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STATE OF THE CROPS.

ANTIGONISH COUNTY

Antigonish, Sept. 4, 1869.

In this county hay has been above an average crop. The larger portion of it was housed in excellent order during the three first weeks of August, since which time the weather has been unfavorable for harvesting and some hay remains on the ground to be housed in a damaged state, proving the old adage correct, (make hay while the sun shines), and showing the necessity of pushing forward the work while the weather is favorable, as three tons of hay well saved is worth more for feeding purposes than five tons cut late in the season or during showery weather.

Grain in general is late owing more to the cool summer we have had than the late sowing. In some parts of the county early wheat has done well, other fields of early sowing have been largely destroyed by the weevil. Oats in general and the late wheat promise well should the weather prove favorable for ripening; much depends on this, as should early frosts prevail, crops would be materially injured, as the larger part of the grain

sown last spring will not be beyond the influence of frost for two weeks to come.

Potatoes are as good as for many years past, the blight scarcely having made its appearance yet, and a good crop is confidently expected. Roots (but little grown in this county), where sown look well.

Judging from present appearances the crops this year will be as good or better than for a number of years past, and the labour of the husbandman as well rewarded.

Wheat, perhaps, is not sown so largely as should be, and our farmers depend more for their bread on countries more highly favoured for wheat growing than our Province has been in the last twenty-three years.

C. B. WHIDDEN.

P.S. I am extremely sorry to inform you that our Agricultural Society is not in working order this year, but hope to see it revive.

C. B. W.

CAPE BRETON COUNTY.

Little Bras d'Or, Sept. 4, 1869.

It is gratifying to observe in this district every indication of a plentiful harvest. Hay was much heavier than last

year, and never was secured in better condition.

Early summer was cold and wet, and vegetation slow, but of late in most places assumed a rather luxuriant appearance, but harvest will be later than last year. I hear but few complaints either of midge in wheat or blight on potatoes. I would be glad to report a larger breadth of turnips sown, for in almost every place where properly attended they look healthy. Until farmers raise more turnips for stock, the progress of agriculture must be slow. Could not Agricultural Societies make it a condition of membership, that each should raise at least a few rods of turnips,—to compete for a small prize or otherwise, as the directors might decide, and perhaps to be on the ground or something of a kindred nature, just to start a competition. Our Society, this year, promises to start with more vigour than usual.

ANGUS W. MCLEAN.

Sydney, C. B., Sept. 3, 1869.

Hay crop good and well saved. Oats well headed but straw short. Wheat, which is not abundantly raised, good. Potatoes very good, but will be a little late. Turnips, crop very fair. Other vegetables about an average. Fruit not very good.