

OUR FARMERS' CLUB

Contributions Invited.

CARLETON CO., ONT.

MERIVALE—Threshing has been in progress for some time; it has established the fact that this has been a very dry season for the farmers. Oats have yielded well, barley extra well. Potatoes and turnips are good, none of the patches rotting. Corn for ensilage was a fine crop. Quite a few had more than the usual silos would hold but they will cut it into the silo later on, as it does very well to do so.—G. B. R.

PETERBORO CO., ONT.

NORWOOD—We are feeding silage, and have been for a month now. Our Farmers' Club holds its meetings on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. The subject for the 4th Tuesday in November will be "Feeding the Dairy Cow"—a very important subject for presentation to the members of this district, and it is hoped to make it a "bummer"—A. H. R.

WATERLOO CO., ONT.

WATERLOO—With the near approach of cold weather, farmers are hustling through with their fall work. Most of the roots are harvested with the exception of turnips; mangels and sugar beets are not so heavy this year. Sugar beets are fast coming over the average. The sugar factory commenced operations last week. More beets could be accommodated at that factory. Turnips are free from lice and rot and will yield an excellent crop. Most of the apples have been harvested and are sold on the local market. No. 1 Spys sell at \$5.50 a bush. Plowing is the order of the day, as everybody aims to get all plowing done in the fall. Not much threshing has been done, as we leave this till the ground is frozen and cannot plow. As everybody in this neighborhood owns a threshing machine or has share in one, we have a few of his neighbors, this plan works all right. It is liked better than hiring a threshing man and doing this work when we should be working on the land and besides to keep your farm clean of weeds you want to hire a strange threshing machine. People are putting in about the usual number of feeders but they are hard to get, and high in price.—C. H. R.

OXFORD CO., ONT.

GOLDSPIR—Rain is needed. Some are very short of water, and the ground is dry for plowing. Turnips are in good shape. Fall wheat went from 25 to 28 bush an acre. There has been a great difference in price. Some were in from 30 to 50 bush; peas, 25 bush; barley, which was a good crop, 30 bush an acre. Cattle have to depend almost entirely on stable feeding as there is no pasture.—A. H. H.

WELLINGTON CO., ONT.

ELORA—The past showery weather has completed the growth of the root crop. Turnips are a magnificent crop. No rot or blight, and the only complaint heard is purposes. Prices for large for shipping a bush, but are now down to 30, and still a good many loads are being shipped. Store cattle being still high in price, the prospects for winter feeding of turnips are not large. Mangels, too, have been more largely grown during recent years, so with the abundant turnip crop there is still some to spare. The threshing machine will give surprises in the large yields of grain of the various kinds. With high prices for pork and prospectively for beef, a spirit of optimism prevails among the farmers of this locality, with its consequent effect on the whole community.—G. W.

MIDDLESEX CO., ONT.

TEMPO—A near neighbor has some nice walnut trees on, especially, growing near his house. The afford shady look in his well kept lawn. The one tree has a crop of nuts on it this year. Its owner told the writer that he would not take \$10 for the crop. The tree is free. On October 1st and the writer saw the first apple picked, the first corn harvested and the first potatoes dug for this season. Considerable millet was grown this year; much of it will be thrashed, and the seed ground for pig feed.—J. B. O.

ELGIN CO., ONT.

UNION—This village is south of St. Thomas five miles, and is surrounded by a beautiful rolling country. Through the village runs a large spring creek, whose waters at one time afforded power for several mills. Flour, chop, cranial, lumber and various kinds of woollen goods were the product of them. Some have gone out of business. Hogs, milk, corn, clover, beans, fruit of all kinds, and potatoes by the carload are the principal farm articles grown. The output of Donnelly's cheese factory at Union, cut a "big wheel" wherever there is a cheese exhibition on hand, and "red tickets" and "silver plate" years ago was its way. The writer has seen, and also been told, about an unique way many farmers have of fattening their hogs. After they are about half grown they are turned into a field of partially ripened corn; here they are at freedom to eat to their heart's content, and put on flesh quickly. The owner goes two or three times a day with his dog and stirs them up a bit. This makes the hogs eat faster than ever, for they think they are stealing the corn. For a month or more the hogs are fat, and sold. The remaining is now plowed, ready for another crop.—J. E. O.

GREY CO., ONT.

RAVENNA—Apple pickers are very busy and will not be through with the apples for some yet. Nearly all the farmers have threshed. Grain has turned out well. Potatoes are good, so are the turnips and mangels. The heavy rains of late have done much towards improving the turnips, as well as the potatoes. The price of butter is from 20 to 22c; eggs are still higher. The prices continue firm for both eggs and butter. There has been so much rainy weather it has made it rather bad for the fall plowing.—M. C. P.

THUNDER BAY DISTRICT, ONT.

SLATE RIVER VALLEY—Cold weather has been common lately though we have not had much frost yet. Your correspondent has been busy putting in cement floors in cow stables. This is a good year to install cement, as it is very cheap. Farmers should avail themselves of this opportunity of cheap material. Our hay crop was very poor this year. Grain was voted to potatoes than usual. Our local telephone system, recently installed, is working very well. It proves a great convenience.—J. R. H.

HOLSTEIN-FRIESIAN NEWS

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HILL-CREST STOCK FARM

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SAVE THE RAIN, YES, EVEN THE DEW

Every drop of water is precious around the farm. You would always have plenty of water if your roof shed every drop that fell. Do you realize how much good water the average roof wastes. Notice how the steam rises as soon as the sun strikes the roof after a rain-fall—what is not absorbed by the wooden shingles evaporates—very little reaching the reservoir, in a light rain, practically none. How different with a metallic roof,—it is perfectly dry a few minutes after the rain ceases, for as fast as it falls, almost every drop runs to the reservoir—no absorption, no evaporation.

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