OUR FARMERS' CLUB

Contributions Invited.

NOVA SCOTIA

ANTIGONISH CO., N. S.

ANTIGONISH.—The weather continues cold; grass is not showing much. A number of farmers have to buy hay to carry their stock through Seed grain seems to be scarce, and the prices asked are away up, except clover seed, which is selling at a more reasonable rate than it has for a number of years. A large number of horses are changing hands and good prices are being paid, especially for ones of the low set draft type. Milk cows are scarce and it is almost impossible to buy good ones at any price.—Tom Brown.

JAMES RIVER.—Until the last few days it has been very cold for this time of year. We had several snow storms the latter part of last month. Quite a number of farmers are short of hay, as stock took larger quantities to bring them through the cold weather. However, all live stock looks well. The frost is pretty much all out of the ground, although up until last week the repairing of fences was much hindered on that account. The roads are beginning to dry fairly well. The Farmers' Association of Antigonish held a horse fair in Antigonish on May 4th. Besides exhibiting young horses, farmers from all over the county that have horses for sale, brought them in that day, and buyers found a variety to select from. These horse fairs have been held annually for a number of years. Loose hay brings $10 a ton; No 1 baled hay, $12 to $13; oats, 70c to 75c; potatoes are plentiful and sell for 40c. Beef is selling for 8½c a lb.—J. M.

QUEBEC

RICHMOND CO., QUE.

DANVILLE.—The weather still keeps cold with flurries of snow. The sugar season is over. The average make was about two pounds to a tree. There is not much work done on the land yet owing to the cold wet weather. The creamery has been running all winter. We expect the cheese factories to be doing business soon. Some farmers have joined the cow testing association and are keeping individual records of the cows in their herd. These farmers think it better to know by actual test the cows that are paying their board and giving a profit.—J. E. H.

ONTARIO

GRENVILLE CO., ONT.

CHARLESVILLE.—Owing to the cold and backward spring quite a number of farmers are buying hay. As a consequence half of the cattle are going to come out on the grass very thin. All the cheese factories are in operation now. The one at Charlesville is making whey butter for this season. Clover has suffered considerably on account of the many frosts that have been prevalent. Alfalfa is reported almost a failure. The following prices are being paid for farm produce at this point: Timothy hay, $15 a ton; clover hay, $15 a ton; mixed hay, $14; oats 50c to 55c a bush; bran, $24 a ton; fresh eggs, 16c to 18c a doz; creamery butter, 25c; potatoes, 75c a bush; milch cows, $25; calves, $2 to $5; hogs, 7½c a lb; calf skins, 10c a lb; hides, 8c a lb.—G. W. C.

DURHAM CO., ONT.

BETHANY.—Fall wheat and clover came through the winter well considering the amount of growth which they had last fall. Stock is in fair condition, but if such bad weather continues feed is going to be insufficient, as is the case with a few at present. The small number of hogs kept and their rather poor quality is principally due to the lack of and high price of feed. In regard to spring operations, nothing has been done on the fields with the exception of small areas of light soil.—W. M.

HALIBURTON CO., ONT.

IRONDALE.—We are having a very late spring. No seeding has been done yet. The ground is covered with snow, and it is still snowing. It has been very cold and stormy for the past week. Stock does not look too bad, but feed is very scarce; it has not been so scarce for years. Water is very plentiful. We need a cheese factory. A cheese factory would be a great thing for this section.—J. P. H.

VICTORIA CO., ONT.

DUNSFORD. — Very little seeding has been done. The fields are covered with water. Stock are yet in their winter stables. Feed is getting scarce. Cattle, sheep and lambs are doing well. Fat hogs are scarce. No foals yet. Fall wheat and clover looks well.—T. R.

HARTLEY. — The horse market has slightly declined. A good horse, however, will bring a good price. There is a good demand for all kinds of cattle. Hogs have gone record breaking prices. In fact, everything the farmer has to sell is bringing good prices. The farmer having a good home, a good wife, and the Farm and Dairy paper to read, ought to be the happiest man on earth.—W. M. H.

WENTWORTH CO., ONT.

KIRKWALL.—This spring is one of the coldest and most backward that we have had for several years. At the present time (May 5th) one might almost say nothing has been done on the land, although an odd farmer has done a little plowing. Fall wheat and clover are looking splendid. If warm weather was to come soon the prospects are good for a heavy hay crop. Feed is plentiful on most farms although an occasional farmer is buying hay and straw to last until the grass comes. Grain of all kinds is selling very high. Wheat is $1.15 a bush; peas, $1.25 a bush. The best seed oats bring 60c to 65c a bush; feed oats, from 50c to 53c a bush, and feed corn about 80c to 85c a bush. Potatoes are becoming somewhat scarce, and are selling at from 80c to $1 a bag.—C. A. W.

WATERLOO CO., ONT.

AYR.—Our backward spring will make seeding very late. Work had commenced on the land and a few had a little sown, when we were visited by a snow storm on April 29th. It was so bad that it almost blocked some of the roads. Some fields of winter wheat are rather badly killed out, mostly in small patches, where the snow and ice lay on it during those sunshiny days the last of March. Some of the farmers are anxiously waiting for grass as fodder is getting scarce.—G. C. S.

WELLINGTON CO., ONT.

ELORA. — The prospects for a successful seed time do not seem very bright, one of the heaviest snow storms of the year having fallen recently. Very little seeding has been done and it is better so, for where land is under water some early sown grain will rot. A Mr. J. Stewart from here lost his barn with all its contents, including some 48 cattle, six horses, and a number of sheep, with all the equipment of a well ordered farm. Prices of grain, cattle, horses, etc., being high, the loss is enormous. Best cattle are selling well; not many left in the neighborhood. Hogs, $7.30 this week, and if only a good spell of weather comes soon farming will be all right yet, but we have never seen the farmers more disappointed than they are at present.—G. W.

BRUCE CO., ONT.

WIARTON.—We are still looking in vain for spring weather. Very few have gotten a plow into the ground as yet, and that only on sod. When it does not rain it freezes hard. More damage has been done to young clover since April 29th by frost than at any time all winter. Possibly the dry weather last fall helped to make clover weak in the root. This past winter has been I think the longest feeding spell we ever experienced. Most of us began to feed more or less by the 15th of October, and it looks as though we will have to keep it up till May 15th at any rate.—C. S.

MIDDLESEX CO., ONT.

APPIN. — Like the rest of Western Ontario, this locality has evidently added a new experience to those of the past spring. Six inches of snow, together with lightning, thunder and rain, have interrupted seeding operations. Seeding had just begun and had scarcely become general. Frequent heavy frosts, while beneficial to the large area of spring plowed land, have kept the surface wet and dead on most clay fields and has hindered a good tilth on the fields where operations have been begun. Farmers are wondering what the effect of the snowstorm will be. Will it be colder and yet more backward, or is it a forerunner of early fine weather? Wheat, which had been affected by frosts of the recent weeks appears to have been freshened by the snow. In a few cases feed supplies have been exhausted and hay is being bought at from $8 to $10 a ton according to quality. Mill feeds are costing $25 for bran and shorts; corn $27 a ton; barley, $25 a ton for feed; oats, 43c a bush. for feed and 50c for seed. —C. M. M.

GOSSIP

We are informed by the management of the new farm and stock paper that is shortly to be started in Canada, that the policy of the publication will be to present each week matter of practical value to farmers and stockmen. Original articles only will find place in its pages. The best recognized authorities will be its contributors. It will be under editorial management which thoroughly understands making a paper of maximum value to farmers. Inquiries on all live farm topics are solicited by the publishers. These will be answered free of charge for subscribers. All the agricultural news each week will be presented in condensed form. A superlative feature will be the reports and statistics of grain and live stock prepared by the paper's own specially organized service. Both the professional breeder of pure bred live stock and the general farmer will find it worth dollars to them in their everyday work.

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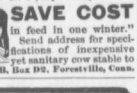
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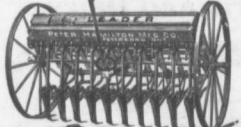
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