

OUR FARMERS' CLUB

Contributions Invited.

NOVA SCOTIA

KINGS CO., N.

WATERVILLE.—The grass is now green and all farming operations are going ahead. There has been much rain with late snowstorms, and the ground very wet, but good for repairing fences. Many farms are changing hands. Those who are moving are buying more fertilizer, and buying new machinery, such as manure spreaders, fertilizer wagons, sprayers, etc. Several English families are buying land in the valley. Spraying has begun; fertilizer is being put on orchards and nursery stock, mostly basic slag. Top grafting has begun again and many young trees have been planted, there being an unlimited demand for them, and quite a call for ornamentals. Spring chickens are in evidence, but so far the weather has been cold and damp for them. Peas are up to the neck. Spring currants are showing green, while fruit trees promise a good show of blossoms. There is a good demand for horses and calves, both inside and about the farm buildings, is being attended to, while several farmers are adding to their property by new buildings. —W. A.

QUEBEC

MISSISSOUI CO., Q.

FRELIGHBURG.—The sugar season is over for this year and we find the average yield of maple sugar about the same, little over half as large as last year, but the quality is good. Farmers are anxious for pastures to grow as hay is nearly all gone. Some have already turned out cattle, but the majority will keep them stabled until the middle of the month. The weather has been mostly cool and wet and no seeding has been done. Butter has advanced to 24¢ a lb; eggs, to five a doz.—C. A. W.

HOCHELAGA CO., Q.

WESTMOUNT.—Fruit prospects are good. Apple, pear and plum buds are promising a good show of blossoms. Small fruits of all kinds have wintered well.—B. B.

ONTARIO

HASTINGS CO., ONT.

ACTINOLITE.—Some farmers have not done much seeding yet, on account of the water. The grass is starting to grow, and cattle can pick a little. Feed is very scarce just now. Some of the new seeding is being killed out with the frost, but the probabilities are that we will have a good year. Our cheese factory did not commence making cheese till the first of May. The supply of milk is small. The new plant for the manufacture of Actinolite roofing is now in operation in Actinolite, and promises to be a benefit to the place.—J. K.

PETERBORO CO., ONT.

GALWAY.—The grass has just turned green but is short yet. The ranchers put their cattle to pasture last week. Some farmers are scarce of seed oats. They are purchasing seed at the village stores. They pretend to guarantee the seed to be clean but it contains a large percentage of wild oats, and older foul seed, and it has not even been run through a fanning mill. No wonder the farms are becoming polluted with weeds. The price asked for these oats is 6¢ a bushel. Stock has wintered fairly well, but the late frosts in the spring, and the grass has had a bad effect on them, as the hay is pretty well all fed out, except what is left to feed while putting in the crop. If warm weather should set in now the growth will probably be rapid.—C. C.

VICTORIA CO., ONT.

BURY'S GREEN.—Seeding is now in full swing. The recent bad weather has delayed spring work. It is feared that the clover will be badly killed out, while the fall wheat looks fairly well considering its hard pull. Feed is well cleaned out and many very poor cattle have come to the ranches. The cold wet weather, together with the snow and ice have made it hard for stock to exist, and it is reported that some have died from exposure.—J. B.

HALIBURTON CO., ONT.

KINMOUNT.—The warm weather of the last few days has dried the land. Seeding has been very backward, very little has been sown as yet. We hope soon to get it in full swing. Most of the cattle have been turned out on the pastures, but the grass is too short, also the nights

too cold. They will hardly make a living. The demand for young pigs is good. They sell for \$4 a pair at 4 weeks old. Grain is too dear to feed them. Peas range from \$1.25 to \$1.40 a bush; oats, 75¢ a bush; seed corn, \$1.60 to \$1.75 a bush. Feed is very scarce.—S. T. K.

WENTWORTH CO., ONT.

KIRKWALL.—Stock is selling high. Milk cows are somewhat scarce and some very high prices are being paid for them. Most of the fat cattle are sold. Shippers are paying 5¢ a lb for prime, well finished cattle, and 4¢ a lb for the very scarce at culls, and 3¢ a lb for the rest. Butchers' cattle are selling from 4¢ a lb to 5¢ a lb, the price depending on quality. Pigs are very scarce, and are likely to be for some time. Large numbers of farmers keep only a very few. Packers are paying about \$7.25 a cwt.—C. A. W.

BRANT CO., ONT.

ST. GEORGE.—Seeding is going in in places. We get only one day on the land until it rains. We have had a very steady little rain—that kind that soaks the ground full. It is doubtful if half of the ground is sown yet. Grass is growing slowly. Clover is looking well but wheat is patchy. Feed is getting scarce and cattle will soon have to go on grass. Odd herds are already out.—A. F. K.

OXFORD CO., ONT.

NORWICH.—Seeding is very backward. Very little seeding has been done, as the ground is so wet. There is no other work before anything is done, with the most favorable weather. Young clover and wheat seem to have come through the winter in good shape and are growing nicely. Little lucerne is sown here, but the farmers are trying small patches. In the next few years a great deal more will be sown. Hogs are selling at \$7.25 a cwt; wheat, \$1.15; eggs, 17¢; hay, \$10 a ton.—B. O. P.

MIDDLESEX CO., ONT.

APPIN.—Live stock is selling well. One load of export cattle went out at 6¢. Butchers' helpers are costing local butchers 7½¢ to 9½¢ a lb in the carcass. Hogs are selling at \$7.20 to \$7.25. With prospects of a fine crop for the opening market farmers have little to complain of.—C. M. M.

ELGIN CO., ONT.

FROME.—Seeding is progressing very slowly. Some have not sown a grain yet owing to the wet, backward spring. The grass and wheat are looking well, and the new clover meadows give promise of an abundant crop. The small fruits are ready to burst into blossom, and the old timers promise a big fruit crop. The markets are good. We have a new and up-to-date cheese factory at Sheddin, which will make our dairy farmers more conspicuous.—S. J. H.

BRUCE CO., ONT.

BERWORTH.—Fall wheat is looking well considering the season. It got late last fall. Feed is getting a little scarce owing to the cold, wet, backward spring. Seeding is very late as most of the land is too wet to work. Potatoes have taken quite a rise; they were 45¢ a bag a short time ago. They are now selling at 70¢. There is a large number of new barns going up this year, more than for a number of years.—J. K. L.

HURON CO., ONT.

GODERICH.—Spring has been unusually backward. Only a few of the higher, lighter land has any seeding been done, and even there only a beginning has been made. The weather has been so backward that the farmers would soon be on the land especially those who have a thorough system of underdrains. In such a season as this the most doubtful will be surely convinced that such draining pays. All wheat and clover came through the winter exceedingly well but the last few weeks have been trying on them. Stock have wintered well as feed has been plentiful, and probably less cattle have been wintered than usual. Usually cattle go to pasture about May 10th, but this year it will likely be not May 20th. This will make considerable difference to the wheat as farmers are expected to have considerable hay and grain to sell.—D. O. S.

LAMBTON CO., ONT.

WIDDER.—May so near us, and snow nearly a foot deep and things look gloomy for spring. No seeding done yet. A few farmers commenced working the land, but will be delayed at least a week now. Feed has been plentiful this winter as hay and corn were good crops last year. The clover is gaining ground. The old time prejudice is fast disappearing. We appreciate Farm and Dairy very much and think the new name very appropriate.—A. G. W.

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present appearances will be a bumper crop.—A. J. W.

MUSKOKA DISTRICT, ONT.

HUNTSVILLE.—We are experiencing an unusually cold and backward season. Some plowing is being done, but seeding has not really commenced. Hard frosts at night and frequent heavy falls of snow have brought things almost to a standstill. Quite a few farmers have been engaged for the past few weeks in making their own manure. Most of them make it for their own use only; a few, however, use evaporators and make large quantities for sale. One of our neighbors has already made about 300 gal. The market price ranges at from \$1.25 to \$1.35 a gal.—F. A. B.



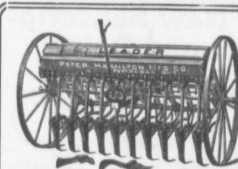
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