

OUR FARMERS' CLUB

Correspondence Invited

ONTARIO

NORTHUMBERLAND CO., ONT.

EDVILLE, June 5.—The crops are feeling the effects of the dry season quite acutely. The grain in particular will be very short. Rye seems to have stood the winter the best of any kind of grain. Winter wheat, which used to be raised on most of the farms, is now seldom seen. S.H.

DURHAM CO., ONT.

BLACKSTOCK, June 7.—With warm, dry weather the crops were got in in good time and in good shape. Since seeding, although the weather has been rather dry, there has been a good growth, and with the aid of a couple of showers lately the grain is making good progress and is further ahead than an average season. Fall wheat was almost entirely killed out, only a few small pieces being worth leaving. Last year's seedling of clover was badly killed. There has been quite a large acreage of corn sown. With the exception of turnips the root crop has all been sown. Prospects are for a good fruit crop.—R.J.F.

HALIBURTON CO., ONT.

KINMOUNT, June 3.—May was a record hot month. Fires did a great deal of damage. The law is not strict enough for careless handling of fire. The grain and meadows never looked better. The prospects for fruit are excellent. Early potatoes and corn have been cultivated. There has been an unusually large mortality among mares and colts. The drop in pork and the rise in mill feed has put a damper on the pig feeding business.—S.V.

WELLINGTON CO., ONT.

MOUNT FOREST, June 5.—Growth is quite rapid. Prospects are bright for a large hay crop and a bountiful harvest. The seed went in in a dry seed bed and rains recently have been copious. Alfalfa and corn are becoming quite popular. Farms are selling high and land is increasing in value.—C.N.

BRANT CO., ONT.

PAIKLAND, June 2.—We have had a few showers lately, which have helped the grain and hay crops. Dry weather since seeding was beginning to have its effect upon the growth. Corn is nearly all up and mangels are ready to thin. Many more orchards have been pruned and sprayed this spring than formerly. Prospects for apples are fair. Cherries will be light and plums good. Weighs keeps at 5c. Hogs are \$6.50, and fat cattle \$5.75 to \$6.—L. T.

BRANT CO., ONT.

The dry hot weather in May, following after a season of severe winter killing, has caused a very poor showing for the hay crop in many parts of western Ontario. In Brant county, through the townships of Dumfries, Brantford, and Otondago, the red clover is mostly killed out and timothy meadows are very short in growth and thin and patchy. The alfalfa, of which much is being grown in the county, is quite spotted from winter killing, although, taken on the whole, it will yield a splendid crop much in advance of the grasses, while red clover is nearly all killed out.

Fall wheat looks good, and although it will be somewhat shorter in the straw than usual, it has suffered little from winter killing. The midge is getting in its work. Some fields inspected by one of the editors of Farm and Dairy showed an estimated loss of about 5 bus. to the acre already. The fate of the new seedling, both in the wheat and in the spring grains, but more particularly in the wheat, is doubtful, the dry weather having been most injurious to the seedling wheat. Spring crops promise of being well up to the average, although some fields of barley showed yellow until after the recent rains. Corn is grown each year in the county, and practically every farmer has a mto. The wheat is all planted and much of it is showing nicely.

The prospects for fruit are not of the very best. The apple blossoms were damaged by the excessively hot weather, and stayed on the trees only a very short time, thus permitting of only an imperfect set. There will be no fair yield of the early and set varieties such as the harvest varieties and Pippins, Kings and Creamings. The choice winter varieties, notably Stark and Golden Wonder, will be a very slim crop, and on many trees there

are no apples at all. Plums will be a small crop, and of cherries there will be only an exceedingly few.

KENT CO., ONT.

BLENHEIM, June 5.—This county is the field of two independent telephone companies, which operate harmoniously. The great superiority of their equipment to that of the Bell or its allied companies is a great satisfaction to us. The Bell made every effort to hamper the independents. We note with satisfaction that the Railway Commission has issued an order that the Bell give them long distance connection, but we condemn the terms. Why should we be taxed 15c extra on every call for the benefit of the Bell monopoly? The result will be that the long distance will be little used.—A. D.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

NEW WESTMINSTER DIST., B.C.

CHILLIWACK, June 5.—We have had a very backward spring here, but crops are growing well now, and everything looks well for big crops. Prices are good. Our creamery paid last month, 48c a pound butter fat for sweet milk, 37c for sweet cream, and 35c for sour cream. Hay is \$16 to \$18; oats \$30 a ton, potatoes \$40 a ton.—W.M.

SIMILKAMEEN DIST., B.C.

ALLEN GROVE, June 5.—All crops are looking well, having had more or less rain for 5 weeks and no hot weather. Your correspondent recently saw a field of alfalfa at Keremeos that was 18 inches high and as thick as it could stand. The fruit gives promise of being an excellent crop, especially strawberries. Some potatoes are up and hoed for the first to use. Live stock of all kinds are in fine condition. No stallions are allowed to travel in B. C. that are not registered. This will mean a better class of horses.—R.L.A.

AYRSHIRE NEWS

Farm and Dairy is the recognized exponent of the dairy interests of Canada. Breeders of Ayrshire cattle and all members of the Canadian Ayrshire Breeders' Association are invited to send items of interest to Ayrshire breeders for publication in this column.

GOOD STOCK FROM A NOTED SIRE

John McKee, Norwich, Ont., has used splendid bulls. The excellent results that have followed the use of the former noted herd bull, Scottie, sired by Royal Peter of St. Anne's imported, and whose dam, Daisy 1st of Auchenbrain, imported, was considered by many one of the best Ayrshire cows ever brought into Canada, were quite noticeable in the young stock. This bull's heifers are prominent individuals in Mr. McKee's herd. Scottie's dam produced 12,570 lbs. of milk in less than 10 months when 13 years old. Her deep milking qualities apparently have been transmitted through her son to his progeny, as they are now qualifying rapidly in the Record of Performance test. In less than a year about 12 of Scottie's daughters will have qualified in the test.

Scottie has already qualified in the test and is likely soon to lead all other Ayrshire bulls in Canada in the number of his daughters that have qualified. Both the herd bull, used before Scottie, viz., Royal Star of St. Anne's and Babe, have qualified also in the Record of Performance test by the end of the year. This fact affords remarkable proof of the care Mr. McKee has always taken to see that his bulls were from deep milk, strong strains and therefore likely to be prepotent in that respect.

One of Scottie's daughters, Scottie's Victoria, as a two-year-old last year made a record of 4,794 lbs. of milk and 86 lbs. of butter fat. This year she was in the Record of Performance test, but was not allowed to count, as she did not calve until a week after the closing in the rules. This animal was the winner of first place in the three-year Ayrshire class at the Gravelly, Wm. and Fair last December, where she made a better score than any cow entered in the mature class. She was also second in the dairy test at Ottawa. She is now running in the three-year-old class in the Record of Performance test.

Mr. McKee's father died in March. The firm's name, therefore, has been changed from H. & J. McKee to J. McKee. This excellent herd of Ayrshire cattle is one that has done much to increase the popularity of this breed in Canada.

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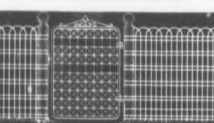
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