

It is to be hoped that next summer something unfavorable to their increase may occur, or many farmers will be eaten out of house and home.

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THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX was scourged last summer by immense swarms of grasshoppers. The common red-legged species (*C. femur-rubrum*) was the most numerous, but the larger greenish-yellow species (*C. bivittatus*) was also numerous.

The hay and pasture were injured to some extent, but the oats suffered more than any of the other crops. The turnips, also cabbage, were injured to a great extent, not only along the margins of the fields, but over the whole area. Over entire fields the leaves were skeletonized, nothing but the mid and side ribs standing up.

The corn crop, nearly all farm crops, even onions, were considerably injured. Mangolds was the only crop which escaped.

They were especially numerous towards the latter part of the season, and the aftergrowth of hay fields and pastures generally was very much kept down by them, thus lessening dairy products to a considerable extent.

Prince Edward County, which I recently visited, seems to have suffered about as much as Middlesex, and it is now pretty certain that the plague was general over the Province.

It is much to be desired that full statistics, as to the amount of injury done to farm interests last season by grasshoppers, be compiled and published. It would be a very surprising record to many farmers, who are very apt to underestimate the injurious effect of insects.

In the absence of such statistics any estimate must be more or less inaccurate, but, taking as a basis of calculation the estimate that the injury on every farm amounted to one hundred dollars, a very moderate one, the aggregate is away up in the tens of millions of dollars.

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