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CARDIGAN BRIDGE.—Crops are looking fine. There are a few potatoes to plant yet, also turnips and late grain, such as buckwheat and barley. A recent frost killed a lot of apple blossoms. Early frost also hurt the clover, but is coming on fine now. Prospects are for a good dairying summer.—H. P. L.

NOVA SCOTIA

KING'S CO. N. S.

WATERVILLE.—The chief topic of interest seems to be the frost of top of insects, which cut down early vegetables, such as beans, corn, cucumbers and potatoes. The latter will probably sprout up again, but they had already become bushy reviving. Other things will have to be replanted. Apples, cherries and cranberries. In some localities, have suffered severely; some people think that they have lost most of their fruit. The weather has been cold and damp with very heavy rains, which have been excellent for the hay crop. The corn has been good for most farm crops, which are doing well. The whole country looks fresh and green. Chickens and ducklings seem to be plentiful. Buttered from 25c to 30c in the western part of the county. Feed still continues high.—E. W.

ONTARIO

HASTINGS CO. ONT.

TURBIEFF.—After a somewhat backward spring we are having a most pleasant weather. The grass crop is reported light in some places. Clover, however, is doing well everywhere. Nearly all crops are looking well. The heavy rains did their share of damage. Besides washing out roads, they tore out or buried corn, potatoes, turnips, and garden vegetables. A deal of new land has been cleared this spring and a much increased acreage of corn. There is considerable building going on. A preference is shown by the young people to Ontario.—W. R. W.

PETERBORO CO. ONT.

NORWOOD.—Our cattle, especially the calves, are doing well. We have equities for five cows from the north and heavy orders last winter. I have nine acres of corn with not a miss—so much for good seed. The majority of the farmers who have been buying imported seed corn in bulk have had to plow it up as a very large part of it did not grow. I am scuffling the corn now. It is doing well. Crops and especially clover are very promising. Now seeding has made a record growth for this season of the year.—G. A. B.

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TAUNTON.—Clover hay will not be a heavy crop, as it is in bloom now and will soon be ready to cut. The growth before the past week was very slow. Present conditions indicate good grain crops. Corn that was planted since the 24th of May, under favorable conditions, has made good growth. Most of the corn is planted since the 15th of May. Road work, thinning mangels, etc., is going on for turnips is the order of the day.—S. A. N.

SIMCOE CO. ONT.

STAYNER.—Farmers are wearing the "smile that won't come off" these days. Some got pretty "blue" when the cold wet spring, continued week after week. But it is changed now that crops are growing like weeds. Wheat is in fine shape, heading out, with every prospect of a magnificent crop. And the acreage about this place is unusually large. Spring grain is growing nicely. Peas in a few localities got too much water, but are recovering nicely. Hay and clover are heavy.—J. T.

WELLINGTON CO. ONT.

ELORA.—The hot weather has made a wonderful present in the various crops and has furthered this season as a peculiar season. Heat, the past week, but it has warmed the soil and put the wire worm out of business for the season. The deprivations of this little wheat, show the necessity of a short rotation, as this is breaded only this meadow that has been seeded down for some time. It is supposed to complete its life history in three years, and then salt has little effect upon it after the early part of its first season. Some years ago the writer had a field which had been a long time in pasture. The second year after breaking it up it seemed fairly alive with wire worms. When the snow went away in spring the surface was covered with fine tracks in the mud. A liberal dose of salt was applied. This prevented damage to the following crop.—G. W.

BRANT CO. ONT.

ST. GEORGE.—So far as the writer has heard, none of the farmers hereabout have been complaining of drought lately. Certainly there is no moisture under the ground, and on it, to satisfy even an Irishman fresh from his native bog. All that we need now is warmth, and probably that will come in more than sufficiency. Practically none in more than this neighborhood is above ground yet, but examination shows that it is coming. Despite pessimists' statements that the season would decay. Several fields of manure and stock feed are ready for the hoe and scuffle, and will clean suitable as soon as the weather becomes suitable for killing weeds.—C. C. S.

MIDDLESEX CO. ONT.

LITTLEWOOD.—From many farmers one hears complaints about the work of the wire worms and grubs. In places the spring crops have been considerably thinned, and injury to the corn crop is feared. One enterprising farmer dropped a handful of ashes and salt into every hill of his six acres of corn to outfit the grub. He used one to three salt and two to three ashes, and placed one hill of the corn. He placed some grubs in this mixture, and found them dead next morning. Fall wheat and corn are doing exceptionally well, and a good crop of each is anticipated.—J. E. O.

PERTH CO. ONT.

ST. MARYS.—The weather for the past two months has been very cold and backward, and although the seeding was finished early, the crops are not very far advanced. The ravages of the wire worm and the white grub have winter very well. A considerable area has been kept free the second time, and some the third time. The injury done by these pests was great, and it has not yet the very slow growth in the early part of the season. Now that growth is more rapid the damage is not so evident. The fall wheat came through very well, and gives evidence of being a good crop. Clover suffered considerably, and some has been plowed up. Due to present rapid growth, however, the hay crop will be an average one.—H. B. W.

LAMBTON CO. ONT.

WYOMING.—Grain crops are looking well. Wheat is the heaviest crop for years. Hay is a good crop. Wire worms have done some damage in the southern part of the county. Pastures are good, and stock are doing well. There has been a large acreage planted to corn, and

with a little more warm weather to bring on the corn crop everything points to a prosperous season.—D. N. A.

BRUCE CO. ONT.

HEPORTH.—A large quantity of corn that was seeded last spring are very thin; old meadows look better. There is abundance of pasture. There have been more peas sown this spring than for a number of years and they look very promising. Cows are milking well, as there have been no flies to bother them yet. Fat cattle are very scarce, as are also hogs. Young pigs are very hard to get. All spring pigs that were not drowned out with the wet weather are looking very good, and with fine weather from now on they will be up to the average.—J. K. L.

HURON CO. ONT.

PORTER'S HILL.—Up to a few days ago the weather has been very cold and wet, but now crops are beginning to look much better. Wheat is doing fine. Hay is going to be short. Oats are promising. Some sections are badly infested with the white grub and the wire worm. The first is doing severe damage. It seems that more work should be done experimenting on these very destructive insects, and finding some easy means of destroying them. The apple crop, that looked very promising in the blossom, has suffered severely owing to the wet weather and hail. The latter turns the leaves a brown color, not in spots, but all over the leaf. It is doing much to lessen the vigor of the trees during the growing season. Several fruit meetings have been held throughout the country in the past three weeks.—R. R.

MUSKOGEE CO. ONT.

GRAVENHURST.—With the warm weather after a cold spring, crops are looking fine. Clover and timothy are in head. The root crop is coming on well. Flies are bad on turnips and similar crops. Pastures are splendid, and the cattle are doing well. Road making is the talk of the day.—B. J.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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MUNROE.—Crops are looking good. The weather is very changeable. Small fruits are in their prime. Haying will soon be started.—J. C.

GOSSIP

The premium list of the first Annual Fat Stock Show to be held at the Union Stock Yards, Toronto, on December 12th and 13th, 1910, offers liberal prizes. All stock exhibited is to be sold, the winners are to be auctioned, the others at either private sale or auction as the owners may desire. In this way comparisons can be made between the awards of the judges and the actual value of the stock to the butcher or packer. The premium list is issued early to give the owners ample time to prepare their stock for the show.

HOLSTEIN-FRIESIAN NEWS

Farm and Dairy is the official organ of the Canadian Holstein-Friesian Association. Those who are interested in the Association are invited to send names of interested breeders for publication in this column.

The 35th annual meeting of the Holstein-Friesian Breeders' Association of America, the largest cattle breeders' club in the world, was held at Syracuse, N. Y., opening on Wednesday, June 1st. Charles W. Wood, president of the association, in his opening address, dealt upon the character of the membership, general progress and the work of the various departments of the association, directing attention to the great growth of membership and receipts for registry. His recommendations were generally to continue along present lines. He advocated the closing of the executive officers for periods of three years.

The total number of members present was 316, representing 15 states. Accessions to the membership to the number of 796 were made at this meeting. Appropriations for the year to the extent of about \$30,000 were made, including \$10,000 for prizes for better records made under the advance registry system; \$10,000 for the work of the literary committee; \$4,500 for prizes at fairs and shows, and \$400 as a scholarship to be awarded at the students' judging contest.

The report of the treasurer, W. R. Smith, showed a cash balance on hand of \$104,491.92.

A rule was adopted prohibiting the

feeding of condiments and unusual feeds to cows under an R. O. test.

A resolution was adopted condemning the pending legislation in Congress, reducing the tax on oleomargarine. The report of the superintendent of advanced registry, Malcolm H. Gardner, of Delavan, Wis., showed the acceptance of tests of 3,124 animals during the year, whose average yield of butter fat was 15.99 pounds per week, equivalent to 27 pounds of milk a day, and 16.13 pounds of butter a week. Twenty-two cows had seven-day records of 24 pounds of fat. Seven-day tests of 73 cows were reported.

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