

ought to be. In King's county grain is short as yet, but has a very healthy appearance. In Annapolis less grain has been sown than formerly, and an average yield is expected. In Musquodoboit, oats although sown late this year, give great promise of an abundant yield; barley is fully equal to former years. Buckwheat coming up well. In Lower Barney's River early-sown oats and peas look well; in Yarmouth grain is promising. In Paradise Indian-corn is backward from wet and cold, but buckwheat, barley and peas look well. In Granville, also, Indian-corn is rather late, retarded by the nights being rather cool; barley and oats look exceedingly well. In Parrsborough grains of all kinds look well; in Wallace they have a healthy appearance, and a much later breadth sown than in any previous year. At Sydney, C. B., cereals are healthy, good in colour, and strong in shoot; but at North Sydney barley and oats are reported as backward.

FRUIT.

Horton—Few blossoms on the trees, and prospect of a light crop. Windsor—Apples about an average; small fruits promise well. Granville—Fruit, to all appearance, will be in excess of last year. Paradise—Apple crop will probably be light, in consequence of canker-worm, and other fruits light also. Annapolis—Apples blossomed abundantly, but late frosts did injury, and the crop is not expected to exceed average. Amherst—The small orchards will give a poor yield, and the plum and cherry crops will be very small. Pictou—Apples a fair crop, cherries and plums deficient, strawberries abundant. Lunenburg—Fruit blossomed abundantly. Mahone Bay—Apples promise well, plums short. Yarmouth—Abundant bloom, and good prospect of fruit, except of strawberries and raspberries, which have suffered from the unusual severity of last winter. Sydney, C. B.—Prospect of abundance of fruit, especially small fruits, currants and gooseberries being very heavy, and strawberries blooming well.

INSECTS.

On the Halifax Peninsula, and throughout the greater part of the county, the little turnip beetle has been unusually destructive to early plants, cabbages, cauliflowers, tomatoes, ground cherries, cucumbers, melons, &c. The cut-worm also has been more prevalent than usual. On the Peninsula the Mangel crop may be regarded as a failure from the insect injuries received, and several farmers have ploughed up their fields of Mangels, and re-sown with turnips. The Gooseberry and Currant Worm has been comparatively weak and few in numbers this season, so that small fruit is doing well. The tussock caterpillars, so abundant during the last year or two, in and around Halifax, have al-

most completely disappeared. The parent of this caterpillar, the dancing Vapourer Moth, we have only seen one individual of this season, a male. Later in the season, however, we may have a small crop of these omnivorous caterpillars.

OBITUARY.

At Mahone Bay, on the 27th ult., in the 45th year of his age, George Duncan, Esq., merchant, leaving a widow and four children to mourn the loss of a loving husband and father.

Mr. Duncan was for several years the active Secretary of the Mahone Bay Agricultural Society, and we regret to hear of his decease.

Reports on Crops.

LUNENBURG, June 26, 1871.

Mr. Editor,—Agreeably to your request, I send you the following observations on the prospects of the crops in this County:—Spring opened earlier than usual in March, and the alternate warm rains and sun-shine, which continued until the beginning of May, promised early work for the farmers. But the month of May ushered in a spell of cold North-Easterly winds and ungenial weather, with sharp white frosts and deficiency of rain, which continued during the month, retarding vegetation and the work of the husbandman. And hay becoming scanty, many farmers had great difficulty in finishing their spring work. Up to that time the prospects of good crops were anything but promising; the young grain plants, particularly on heavy soil, looked sickly, patchy and thin, and the grass stunted. But potato and other root crops made fair promises, and now look very well; and the fruit trees generally put forth abundance of blossom, and now seem safe to yield an average return. The weather this month has been every thing that we consider good, delightful rains with reasonable warmth and sun-shine, the customary remark during this month being:—This is fine weather; the fields generally now promise a fair yield, except the grass, which is yet very short although rapidly thickening and improving. It has yet nearly a month for maturing, when, I believe, the weather continuing favourable, it will not be much under an average crop, although many of our best farmers shake their heads in doubt about it. This County used to export large quantities of surplus hay, but the lumbering business now takes all of it, and last year, although the hay crop was very abundant, yet some engaged in the lumbering business got hay, this spring, from Cumberland County. Cattle command unusually large prices, beef and everything else the farmer has to sell bring high prices and find a ready

market. All branches of trade and business were never more flourishing than at the present time, high prices for everything and money freely circulating. I am &c.

H. A. N. KAULBACH.

PARADISE, June 26th, 1871.

Dear Sir,—In reply to your favour of the 21st inst., requesting me to furnish you with information regarding the state of the crops in this district, I beg to hand you the following, embracing the result of my observations upon the subject referred to. The hay crop promises to be abundant. Wheat looking well—more than usual sown. Rye, very little sown, that little promises well. Indian Corn, backward, too wet and cold for it. Buckwheat, barley and peas, looking well. Potatoes, on high land looking well, on low land or wet soils, the seed has rotted or been destroyed by the wire-worm. Too early to speak with much certainty regarding turnips, mangelwurtzels, carrots, etc. The fruit crop, apple crop especially, will probably be light, partly in consequence of the devastations of the cankerworm. Currants have suffered by the ravages of the currant-worm. The plum and pear crop will probably be light, Cherries promise pretty well. I am &c.

A. LONGLEY.

BROOKDALE FARM, GRANVILLE, }
June 27th, 1870.

Dear Sir,—I am in receipt of your favour of the 21st inst., and am happy to inform you, that from all I can see and hear concerning the crops in the Western part of the county, there never was a more promising appearance at this season of the year. The hay crop bids fair to be more than average. Wheat, but little sown. Indian corn, not quite up to the season, owing to the nights being rather cool. Barley and oats look exceedingly well, potatoes are looking remarkably well, and should the weather continue favorable no doubt there will be an abundant crop. Fruit to all appearance will be in excess of last year. I am &c.,

E. P. TROOR.

LOWER STEWACKE, }
June 26th, 1871.

Dear Sir,—In reply to yours of the 21st inst., I am happy to say that in this locality crops are looking better than was anticipated a few weeks ago. Owing to the backwardness of the spring everything is somewhat later than last spring, but crops in general are now looking well. The hay bids fair to be a fair crop; wheat, oats and barley are looking finely; potatoes too, are a fine healthy colour, and if seasonable showers continue through the season no doubt a fine harvest will be the result. We have had some very fine showers of late, which has improved the