

vest, particularly if the showery weather, with the usual warmth of the season, continues up to the second week in July.

One more department remains to be spoken of—the root crops. It is not denied anywhere. I believe, that the potatoe is considered as ranking very high among the edibles of the human race, civilized. It is, therefore, regarded a sad calamity to have a failure in this crop. Much as I myself prize this esculent, I cannot understand how, when the potatoe is subject to so many failures, we do not turn our attention more earnestly to the cultivation of other roots equally nutritious, and many of them perhaps more palatable, and without doubt superior for feeding stock? While we continue to cultivate the potatoe, let us not forget to cultivate also turnips, beets, carrots, parsnips, onions, cabbages, &c. The potatoe, I may say at this early season, promises well, and altogether the prospect of our Merciful Father "crowning the year with plentiousness," is abundant on every side.—From Rev. A. C. Macdonald, Bayfield, Co. Antigonish.

Canard, June 28th, 1878.

MY DEAR SIR,—In answer to your note of the 19th inst. asking for some information relative to the present state and prospect of the crops in this district, I beg to say that as a whole, the farmers ought to be well satisfied.

The month of April was dry and warm, and favourable for farming operations, especially on dry and sandy lands. May and most of this month have been wet, and rather cold, which protracted the putting in of grain, potatoes, and other crops, especially on wet and late lands. There has been a larger breadth of land sown to wheat and oats than usual, and the crop is looking well. In consequence of the continued wet weather, I think a less number of acres has been planted with potatoes than usual. The early planted look vigorous and strong, and the later planted are coming up healthy. It has been rather cold and wet for corn, but, if the weather should come warm, the crop will be fair no doubt. I can scarcely say whether rye, buckwheat, and barley has been sown as freely as usual, I have noticed some fine fields of winter wheat and rye, more than is usually grown in this district.

Hay on our best dyke lands and rich uplands will be a heavy crop. Herds grass and clover are now in blossom, and unless the weather comes more dry, will injure at the roots, as it is lodging in many places. On poorer meadows and cold lands, the crop will be light. On the whole it will be a fair average.

That pest of insects, the Canker Worm, has done much damage to the apple orchards in the lower part of Cornwallis, especially in Belcher and Canard streets, Kentville and Wolfville and vicinities, many of the orchards looking as brown and as completely demurred of leaves as they would be in the middle of winter.

Paris Green, applied in solution, by a garden syringe, has been used by many persons, and I am fully convinced if done at the proper time, and applying twice with a very moderate solution, say, one teaspoonful of the powder to a pail of water, would be a very efficient remedy, a stronger solution would affect the foliage. I applied it to some of my trees, and I found in about twenty-four hours afterwards they became inactive and

left the trees, but clinging to their webs. It has been found a difficult matter with all the care and attention given, to prevent the moths from ascending the trees in the autumn and early spring. I expect this matter will be pretty fully discussed at the next meeting of the Fruit Growers' Association.

I am, your obedient,

C. C. HAMILTON.

Yarmouth, 26th June, 1878.

DEAR SIR,—Your circular of the 19th inst. duly received. After a winter of unprecedented average mildness, we have had, up to this date, cool and wet weather, with frequent fogs. Vegetation started early, there being good pasture for cattle fully three weeks earlier than in ordinary seasons, we had good June butter in May, and cattle are in blooming condition. The hay crop will be at least twenty-five per cent in excess of an average crop, in my own fields the crop is fully double, so far weather for curing has been unfavorable (began on the 20th) and the quality of the crop will be inferior unless we have more sun during the next month than we have had so far.

Potatoes and root crops generally were got in early and promise well, no appearance yet of blight, and early potatoes nearly ready for market. But little grain sown in this county, weather unfavorable, also for corn, beans, squash, &c., &c. Fruit trees of all kinds put forth an early and abundant bloom, and there seems promise of an unusual crop of fruit, the constant wet will probably have prevented the fertilizing of the bloom to a great extent.

Small fruit are bearing well, the currant worm made its appearance a month in advance, but after the first attack mostly disappeared, discouraged by the perpetual moisture. Gooseberries are nearly fully grown. Wild strawberries are in the market. Boston Pine gave a first picking for the table, on the 23rd inst., and Wilson's Albany are beginning to ripen now almost a week ahead of the usual season.

On the night of the 23rd inst. we had a heavy washing rain storm, with thunder and lightning, the damage to the newly sown turnip crop will be serious, a yoke of oxen killed by the lightning and some damage to buildings.

Very truly yours,

CHARLES E. BROWN.

Newport, June 25th, 1878.

DEAR SIR,—Your circular of the 19th inst. received. The hay crop started early is very thick and of fine quality, will be above the average. Grain looks well and will be good from appearance now. Potatoes looking well, rather late planted on account of wet season. Fruit looking fair, where it is not overrun with caterpillar and span worms.

Yours, &c.,

E. ALLESON.

Shubenacadie, N. S., June 27th, 1878.

SIR,—In reply to your favor of 19th inst., I beg to state that the hay crop promises to be much better and earlier than last year; that there has been more oats sown than usual, more wheat than any year for 15 years. Potatoes are looking well and nearly ready for hoeing. Other roots, such as turnips, mangolds and carrots, have been more sown than usual. Therefore, we may say that the

whole crop of the farmer looks remarkably well, a larger area of ground being cultivated than heretofore.

Further, I wish to state that our farmers, besides sending the milk of 150 cows per day to Halifax, supply a cheese factory which makes, on an average, 500 lbs of cheese per day. Farming and stock raising seem to be very much on the increase.

I shall feel most happy to answer any questions with regard to state of crops, etc., you may think proper to ask.

Yours truly,

F. R. PARKER, T. B. L.

Ashby, June 21, 1878.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your note, I may say that the crops all look promising, hay decidedly heavy, potatoes and grain of all kinds also. Wheat for the last two years has yielded a large return, and is now very generally sown by all farmers. Fruit trees, apples particularly, have shown sheets of blossoms.

The hay crop is, at least here, days in advance of former seasons, and cutting will begin by the middle of July.

Very truly yours,

H. DAVENPORT.

NOVA SCOTIA POULTRY AND FLORICULTURAL ASSOCIATION.—The announcement of special prizes by Mr. Vick, in the prize list published in the May number of the JOURNAL OF AGRICULTURE, was inserted on the faith of an announcement in his catalogue, authorizing provincial societies to offer them. He has since declined to grant them, on the ground of having already offered them to two other associations in Nova Scotia. The offer is therefore withdrawn from our prize list.

In the poultry prize list in the May number of the JOURNAL, "Chickens, in collections of not more than four," should read, chickens, in collections of not less than four.

J. B. FRASER, Esq., Shubenacadie, has sold his two year old Short Horn Bull, "Second Gwynne of the Forest," to the Bayfield Agricultural Society, County of Antigonishe, for \$200.

PROFESSOR LAWSON, Secretary of the Central Board of Agriculture, will lecture in the Townhall, Tatamagouche, Colchester Co., on Tuesday afternoon, 9th June. Three Agricultural Societies of the surrounding district are to meet together on the occasion. Israel Longworth, Esq., member of the Board, will be present.

MR. E. B. HYSON of Mahone Bay, writes that his Ellesmere Sow, purchased at Lucyfield Farm, has already served 14 Sows, that have yielded 84 pigs. We are glad to find such satisfactory evidence in the substantial improvement of stock in Lunenburg County. Mahone Bay is taking the lead in the matter of pork.