

OUR FARMERS' CLUB

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QUEBEC

MISSISSQUOI CO. QUE.

FRELEIGHSBURG. — The weather has been such as to keep the roads in good condition for some time. The total snow-fall this winter has been very large but frequent thaws have taken it off, so there is not much difficulty about working in the woods. A considerable number of logs have been drawn to the sawmills, and there has been enough water in the streams to keep the mills running most of the time. For the last month or so quite a bit of lumber has been sawn. Although most of our herds are reduced in number last fall, many farmers find themselves short of fodder and hay is being brought in in quantity. No. 1 timothy hay, lalot, is wanting delivered at \$12 a ton; No. 2 and clover mixed hay are worth from \$10.50 to \$11 a ton delivered at the station. Hogs are not over plentiful and the market is good at \$7 a cwt. Beef is very scarce. The butter market is in bad shape ranging from 12c to 13c or fully 10c lower than it was last year. Numbers of Eggs are 25c to 34c a doz. Mill feed is quiet and prices are about the same as in the fall although it is hard to get feed in quantity without taking down. A carload of western oats was unloaded recently, the price being \$14.00 a cwt off the car. The winter is pretty much over-fished and many of us are preparing for the sugar season. — C. A. W.

RICHMOND CO. QUE.

DANVILLE. — Winter still holds its own, although we had a few rather mild days, at which time the farmers were looking forward to the beginning of the sugar season. All necessary preparations were made, such as buying a new supply of syrup cans, etc. The roads are good and wood and log hauling are going on as brisk as ever. Our farmers' meeting took place on the 8th and was fairly well attended. The speakers were George W. Barr and Thomas Barr. Prices for all farm produce are high. Drawing out manure and wood hauling is the chief work on hand. A few farmers are buying hay. — M. D. B.

COMPTON CO. QUE.

WATERVILLE. — March has been cold and a winter-like. The roads are as hard as in the middle of winter, and fit yet for lumbering. Sugar makers are anxiously looking forward to warmer weather. Generally speaking, if sugar making does not commence in March, the prospects are it will be a short sugar year as in April it sets rather warm and the sugar will be short and most of the farmers have plenty of feed to carry them through. We have a good local market for all kinds of farm produce. Pork sells for \$10 a cwt. butter, 27c to 30c a lb; eggs, 25c to 30c. — J. B.

ONTARIO

HASTINGS CO. ONT.

ACTINOUITE. The winter has been a mild one, with not much snow, and plenty of ice. Fodder has been rather scarce; hay is selling at from \$10 to \$15 a ton. Farm stock is coming through the winter better than was expected. Times have been rather hard for the working class of people, as there has not been much doing, except cutting wood and drawing it to market. Fresh pork sells here at \$10 a cwt; potatoes, 7c to 8c a bag. Eggs have been scarce and high in price. The probabilities are that this will be a good year. — T. K.

NORTHUMBERLAND CO. ONT.

WICKLOW. — The ground is nearly free from snow; clover seems all right as yet, but farmers are fearful lest the want of snow will cause it to burn. Some of the farmers are making great preparations for making sugar, but few have tapped yet. Stock generally has wintered unusually good. The scare of "scarcity of fodder" has completely changed, as good hay has sold as low as \$8 a ton. Now is the time to pay attention to sheep, as the price of the flock depends on the next three months, — viz., wool and lambs. — E. B. H.

HALIBURTON CO. ONT.

HIGHLAND GLEN. — We are getting lots of snow. At this time of winter there is more snow on the ground than at any time this winter. The lumbermen are busy now. Farmers and woodmen have taken out large quantities of pulp wood and cord wood. The feed is about normal, although grain is scarce in most cases. Hay is \$12 a ton and seems to be easily

got for that price. Although this cannot be considered a high price, we don't see how some make money selling it in the fall for \$8 and \$9, and afterwards buy it back in the spring, as some have done, for \$12. What kind of an investment is that? Wheat raising some time ago was thrown away as a speculation, a failure. It is understood however that a great many are going to try it again this year—it is to be hoped with success. Beef is \$7.50 a cwt; pork \$9; butter sells for 25c a lb; eggs, 25c. There are not many eggs in the country yet. — F. N. R.

VICTORIA CO. ONT.

BUBY'S GREEN. — Farmers are kept quite busy having a good supply of wood for another year. Some are taking out cedar and the timber for sale for which there is a good demand and good prices. Our fathers chopped hard and hewed the best of the forest into railroad ties for from 14c to 16c the each. Now they bring almost 40c. Cedar of almost any kind is keenly sought. Any one owning a good swamp of timber (they are certainly scarce) has a little Gobait of his own. The feed problem is the next difficulty, though farmers have all fed cautiously thus far. Hay is a fair price and but little is being taken out as most of the hay and oat product is fed at home. Stock look well but might be better, especially in size. It does not require an expert to discover that cheese factories abound in close proximity. Some

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think that the "more cash and less calf system" is all right, and it is hard to get out of an old rut. — G. B.

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FALKLAND. — The fields have been bare for a good part of last few weeks and consequently the fall wheat and clover have been exposed to the extremes of the weather, with little damage. It is too early in the season to say of good sowing and the drawing of manure are the jobs on hand. It is also a good plan to clean the seed grain during the slack time as more attention can be given it now than it is left until the fields are ready to sow. Turnips are gone, but some still have mangels to feed. A great many turnips were lost by rot. There is still plenty of hay but straw will be pretty well used up by May. Hay has worth about \$10; wheat, \$1; barley, 50c; oats, 35c; bran, 32c; shorts, 24c; potatoes, 10c a bag; butter, 24c; eggs, 25c; hogs, 15c live weight, 17c a cwt; fat cattle, 4c to 4 1/2c a lb. — L. T.

WELLINGTON CO. ONT.

ELORA. — The continued sleighing, with so little snow, and consequent good roads, seems to have had a favorable effect on business, and the general public is in better spirits. Prices of live stock of all kinds have been especially are fetching record prices. Auction sales are well attended and good stock is in brisk demand. A "feed fair" held at Elora recently brought forward some fine samples of grain notwithstanding the past unfavorable season. The feeling is growing that the good season is an important factor in successful farming. Stocks of feed are getting low, and everyone is looking for an early spring. Should this prove to be the case, with the result of

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FROME. — Cutting firewood and hauling manure is the order of the day. Some are making a good thing of it and putting in post holes. As we have a new cheese and butter factory going up in our neighborhood a good many cows are being shipped in and sold by auction. The Holstein seems to be the best seller for factory purposes. Hogs are way up to 7c to 10c a lb. and wheat to \$1.50 a bush while potatoes and clover seed, which commenced the farmers have plenty of, are cheap.

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KELLOE. — With the exception of one week, we have experienced a very fine winter. That one week, however, was the coldest we ever saw. We have recently loaded our grain. We sold our oats for 27c and received 30c for our wheat. Hogs bring 5c live weight. We are asking 4c for our stall fed cattle, and are sure to get it. Hens have been laying well all winter. Our cream is sent by rail to the creamery, shipped once a week, or when they get a ten gallon can. — N. C. F.

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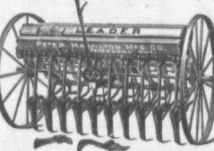
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