OUR FARMERS' CLUB

Correspondence Invited

PRINCE-EDWARD ISLAND

KING'S CO., P. E. I.

CARDIGAN, Sept. 15.—We are having poor harvest weather; raining most of the past week. A lot of grain is cut and in stook, but very little saved. Grain is well filled and will thresh well. A heavy frost on the 5th and 6th burnt the potato tops badly. Potatoes that were planted late will be small. Turnips are growing well.—H. P.

QUEEN'S CO., P. E. I.

CHARLOTTETOWN, Sept. 17.—Our hay crop has turned out much better than was expected, and was in excellent condition. A large amount of clover and timothy seed has not been saved. Wheat is above the average, the straw clear and bright; the oat crop is good, but will not come up to earlier expectations; barley is fairly well; corn is more or less of a failure; potatoes are progressing nicely, with no sign of damage through bugs or blight. The root crop is patchy; apples of all kinds will be scarce and of inferior quality. The milk supply is much better than last year.—D. O. A.

ONTARIO

HALIBURTON CO., ONT.

KINMOUNT, Sept. 4.—The weather has been showery since the heavy rain of August 22nd, which was a great boom, putting out the fires and making the pasture fresh. The fires burnt a large quantity of wood timber and beaver hay. What grain has been threshed is turning out well in spite of the dry weather. The frost following the rain has hurt the corn and potatoes. Cattle are moving freely. Cattle, 4½c to 5c; sheep and lambs, 5½c to 6½c; hogs, 10½c live; hay, $15 a ton; butter, 25c to 28c; eggs, 23c; beef, 7c and 8c; butter-fat, 25c; oats, 35c a bus.—J. A. S-T.

NORFOLK CO., ONT.

HEMLOCK, Sept. 15.—The prospects for a good crop of buckwheat was very good until last Saturday night; we had a very severe frost, which has damaged it a good deal. The corn field is excellent. Hogs are selling at $9.50; little pigs, $6 a pair. Dairy cows are very high. Pasture fields are good. Poultry is selling at 15c dressed; eggs, 21c; butter, 28c to 30c; tomatoes, 35c a bush.—V. B. P.

MIDDLESEX CO., ONT.

APPIN, Sept. 15.—We did not escape the severe frost of Saturday and Sunday nights, 13th and 14th. Damage to tender crops, potatoes, tomatoes, etc., is considerable, as also to corn on low-lying or cold bottom soils. Silo filling has commenced. Corn is a good crop generally, though it could stand with advantage another 10 days of good weather. There is a considerable cut of second clover crop for hay. Quite an acreage was saved for seed, which is somewhat of a failure. Quality will be medium and yield poor in most fields saved.—C. M. M.

LAMBETH, Sept. 11.—Beautiful weather every day, and no frost yet, is what pleases the farmer. Wheat has been extensively sown this season, while great pains was taken to have the land properly prepared. Corn is a fine crop; in about another week cutting will be general. Many new silos have been erected, be concrete and wooden ones being evenly divided. We have been quite free of the bad pests the past season, namely, Canada thistles, potato bugs and smut in wheat, oats and corn; and nobody was sorry for it. Every person appears busy and prosperous, and times are good. Splendid yields of grain are an everyday occurrence, as the threshers move around.—J. E. O.

NEW MILK RECORD.—A new world's milk record for Jersey cows is recorded for Eminent Beau, owned in Houghton County, Michigan. Her yearly record under the supervision of the Michigan Agricultural College shows a production of 1,139 pounds of milk, testing 1.132 pounds nine ounces of butter. The former Jersey record held by Jacoba Irene was 17,358 pounds of milk. The new record also exceeds the Guernsey breed record held by Spotswood Daisy Pearl by 172 pounds of milk.

THE 1913 WINTER FAIR AT GUELPH.—Preparations are well under way for the holding of the Thirtieth Annual Ontario Provincial Winter Fair to be held at Guelph, Dec. 9th to 12th, 1913. The prize list, which is now to hand, shows very attractive classifications and considerable increase in the amount of prize money offered over former years. Several new sections have been added in the sheep department. In the dairy cattle section, the prizes have been increased in several sections. In the swine department last year a class was provided for "any other breed, grade or cross"; this year the classes are provided, one for "any other pure-bred," and one for "grades or crosses of any breed." In the poultry department several classes have been added, and the prizes for ducks are to be increased according to the number of entries, as is now the case in the classes for fowls.

Quite a number of county councils are offering special prizes for amateur exhibitors from their counties, every section of the premium list being supplemented. A copy of the list may be obtained upon application to the secretary, R. W. Wade, Parliament Buildings, Toronto.

DOMINION CROP CONDITIONS

A bulletin issued to-day by the Census and Statistics Office of the Department of Trade and Commerce reports the condition of crops and live stock at the end of August and gives preliminary estimates of the yield of spring wheat, rye, oats and barley as compiled from the reports of correspondents upon the appearance of these crops.

The weather conditions were favorable for ripening and harvesting the grain crops. In Ontario it was nearly all harvested by the end of the month, while in the Prairie provinces harvesting operations were about two-thirds completed, and it was expected that threshing would be general by September 15. In the Maritime provinces the harvest is more backward, being only general about the end of the month.

Percentage of Crops

The average condition of spring wheat is 88.45 per cent of the standard of a full crop, which is represented by 100; oats, 87.85; barley, 87.07; rye, 89.49; peas, 89.81; beans, 78.67; buckwheat, 77.81; mixed grains, 89.04; flax, 85.96; corn, 79.78. On the whole these figures maintain the high standard set by last month's report, and marks an advancement for spring wheat, oats and flax. Compared with the figures at the corresponding date last year, wheat is 88 to 84; oats and barley stand at 86 for each season; rye, 89 to 84; mixed grains, 89 to 87; flax, 85 to 88. Potatoes are 86, against 89 last month and 92 last year; turnips are 84 for both this month and last, as against 88 last year; mangolds are 83, against 84 last month and last year. Pasture has maintained its condition only lost one point the figures being 81, against 82 last month and 92 a year ago.

Yield of Wheat

From the reports furnished by correspondents the following preliminary estimates of yield are based on the areas sown. Of spring wheat the average yield per acre is provisionally placed at 21.41 bushels per acre, which, upon an area of 8,990,500 acres, makes the total yield of spring wheat to be 192,517,000 bushels. This quantity, added to 18,481,800 bushels of fall wheat, gives the total production of wheat as 210,998,800 bushel, compared with the final estimate for 1912 of 199,235,000 bushels and for 1911 of 215,851,000 bushels. The yield per acre in 1912 was 20.99 bushels for fall wheat and 20.37 bushels for spring wheat.

Oats, with an average yield of 40.98 bushels per acre on 9,546,400 acres, gives a total production of 391,541,000 bushels, as against an average yield of 39.53 bushels and a total yield of 361,733,000 bushels in 1912.

More Barley This Year

Barley, with a yield per acre of 31.05 bushels and a total yield of 44,440,000 bushels, as compared with an average yield of 31.10 bushels and a total of 44,054,000 bushels in 1912.

The estimated yield of rye is 2,425,000 bushels for 127,200 acres, being a yield per acre of 19.06 bushels, as against a total of 2,594,000 bushels in 1912.

For the three North-West provinces the total yield of spring wheat is estimated at 188,019,000 bushels, oats 244,325,000 bushels, and flax at 15,056,000 bushels, as compared with a total yield in 1912 for spring wheat of 183,322,000 bushels, oats 221,867,000 bushels and barley of 26,671,000 bushels.

The general condition of live stock is very satisfactory, being expressed in percentages of a standard of 100, representing a healthy and thrifty state, as 94.27 for horses, 91.37 for milch cows, for other cattle 93.54, for sheep 90.41 and for swine 94.83.

QUEBEC MEN PLEASE NOTICE.—Prof. Barton, Professor of Animal Husbandry at Macdonald College, has just advised the Quebec Branch of the Holstein-Friesian Society of Canada that the College has made arrangements for the official testing of Holsteins under the rules of the association, but wants the breeders to advise him as much before the time of the test as possible and wants to know at once the names of the breeders who are likely to test and at what time, as at the best the College can have but a limited number of supervisors. Breeders desiring these services are urged to give the information at once.—F. E. Came, Secretary-Treasurer.

"A BATTLE ROYAL"

There will be "A Battle Royal" in the arena at the Eighth Annual Dairy Show at Chicago from Oct. 25 to Nov. 1. Herds that have been winning in all sections of the United States are now preparing to compete with each other in a great national battle at Chicago. Surely this is enough to interest any dairyman in a visit to this year's National Dairy Show.

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