

OUR FARMERS' CLUB

HASLINGS CO. ONT.

CROOKSTON—We have just been favored with a nice rain which, while not sufficient to make the plowing good in all this bit of soil, is certainly pretty good in general. The supply of water in the wells is still on the decrease being lower than for a good many years. The threshing is all done, except a few small jobs of clover. The root crop is being harvested and, though poor in general, some farmers report a fair crop. Some corn is still standing in the fields. As there are no silos it is difficult to find much supply being so low. Many farmers do not give their cows proper care leaving them out nights when it is not fit, and making it very poor. Our cheese company held a stock holders' meeting on the night of October 22nd, to secure their old cheese-maker for another year. After some discussion and some loud talk his tender of eight mills was accepted by a two-thirds vote of the Company. Our neighboring company held a meeting of their directors and secured their cheese-maker for the coming season—H. W. WENTWORTH, ONT.

TROY—Fall plowing is now going ahead rapidly. The operation was much simplified consequent upon the recent rains. Apples, of which we grow usually here, a considerable quantity, were much below the average. Only an occasional orchard was loaded to any extent with a crop. The codling moth played havoc with what few apples we had. Threshing is being proceeded with. Though the straw was only a medium length, the grain has turned out well and all round crops gave satisfactory yields. Corn was a bumper crop and will come very useful in providing feed for the cows this winter. The feeding season started early this fall on account of the early rains due to the dry weather. Corn from the shock of few farmers are feeding grain to their cows but most are of the opinion that it is not pay to feed much of a grain until they have the most part of the winter matured, well cared corn. Most of the farmers have silos and are greatly in favor of them—E. M.

BRANT CO. ONT.

ST. GEORGE—We have received a little rain at last, which has greatly helped the crops. Many of the farmers have had their turnips in yet. Owing to the hot and dry weather they have been left out long as possible to grow and mature. There is not a real good patch in the neighborhood. Most people are plowing, though there is not a great deal done yet. Threshing is well on; the machine is in the neighborhood now with half a dozen places near yet to thresh. Wheat is doing wonderfully the last few weeks since the rain. It was very patchy all but with another week of warm and plentiful weather it should be ready for winter—A. F. K.

BLUE LAKE—The rains which came recently, though as copious as we should have liked, did much to soften the ground and make the plowing go easier. With the exception of the fall plowing, most of the farm work has been completed. Apples were a very light crop and were badly infested with codling moth. What few there were have been picked and disposed of. Turnips have for the most part been a disappointment. On account of the dry weather and lack of showers to wash the lice from them, all but succeeded in destroying many patches. The dairy cows are being housed nightly and fed with material and the silos would not hold. In addition to this, many of the farmers are feeding hay and mangels, and a light ration as well. A new secondary recently erected and now nearing completion will commence operations in a week or so at St. George. They expect to pay \$1.25 a cwt. for milk on the farmer's milk stands—C. H.

WATERLOO CO. ONT.

GALT—The long looked for rain came at last. The rain was more than welcome to those farmers that still had plowing to do this fall. The season is now too far advanced for it to have much of a beneficial effect upon the pastures. If we have a week or ten days of warm weather yet we may be of material assistance to the fall wheat that failed to sprout.

marked improvement since the rain can be noted in the wheat that did already come up. The dairy cows now demand their winter rations and attention. The following are prevailing prices in the Galt market. Butter 27c, Eggs 27c, Ducks 50c to 60c, Geese 90c to \$1.10, Chickens 10c. The according to size and quality—C. L.

WELLINGTON CO. ONT.

FORGUS—We have been having beautiful weather for the last three days. The rain is badly needed. All the corn in the field is now harvested and the threshing is almost finished and the barley is turning out better than was expected. Potatoes are extra good, both in quantity and quality. There is a good shower of a bumper crop had we had good weather in time to have checked the blight. As the yield is about up to the average, heavy shipments are being made. There is no more plowing done as the ground is badly in need of rain—W. B.

MIDDLESEX CO. ONT.

APPIN—Recently we wrote of the corn crop and the favorable season for storing it. The season of 1908 has on the whole been very favorable for corn. Except for a few wet days in June when it was not practicable to cultivate, the season was all that could be desired. The very hot weather made good rapid and was favorable for weed killing. Thorough cultivation paid as it always does. There is one difficulty in connection with cultivation, when the pressure of harvesting and harvesting on us it is practically out of the question to cultivate. At such a time, however, the corn badly needs and greatly enjoys a stroke or two of the cultivator. This is about the only way, on sandy loam especially, to ensure clear ground and a good start to the cultivator. Another matter is that of manuring. It is or it is not more profitable, as the farmer is not to be taken with a comparatively light coat or plow down a heavier covering of manure—L. M. M.

PERTH CO. ONT.

STRATFORD—The farmers all welcomed the recent rains. The continued drought had been very trying and the crops were feared. The rain was also welcomed because the soil was becoming so hard and dry. It is most too late for the rain to help pastures to any extent as the corn is now in the straw. The prevailing prices on the Stratford market are: Wheat 90c, Barley 67c, Oats 50c, Peas 50c, Hay 12c, Corn 12c, Potatoes \$28.00, Live Hogs \$5.75 to \$5.95 a cwt. Chickens 10c, Butter 25c, Eggs 25c to 26c.

ESSEX CO. ONT.

COMBER—The rains which came on Saturday last was the first rainfall of any consequence since the 1st of September. The drought lasting over two months. Prior to the rain farmers were very short of water. Many a farmer had to draw from the lake or from drilled wells in the neighborhood. The rain will greatly facilitate the plowing and the plowing. The harvest with the exception of some fields of roots has been completed and preparations are being made for winter—H. W.

LAMBTON CO. ONT.

THERFORD—We are having ideal October weather. The dry weather has been good for getting corn and roots stored away. Corn is a splendid crop and is splendidly and it is well matured. Mangels are up to an average crop while turnips are nearly a failure. Potatoes are very good, while not so many in a hill as they are in some other places and are quite free from rot and scab. Wheat is coming out rather unevenly due to the dry weather and some that have even early is turning yellow in spots. Plowing is nearly at a standstill. Owing to the dry weather the ground is very hard. Market prices are: Wheat 65c, Oats 50c, Barley 45c, Potatoes 35c a bag, Hogs \$5.65 a cwt.—H. L.

HURON CO. ONT.

GODERICH—Dry weather continues, consequently fall work is not very far advanced. On heavy clay lands it is practically impossible to plow. Pastures are bare, yet stock are in good condition owing to good grass up to the last six weeks. Fall wheat of which more than usual was sown, is at a standstill, much of it is short and has not germinated. The root crop is all harvested, mangels being an average crop while potatoes are somewhat short. The average yield from 120 to 150 bushels per acre, and considerably more on some lighter soils. They were harvested free from rot. The apple crop has all been marketed and settled small

returns as the crop was light and the price low. Apples can be grown very successfully along the lake here and yet this important branch is neglected. Many orchards are growing small and, and pastured. The orchard will yield a handsome profit where properly attended, cultivated, pruned and sprayed, in some cases a five-acre orchard producing nearly as much profit as the rest of an eighty-acre farm in crop—D. G. S.

GRANGE NOTES

The thirty-fourth meeting of the Dominion Grange will be held in Toronto at Victoria Hall, to begin on Thursday, November 26th, at 10 a.m. The first session will be occupied with business strictly relating to the Grange and with the doors closed. The following sessions will be open to all farmers in sympathy

with the movement. They are invited to attend and take part in the discussions of the various subjects, and they will be given an opportunity of joining the Grange.

Any member of the Grange who attends whether a delegate or not, will be welcome and enjoy the privileges of the floor. The railway expenses of a regularly appointed delegates from Granges not in arrears will be paid in full. Delegates should be appointed early in November, and it is requested that care be taken to select active, capable men for this duty. Many questions of importance to farmers will be introduced at the sessions, and suggestions for parliamentary action considered.

A campaign for the expansion of the order will also receive due attention. All over Canada the need of organization is felt, and now is the time to provide for it.

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We Want a New Name For Our Paper

We want to receive suggestions from our readers for a new name for our paper. The present name, The Canadian Dairyman and Farming World, is too long. It takes up too much room. It takes too long to speak it and to write it. Can you suggest a better name? We want a name that will be short and one that will stand for something. It must show, first and foremost, that this paper is devoted to the great farming interests. It must show, also, that it is devoted as well, to the great dairy industry, the most important single line of industry in Canada. What can you suggest?

To the person that is the first to send the name that is ultimately adopted, we will pay \$5.00. All others who suggest the same name will have their subscription extended for two months. The only condition that we impose is that those who take part in this competition shall send us a short letter with the name they suggest, telling us why they prefer the name they submit. This competition will close on November 6th. Names submitted after that date will not be considered. Should any of our readers prefer to see the present name retained they are invited to write us to that effect, giving their reasons.

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