

OUR FARMERS' CLUB

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NOVA SCOTIA

CUMBERLAND CO., N. S.

PUGWASH.—The June rains saved the hay from failure. There will probably be an average crop. Clover is a little above the average. Hay is still very weak. Grain looks strong and promising. Root crops are fair. In many places the cut worm has eaten the beans. Some of the fruit are fair. Strawberries plentiful but soft on account of recent dark, damp weather.—C. E. B.

KING'S CO., N. S.

WATERVILLE.—June was exceedingly dry, and in some places the strawberry crop was light owing to lack of moisture. Heavy rains came on June 22 and 23, and saved many things. The hay crop looks as if it is going to be light. Strawberries were shipped during the last week in June. Pears (grapes) were ready to gather on light lands in the first week of July. Tomatoes, corn and most other things promise to take the beans, which are now in flower. The aphid is attacking apple trees and red beetles the wild, and cultivated cherries, also possibly the apple beetles are as active as ever. Caterpillars are doing some damage, though not as bad as last year. On June 23rd the annual excursion of Annapolis Valley farmers and their families went to Truro Agricultural College. The outing proved a delightful and instructive holiday. Ontario strawberries were selling in Truro at 40¢ for 2½ a box. Owing to the dry spell strawberries in some sections are a failure, and those that are doing well are ripening slowly and the price is poor. Blackberries look very promising. The general opinion throughout the valley is that the apple crop will be good.—Eunice Watts.

QUEBEC

COMPTON CO., QUE.

WATERVILLE.—The weather has been rather cool; slight frost has been noticed lately. Owing to the scarcity of rain the potatoes are becoming very poor. The hay crop is not up to the average. Haying rather late, although some of the farmers have commenced. The growth of grain and roots give promise of an exceptionally good crop. Potatoes are in bloom and the farmers are fighting the potato beetle, which is very plentiful. The apple are promising but the plums blighted early. The market for farm produce is very good. Pork is selling at \$14 to \$15 a cwt.; butter at 22¢ to 23½¢ a lb; eggs, 20¢ to 25¢ a dozen.—J. M.

ONTARIO

PRINCE EDWARD CO., ONT.

BETHEL.—We are having a very severe drought, having had no rain to be of any practical value to crops since the 27th of rainy right now and we are all hoping it will come. If it does not rain soon the situation will be serious. The hay crop is very poor, especially old meadows. I know of one case where 12 acres yielded only two loads, and there is lots more just as bad, and it is not the fault of poor farming either. Cows are fast drying up as pastures are bare. The crop outlook is so serious that farmers dare not feed them as it will be a hard matter to get enough for to winter their stock as it is. The crops are at least two weeks behind owing to the very wet spring. Apples promise a big crop. Strawberries have been very short owing to dry weather. Cherries are a great crop, the highest in years, and are very cheap. Plums look well. Rye and fall wheat will be big straw, the crop of grain will likely be light. Hogs are scarce.—A. S. W.

PETERBORO CO., ONT.

APLSLEY.—After the late cold spring, the weather has turned very dry and warm. The hay crop is late and light. Grain is just starting to shoot out; unless we get rain very soon it will not be up to the average. Pastures are so suffered and the supply of milk is growing smaller. The one thing that seems to prosper is the potato hogs; they are a first class crop.—A. G.

NORTHUMBERLAND CO., ONT.

EDVILLE.—Many farmers are improving their farm buildings by erecting them on another site on a basement of stone. Hip roofs, generally covered with metal, are popular. Many of the corns are red, which adds a good deal to the look. Three farmers living side by side in this neighborhood are now each engaged in erecting

a barn of modern style. This kind of barn is getting quite numerous, and owing to the scarcity of timber it is quite costly. Some in building new barns dispense with square timber and build balloon frames. One barn in the township built recently is said to have cost about \$1700.—S. H.

DURHAM CO., ONT.

BLACKSTOCK.—The fine rain we received on Saturday and Sunday, July 10th and 11th, very materially brightened our crop prospects, and crops are all well, proving very rapidly. Haying is generally finished, there are some fine fields; also some rather small ones. Taken all together hay will probably be pretty near average crop. The root crop, although not so far advanced as some years at this date, still is looking pretty well. In driving through the country we notice that the grain crop varies very much; there are some very fine fields while there are some that are not looking very well. Although our township is not generally considered a fall wheat country, there are some fine fields of wheat. The early sown suffered considerably from the drought and are ripening a little too fast. Considerable of the barley will be short in the straw. Oats are looking healthy. Small fruits are not at all good as the season in the straw with more rain.—J. E.

OXFORD CO., ONT.

GOLESPER.—We are having fine growing weather. Farmers are very busy. The late spring thaws, which helped so much to such that weeding and haying are on together. It would be not so heavy as people thought it was affected with rust. It is very heavy, and as it was well on before it got affected. The wheat looks well but are late; some fields are beginning to head out. Roots and corn are looking fine.—A. M.

MIDDLESEX CO., ONT.

TEMPO.—This part of Middlesex Co. was early cleared, and the cold winds began to blow rather severely, so to offset their effects, around the majority of homes pine trees were planted out from 40 to 60 years ago. Since then spruce has been more and more planted. Visitors from other parts of Canada frequently remark on the fine pine groves that surround the farm homes of Westminster Township. These pines have made a remarkable growth, and hundreds of them not over 50 years old, have been cut for lumber and building timber. The writer was at a raising lately where the pines of the door yard had been cut, and hewn into sills, beams, posts, plates, etc., making timber from 12 inches down to 4½, and all the very best. Pine trees which the writer made very good barn timber.—J. E. O.

WELLINGTON CO., ONT.

FERRUS.—The weather has been very hot and dry of late with hot drying winds. The pastures are beginning to dry up. The grain is looking much better than it did, and a few showers would bring it on better. The hay crop is going to be fairly good, especially the new meadows. Farmers are hoeing their mangels. It will be some time yet before turnips are ready to go. Prospects for a good fruit crop are good. Road work is almost completed, except where contracts are let for graveling.—W. A. M.

ELORA.—The rains of the past three days have been a veritable God-send, as nearly all crops had begun to suffer from heat and drought, but now everything has changed. People, too, have a more cheerful countenance. Haying has begun. Some little injury resulted from the rain, but its value on the whole is past calculation. Fall wheat, looking fine before the rain, is broken down a little, but will still make a good crop. There is not much grown, which seems a pity as good prices appear to be in sight.—W.

GREY CO., ONT.

RAVENNA.—Crops are looking better owing to the downpour of rain during the past two or three days. The late sown grain has made a great advance and it now looks as if it may be a fair crop. The hay crop is very light and short. Root crops are late but look thick. Fall wheat has a good appearance and it gives promise of filling well. The outlook is good for a good apple crop. Fruit growers are looking after their orchards well, which makes the outlook for an apple crop good. M. C. P.

BRUCE CO., ONT.

MACKELVIN.—The 5th of July saw the first cutting of hay pretty general. Hay is a fair average crop. Prices of various crops are looking well but are from one to two weeks late. Small fruits are plentiful; plums and some varieties of apples will be a fair crop. Roots of all kinds are rather

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backward for this season of the year, but with frequent showers they will yet be a bountiful crop. Stock of oat hods are looking well. There is an abundance of straw. This is the season of the year to get after the weeds if we wish to keep our farms clear. If all the farming community would lend a helping hand we could do so.—J. O. L.

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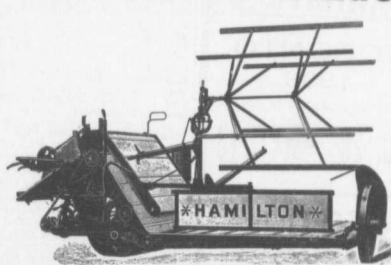
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