them exemption from taxation and guarantee an issue of their bonds at 5%, payable in 30 years. The Government, it is said, has agreed to the scheme, subject to the approval of the Legislature. The scheme does not meet with the unanimous approval of the farmers, as our revenues are now short, and the 5% guarantee may add much more to the taxpayers' burdens. But if the enterprise is properly inaugurated and carried out, and the interests of the people properly safeguarded, it will give a great stimulus to our agricultural interests.

Sept. 6th.

Welland County, Ont.

Spring opened rather dry and then turned wet in June, and continued so until about two weeks ago, so we have had dry weather since. But, after all, good crops are the rule in nearly every line. And how the farmers managed to get through with their work, on account of the rain and the scarcity of help, is something of a miracle. Last spring wheat looked rather poor, but it picked up and made great strides. Wheat is turning out well, running as high as thirty bushels per acre, which will encourage the farmers to sow a larger acreage than last year. The Hessian fly was not troublesome. Oats are a good crop. The binder did a lot of work, and in so doing used up all the available twine in stock. Those that did not buy their twine early had some difficulty in getting it, as the supply ran short, and the dealers that had twine look advantage of it and raised the price. Grass peas—which are about the only kind sown this year—are practically a complete failure, as in all other wet seasons, all running to vines. They continue to blossom, but do not appear to fill. Corn will not all come to maturity, especially ensilage corn. We will see experiments in putting green corn into silos. It will be the greenest we ever siloed.

Fruit is abundant. Apples are a large crop, and it is to be hoped buyers will come in and secure them, and not let them go to waste as they did two years ago. The hailstorms that visited this country did not do as much damage as was at first supposed.

The Threshermen's Union is something of a failure. Some farmers are death against a union man, and will not have them to thresh; so some have pulled out of the union, and agreed to cut prices as well. But nearly all have all they can do, as every body wants to thresh at the same time.

W. W. MARSHALL.

Judges at Ontario Local Fairs.

Mr. G. C. Creelman, Superintendent of Farmers' Institutes, Department of Agriculture, Toronto, has arranged the following series of judges in live-stock classes for about 60 township and other local fairs this season:

Division 1.—Horses, W. F. Kidd, Simcoe; dairy cattle and sheep, M. Cumming, Guelph; beef cattle and swine, G. B. Hood, Guelph. Division 2.—Horses, H. G. Reed, Georgetown; beef cattle and sheep, John Campbell, Woodville; dairy cattle and swine, R. McCullough, Snelgrove. Division 3.—Horses and beef cattle, E. W. Charlton, Duncrief; dairy cattle, R. S. Stevenson, A. Easter; sheep and swine, Andrew Elliott, Galt. Division 4.—Horses, J. M. Gardhouse, Highfield; beef cattle and sheep, A. W. Smith, Maple Lodge; dairy cattle and swine, William Jones, Zenda. Division 5.—Horses, George Gray, Newcastle; dairy cattle and sheep, D. C. Hamner, Mount Vernon; beef cattle and swine, J. E. Brethour, Burford, and Peter Christie, Manchester.

Prof. L. A. Moorhouse.

The news has just reached our office that L. A. Moorhouse, B. S. A., of Cairo, Ont., has been appointed assistant in the Department of Soils and Crops at Oklahoma Agricultural College. Prof. Moorhouse graduated from the Ontario Agricultural College with honors in June last, and his friends will be pleased to learn of his recent success. He will have the oversight of the field experiments, and also charge of a soil laboratory and forage crop museum. We predict for him a brilliant future in his new sphere of usefulness, the opportunities of which are vast.

South Perth, Ont.

The wet weather greatly retarded harvest operations in this section, but in spite of it all very little grain has spoiled. Hay crop suffered most; very little good hay was saved. Potatoes, a light crop, are suffering from rot. There are also some who claim that the premature dying of the tops is due to a new insect pest which eats out the pith near the top and also affects the rootstalks. Wheat is more than average yield, and of good quality. Oats, though well headed and filled, are apparently threshing light. Barley will yield well, and of peas there are hardly any sown now, except the grass variety. Fruit is, on the whole, below the average, plums being very scarce; and apples, though plentiful, are of rather inferior quality. On the whole, the husbandman will reap a fair reward for his labor.

J. H. B.

The Wiarton Beet Sugar Factory.

The Wiarton, Ont., beet sugar factory is nearly completed, and the management expect to start operations on November 1st. The farmers in the neighborhood have grown over three thousand acres of beets, and, as far as heard from, a large crop is promised. The factory supplied beet seed to the farmers within a radius of forty or fifty miles, and they have agreed to pay the farmers at least \$1 a ton and a certain percentage on any that show an increased yield in sugar. The farmers will begin to harvest the beets some time in October, and will deliver at the factory the moment it is ready to handle them. The factory will be able to turn out finished sugar in a few days after the beets arrive.

A New Political Factor.

At a meeting held during the Toronto Industrial Exhibition, what was designated the Farmers' Association was organized, the object stated being to promote the interests of the farmer in matters of legislation. Mr. C. A. Mallory, of Cobourg, was appointed chairman, and W. L. Smith secretary pro tem. Dr. Goldwin Smith delivered an address, in which he commended the movement, intimating that the Patron movement had failed because it had gone into the Legislature instead of bringing influence to bear upon it. Mr. Jabel Robinson, M. P., thought the new organization could do no better than endorse the principles of the Grange, and said the party in power were always willing to listen to anybody whose influence would help to keep them in power. Among others who took part were Messrs. F. Hunt, Middlemarch; L. E. Annis, Scarborough; Joseph Stratford, Brantford; T. Henderson, Rockton; W. H. McLeod, Vanneck; J. F. Beam, Black Creek; J. F. Wilson, Glengarry, and D. D. Rogers, ex-M. P., Kingston. Strong resolutions were adopted against bonusing, demanding the proper assessment of corporations, the regulation of transportation rates, and against tariff increases. An executive committee of 15 was appointed to arrange for the annual meeting and other business. The membership fee was fixed at \$1.00 per year.

Exhibition Dates.

CANADA.			
Wellesley.....	Sept.	16 and	Sept. 17
Napance.....	"	16 and	" 17
Metcalfe.....	"	16 and	" 17
Guelph.....	"	16 to	" 18
Owen Sound.....	"	16 to	" 18
Hamilton.....	"	16 to	" 18
Stayner.....	"	17 and	" 18
Bowmanville.....	"	17 and	" 18
Eldon.....	"	18 and	" 19
Orillia.....	"	18 to	" 20
Richmond.....	"	22 to	" 24
Drumbo.....	"	23 and	" 24
Cayuga.....	"	23 and	" 24
Paisley.....	"	23 and	" 24
Shelburne.....	"	23 and	" 24
Prescott.....	"	23 to	" 25
Aylmer.....	"	23 to	" 25
Newmarket.....	"	23 to	" 25
Collingwood.....	"	23 to	" 25
Charlottetown, P. E. I.....	"	23 to	" 25
Merrickville.....	"	24 and	" 26
Barrie.....	"	24 to	" 26
Strathroy.....	"	25 and	" 26
Woodstock.....	"	25 and	" 26
Paris.....	"	25 and	" 26
Milverson.....	"	25 and	" 26
Lindsay.....	"	25 to	" 27
Tara.....	"	29 and	" 30
Tilsonburg.....	"	30 to	Oct. 1
Belgrave.....	"	30 to	" 1
Goderich.....	"	30 to	" 1
Royal Agr. & Ind. New West-			
minster, B. C.....	Oct.	30 to	" 3
Beachburg.....	"	2 and	" 3
Brampton.....	"	2 and	" 3
Millbrook.....	"	2 and	" 3
Otterville.....	"	3 and	" 4
Georgetown.....	"	6 and	" 7
Park Hill.....	"	6 and	" 7
Elma at Atwood.....	"	7 and	" 8
Rockton.....	"	7 and	" 8
Blyth.....	"	7 and	" 8
Beaverton.....	"	7 to	" 10
Victoria, B. C. (Provincial).....	"	9 and	" 10
Berlin.....	"	9 and	" 10
Camden.....	"	9 and	" 10
Highgate.....	"	10 and	" 11
Simcoe.....	"	14 to	" 16
Woodbridge.....	"	15 and	" 16
Ontario Winter Fair, Guelph.....	Dec.	8 to	Dec. 12
Amherst Winter Fair.....	"	16 to	" 18

UNITED STATES.

Ohio—Columbus.....	Sept.	1 to	Sept. 5
Minnesota—Hamline.....	"	1 to	" 6
South Dakota—Yankton.....	"	8 to	" 12
Wisconsin—Milwaukee.....	"	8 to	" 13
Indiana—Indianapolis.....	"	15 to	" 19
Michigan State—Pontiac.....	"	22 to	" 26
Illinois State—Springfield.....	"	29 to	Oct. 4
St. Louis Fair, St. Louis, Mo.....	Oct.	6 to	" 11
Kansas City.....	"	20 to	" 25
International—Chicago.....	Dec.	1 to	Dec. 6

Prizewinning Shire Stallion.

Elsewhere in this issue is portrayed Mr. J. M. Gardhouse's famous Shire stallion, Newnam Duke [343], sired by Calthorpe Irving; dam Blossom. This horse was bred by F. W. Dancer, Newnam Grange, Daventry, Eng., and imported less than a year ago. He is a thin, raw colt, by Bawden & McDonnell, Exeter. He was shown at the Canadian Horse Show, Toronto, in April last, where he won first prize, and at four local shows with similar success. It was not, however, until the recent Industrial Exhibition that his true worth began to be appreciated by horse admirers. He succeeded in landing first for three-year-old stallion, sweepstakes for stallion any age, and the gold medal offered by the English Shire Association. For sweepstakes he competed with the first-prize yearling and reserve for sweepstakes at the Royal Show, Carlisle, Eng., and Belshazzar, the noted winner of previous years. Seldom has any animal added so many honors to his name in so short a time. His winnings are indeed sensational, and his owner has just reason to be proud. It is almost unnecessary to add that this horse presents typical Shire character. He has a beautiful head and neck, with a body thick and smooth, and quarters strong and well balanced. These are supported by a set of strong, straight, well-haired legs. In style and action, too, he is not found wanting altogether, being a horse that Canada should be proud to own.

MARKETS.

British Cattle Markets.

London, Sept. 13.—United States cattle, 7½d; Canadian, 7½d; sheep, 6½d.
Liverpool, Sept. 13.—Canadian cattle, 6½d; sheep, 6d.

Toronto Markets.

The run of live stock at the Western Cattle Market was light, few loads of well-finished stock being on sale. Prices ruled steady on all classes. Export and butchers' cattle have not recovered the slump of two weeks ago. Hogs lower. A greater number of young farmers are visiting the market than ever before, and many questions were asked as to quality and weight of cattle on view.

Export Cattle.—Choice picked loads of export cattle sold at \$5.75 per cwt.; medium, \$5.00 to \$5.25; export cows, \$3.75 to \$4.25. The quality of cattle was an improvement on the last two weeks' deliveries. Mr. Wm. Levack paid \$5.85. Mr. Alex. Levack bought one load of export, averaging 1,150 lbs., at \$5.90.

Butchers' Cattle.—Choice picked loads of export cattle, weighing 1,075 to 1,150 lbs., suitable for the best class of hotel trade, \$4.85 to \$5.30. Butchers' heifers and steers, 950 to 1,050 lbs., \$4.25 to \$4.75; medium, butchers', poor heifers and steers, \$3.60 to \$4.00; common cows, \$2.50 to \$3.25. Mr. W. J. McClelland bought 107 fat cattle at from \$3.65 to \$4.50 per cwt. Picked loads of best quality for local trade at from \$4.50 to \$5.00; straight loads as they run, at \$1.50. Two carloads of best butchers' cattle were selected on this market for Bermuda, West India Islands, to be shipped via Montreal.

Bulls.—Export bulls, choice heavy weight, sold at \$1.50 to \$3.00. Light export bulls sold at from \$1.00 to \$4.50. Messrs. Lunniss & Halligan bought one load of bulls, average 1,100 lbs., at \$2.75 to \$3.50. Messrs. Dunn Bros. bought two loads of feeding bulls, 1,100 lbs. average, at \$3.50.

Feeders.—There is still a good demand for best feeders. Those weighing 1,000 to 1,050 lbs. are worth \$4.50 to \$5.00. Light feeders are worth \$3.75 to \$4.00 per cwt. Twenty feeders sold at \$4.25 for re-shipment, average 1,125 lbs. Twenty-seven heavy feeders sold at \$4.50, average weight 1,000 lbs. each.

Stockers.—Stockers weighing from 500 to 700 lbs., of good quality, in demand, and are worth \$2.50 to \$3.00. Calves sold at from \$3.00 to \$10.00 per head, or from \$5.00 to \$5.75 per cwt.; quite a number of good calves on offer; ready sale.

Sheep.—Prices steady, and range from \$3.00 to \$3.60 per cwt. for ewes. Bucks sell at \$2.50 to \$2.75 per cwt.; the run of sheep was fair, and all offerings sold at firm prices.

Lambs.—Spring lambs are worth \$4.00 to \$4.25 per cwt. Hogs.—Selected bacon hogs, not less than 160 lbs., not above 200 lbs. live weight, off cars, unfed or watered, are worth \$7.12½ per cwt.; light and thick fat at \$7.00; sows, \$4.50 to \$5.00; stags, \$3.00.

The hog trade is at present in a very unstable condition. Whilst prices are firm, supply is not equal to demand. Packers are resolved to keep off the market. The demand is not keen, and looking for lower prices.

	Extreme comparative prices to-day, Sept. 13th.	Two weeks ago.	Same date last year.
Export cattle.....	\$ 5 85	\$ 6 40	\$ 5 25
Butchers' cattle.....	5 30	5 75	4 75
Export bulls.....	5 00	4 75	4 00
Feeders.....	3 50	3 50	3 25
Stockers.....	3 60	3 65	3 50
Sheep (per cwt.).....	4 25	4 75	5 00
Lambs (each).....	7 12½	7 37½	7 25
Hogs.....	40 00	54 00	45 00

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Wheat.—Eight hundred bushels of white sold at 68c. per bushel. Two hundred bushels of red wheat sold at 67c. Two hundred bushels of goose sold at 65c. per bushel.

A good deal of speculation among farmers at the St. Lawrence Market was what will be the highest or lowest point of wheat this fall? We have only to record the fact that more inclined to the opinion of lower prices than higher. The dealers are cautious and not talking.

Barley.—Eight hundred bushels sold at 40c. per bushel. Oats.—Eight hundred bushels sold at 35c. for new, and at 49c. for old.

Rye.—One load of rye sold at 50c. per bushel. Butter.—The prices of all good choice dairy butter are firmer, at from 21c. to 22c. per pound in pound rolls. Average quality sells at from 18c. to 20c. per pound.

Dressed Beef.—Beef, fore quarters, cwt., \$6.50; beef, hind quarters, cwt., \$10.00. Mutton carcass, lb., 6c.; veal carcass, lb., 8c.; spring lamb, lb., 9c.; hogs, dressed, cwt., \$9.35.

Buffalo Markets.

East Buffalo, Sept. 13.—Cattle—Prime steers, \$7.25 to \$7.50; choice 1,200 to 1,300 lb. steers, \$6.50 to \$7; fair to good, \$5.50 to \$6.25; choice heifers, \$5.25 to \$6; fair to good, \$4 to \$4.50; best fat cows, \$4.50 to \$5; fair to good, \$3.50 to \$4.25; export bulls, \$4 to \$4.50; butchers', \$3.25 to \$3.75; choice cows, \$50 to \$60; fair to good, \$35 to \$45; feeders, \$4 to \$4.65; stockers, \$3.50 to \$4.10; stock heifers, \$2.75 to \$3.50. Veals—\$8.25 to \$8.50; fair to good, \$6.75 to \$7.75; common to light, \$5.50 to \$6.50. Hogs—Heavy, \$8.10 to \$8.30; mixed, \$7.80 to \$8.00; Yorkers, \$7.65 to \$7.75; light Yorkers, \$7.25 to \$7.50; pigs, \$7.25 to \$7.35; grassers, \$7 to \$7.50. Sheep and lambs—Top lambs, \$5.75 to \$6; fair to good, \$5.50 to \$5.70; culls to common, \$4 to \$5.25; yearlings, \$4 to \$4.50, a few \$4.85; wethers, \$4 to \$4.25; ewes, \$3.25 to \$3.75; sheep, top mixed, \$3.75 to \$4; fair to good, \$3.25 to \$3.50.

Montreal Markets.

Montreal, Sept. 15.—Butchers were present in large numbers and there was a good demand for everything pretty good in the beef line, but common stock continue to bring low rates. A pair of good steers were sold at \$4.60 per cwt., but none of the others brought over 4½c. and from that down to 3½c. per lb.; common stock sold at from 2½c. to 3c. Calves sold at from \$2.50 to \$12.00 each, or from 3½c. to 5c. per lb. Sheep sold at from 3c. to 3½c., and lambs at from 3½c. to 4c. per lb. Good lots of fat hogs sold at about 7c. per lb., weighed off the cars.

Chicago Markets.

Chicago, Sept. 15.—Cattle—Good to prime steers, \$7.50 to \$8.60; poor to medium, \$4.25 to \$7; stockers and feeders, \$2.50 to \$5.25; cows, \$1.50 to \$5; Leifers, \$2.50 to \$6; bulls, \$2.25 to \$5.50; calves, \$3 to \$7; western steers, \$3.75 to \$5.90. Hogs—Mixed and butchers', \$7.45 to \$8; good to choice heavy, \$7.80 to \$8.20; rough heavy, \$7.40 to \$7.70; light, \$7.45 to \$8.05; bulk of sales, \$7.50 to \$7.75. Sheep—Good to choice wethers, \$3.50 to \$4; fair to choice mixed, \$2.50 to \$3.25; native lambs, \$3.50 to \$5.50.