

OUR FARMERS' CLUB

COMPTON CO., ONT.

COMPTON—Cattle are looking poor. Many are obliged to go quite a long way for water. There are not many good calves in the country. It is not holding out as it should; it seems to be so dry that it goes rapidly. People are not feeding as much meal as usual on account of the high price. There are not many turnips fed on account of the poor crop, the yield being far below the average because of the dry weather. Potatoes were a fair crop, and so was grain. The warm weather continuing so late gave farmers a chance to get their plowing done.—H. O.

HALIBURTON CO., ONT.

KINMOUNT—December has been a stormy month. No thaws; snow, 20 inches deep on the level. Good sleighing, no frost in the roads. On the night of the 9th the official thermometer registered 24 degrees below zero in Kinmount. Before and since then it has been down to zero or below. Grain has been sold from \$10 a ton to \$12. Christmas poultry sold at the following prices: Old-fashioned ducks, 50c; chickens, 10c a lb; turkeys, 50c; butter, 25c a lb. Milk feed is still very high. So many sows have been bred this winter, so the outlook for spring pigs is poor.—J. A. S. J.

VICTORIA CO., ONT.

WOODVILLE—The weather is still becoming wintery; the roads are in splendid condition. The outlook for fresh water coming into the wells is critical, and although the water supply is not serious in this section, your correspondent has heard of cases where the farmers were compelled to melt snow to water their live stock. Grain is a fair price but it is not as high as it was last year. The live stock market is keeping fairly bright and the prospects for beef cattle are fairly bright for the coming spring.—J. R.

WENTWORTH CO., ONT.

HAMILTON—The weather is moderately cold with light snow, scarcely enough to freeze. Live stock is doing well; plenty of coarse grain but feed of all kinds is high in price. Fresh eggs, 35c to 50c a doz; egg butter, 30c to 35c; colored milk, 20c; dressed pork, 25c to 28.50 a cwt; lamb, 50c to 11c; chickens, \$1.50 a pair; calf skins, 12c a lb; hides, 6c; melch, 50c; 40c to 45c; calves, 94 to 85c; stockers, 35c a lb; butchers', 55c to 5c a lb; hogs, 56.15 a cwt; timothy hay, \$15; clover, \$11; straw, 87c to 88c a ton; oats, 45c bush; barley, 52c; peas, 45c; wheat barn, 82c; middlings, \$24.50. R. S. S.

BRUCE CO., ONT.

HEPWORTH—The snow came very early and it has made splendid sleighing. A large quantity of wood and logs is being taken out this winter owing to the bush fire of last summer. The wells are still very low. There is no trouble getting roads into swamps, as there is no snow in them. Wood is cheaper than usual. Owing to the quantity being cut the buyers have lowered the price.—J. K. L.

HURON CO., ONT.

BLYTH—After a long dry fall winter weather has been prevalent for the past two weeks. Most of the farmers got their fall work pretty well done, although it was difficult with plowing owing to the ground being so hard. Sleighing has been very good in most parts for the past few days, although it is nearly all off again near the lake, owing to a slight thaw, which was badly needed. We still have more water, either rain or melted snow. The agricultural population is busy with any teaming they may have on hand such as hauling manure and straw to town to have it chopped while others have it chopped at home. Large quantities of poultry, especially turkeys, have been marketed in the past few weeks. They were somewhat lacking in quality compared with other years, but the price was good, running from 10c to 12 1/2c a lb. There is a likelihood of these being scarce enough for the Christmas and New Year's trade.—R. S.

MUSKOKA DISTRICT, ONT.

HUNTSVILLE—We are experiencing a mild and pleasant winter. As it is now the Christmas season the farmers are making advantage of the good condition

of the roads. If people are to judge of the financial condition of the country by the heavy loaded sleighs that pass to and from town, they would soon come to the happy conclusion that all the hard times we have endured so much about are in some other part, and not in Muskoka.—F. R. B.

GOSSIP

Mr. G. A. Brehan of Norwood, in sending in copy for an ad., writes: My cattle are doing well this winter. I shall try in an effort to put some of them in the Advanced Register for Record of Performance this season. I think they are rounding into shape nicely.

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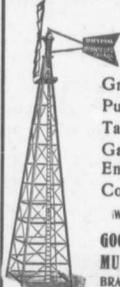
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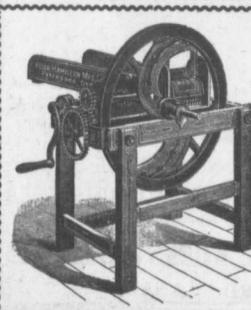
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