

tivated to a greater extent than in past years, especially in the western part of King's, and in Annapolis, and considering all things, promises well; Some fields look remarkably well, and I know a small piece headed and in silk (18th July).

#### ROOT CROPS.

In ANNAPOLIS (MR. LONGLEY,) potatoes look well, and are likely to be a good crop. Roots of all kinds are looking pretty well. In CORNWALLIS, (DR. HAMILTON,) "Early planted potatoes never promised better. Some fields are already (18th July) in full bloom, and nearly cover the ground; while the late planted, although presenting a healthy appearance, must come on very rapidly to promise a fair yield. As far as I can learn the Goodrich seedlings promise well. The samples I planted are looking remarkably healthy and vigorous, although not planted very early. The leaf is large and presents a rich green color. The TURNIP crop is scarcely advanced far enough to justify an opinion. I think there are more sown than usual. Early sown fields show well." MR. PALMER states that about WINDSON, "Potatoes are looking healthy, although in many places they are very young, the heavy and continual rain through the month of May having kept back field operations on all heavy lands. More than the usual quantity of ground is under turnips, which have come up very well, and many fields are past injury from the turnip fly, the great enemy of that crop. From personal inspection, and such information as I have been able to obtain from reliable persons in different parts of the district, I consider myself correct in saying that the present appearance and prospect of the crop of this season, taken as a whole, is quite as encouraging as could be reasonably expected. As the bulk of the tillage crop is still in comparative infancy, much will depend upon the weather from this time forward for bringing it to maturity, and getting it safely harvested." In SHUBENACADIE (MR. PARKER,) potatoes promise well, but very many fields are late, and if either blight or frost takes them early they will be no great of a crop. Turnips are just beginning to show themselves, and by the frequent showers may do well. In the district of CLARE (MR. COMEAU,) the season was backward. "In the spring, on account of the quantity of rain and wet weather, the farmers got in their crops late, and on the 15th of June we had a heavy white frost, which cut down a quantity of potatoes, beans, pumpkin, squash, and flax, it retarded some, and others totally destroyed. Since then what is left looks very well, and is growing rapidly. Root crops, such as mangle-wurtzel, turnips, carrots, beets, and onions, are yet very slim." In PARRSBORO (MR. DICKSON,) "Potatoes planted early are most flourishing. Some of those

planted late, that is from the 10th to the last of June, have missed coming up, the ground being too warm and dry for them. But the failure will not be extensive, as most farmers had their planting done before the dry weather (about the 1st June) set in. Through the rainy weeks in May a great many of our farmers went right on with their planting and sowing regardless of the rain; their farms being light dry soil admitted of it. This could not be done where the land was a heavy clay soil, consequently the seed times on these farms was later, and the potatoe crop is the chief sufferer. The season has been favorable for turnips; I have as yet heard of no depredations from the fly. Buckwheat, peas and beans, and all kinds of vegetables are doing well. Apples and plums will be a fair crop. The frosts in June, which seemed to be more frequent and more severe than ever known before in that month, have not destroyed our fruit as was feared they had. Of our wild fruits, strawberries and gooseberries are a fair crop; raspberries, blueberries and cranberries being later, it is feared are much injured by the same frosts."

#### ORCHARDS—FRUIT CROPS.

DR. HAMILTON writes from CORNWALLIS: "I am sorry that I cannot report more favorably of the fruit crop. The trees seldom blossomed more full, and in many parts of this district the number set was abundant, but they are continually dropping, and under some trees the ground is nearly covered with apples. The apple crop must fall very far short of an average. There is one remarkable fact,—in some localities certain orchards are well loaded, while in others not very far distant, whole orchards have scarcely any apples on the trees. Most likely this irregularity is owing to the frost, striking, as it does, the sandy inland ground, where the trees are the most forward. The fine warm weather early in the spring forced the trees quite too rapidly, and when the cold damp rains set in, the check to the circulation of the sap was too sudden and great, and while the trees bloomed full the regular continuation of the flow of the sap was interrupted, and prevented the maturity of the formation of the fruit. Caterpillars, and other destructive worms, &c., in some places, especially in Annapolis county, have done much damage. Plums, like the apple, in some localities prove well, while in others scarcely any are to be found. The curculio is still plenty; I have found coal ashes put several inches thick around the trees in the spring of the year acts as a barrier to their climbing propensities. I hope the fruit crop will be sufficiently abundant to make the exhibition of the Fruit Growers' Association at Wolfville as good as last year, but of this I have my doubts. This is to be regretted, as the Royal Horticultural Society of Lon-

don have offered their gold medal for a collection of fruits and vegetables from any of the colonies, and should Nova Scotia compete, those interested would wish her to maintain the position our fruit has already obtained at previous exhibitions. As far as I can learn the scions received from the Royal Horticultural Society are doing remarkably well." [Ours have already made shoots half a yard in length.—Ed.] From ANNAPOLIS, MR. LONGLEY writes:—"I am sorry that so good an account cannot be given of the fruit crop as of the others. The apple crop which is all important to the country, will, it is feared, fall considerably below the average, although the Nonpareil, the most valuable variety for keeping, especially promises an abundant yield. The crop of pears, plums and cherries will be light, probably." At CLARE (MR. COMEAU,) "the apple orchards blossomed as white as snow; so also plum, cherry and pear trees. But owing to cold frost or wind there will be but a light crop of fruit this season. We have here foggy weather, rainy, wet, overcast, and dull, which has been the case nearly all the season."

In Halifax County, Fruit is much scarcer than usual.

#### DAIRY PRODUCE.

In regard to Dairy Produce favorable reports have been received. Mr. Longley states that in Annapolis the produce of the Dairy will be unusually large.

Stock has succeeded well in the pastures this season. Mr. Parker writes,—

"I am frequently enquired at about Stock. There is a great demand for good or Imported Stock, more than I ever knew. Any enquiries that you may wish to make at any time I am most ready to attend to."

#### REMARKS ON THE PRESENT STATE OF THE CROPS IN THE COUNTY OF CAPE BRETON.

Sydney, July 17th, 1865

On enquiry I find from various sections of this county the crops bid fair; the fall was an unusually wet one, and prevented farmers on heavy wet lands from making the usual preparations for spring work. We had little snow in the winter, and a cold, wet spring, the result has been delay in ploughing, and where this was done early, some partial failures in the potato. On wet lands the seed has slightly failed, and in one or two places the seed has been ploughed up and oats substituted, otherwise this crop looks very well; the Goodrich potatoes far outstrip anything I have yet seen. To insure a fair trial, the seed was divided into four or five equal parts, and placed with different growers in as many different sections,