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We have not, in any former year, had the satisfaction of presenting to our readers a series of Reports upon the Farm Crops of the Province so promising as those contained in the present number. It is true that in wet fields much grass was winter-killed, that April and May were unpropitious for cultivating the land or putting in crops, except in exceptionally dry localities, or well-drained light soils. But the weather of June has been everything that could be desired for growth, and not unfavourable for planting; we have had the heat of July, in fact, with frequent warm showers, and even late planted crops have made rapid progress; the whole country is now clothed in the freshest verdure. The weather appears also to have been unusually uniform throughout the Province, so that from Yarmouth and Cape Breton, from Lunenburg County on the Atlantic, Digby and Annapolis on the Bay of Fundy, and Cumberland on the Northumberland Strait, we have reports nearly equally satisfactory,—varied merely by the differences caused by the texture of the soil or local peculiarities of exposure or shelter. The least favourable report we have comes from Pugwash, anticipating a late harvest, and a hay crop below the average. John Morrison, Esq., writes from St. Anns: The face of the country presents an appearance at this moment far beyond anything within the recollection of any resident of this district, at this season of the year. From New Annan, John Porteous, Esq., writes:

Since the 12th the weather has been such as to satisfy the most chronic grumbler. In Lower Canard, Dr. Hamilton never saw the grass more forward nor looking better at this season of the year. In East Cornwallis, E. C. reports a wet May, plenty of hay. At Kentville, according to the acknowledgment of H. Lovett, Esq., every prospect pleases, and only man is vile. At Arisaig, D. W. McDonald, Esq., says everything promises an abundant yield. T. D. Dickson, Esq., writes from Parrsborough: The most favourable reports come from all parts of this district. B. Zwicker, Esq., Mahone Bay, reports the weather all that could be desired. At Sydney (H. Davenport, Esq.) crops and things look cheering, a good many are returning to their farms from the Mines. C. E. Brown, Esq., says that at Yarmouth, with a favourable Summer and Autumn a more than average produce may be safely predicted. J. A. Kirk, Esq., M. P., reports that in Guysborough the season so far has been very favourable. In Hants (W. H. Blanchard, Esq.) the dyke lands are making a splendid show. The report of E. Allison, Esq., from Newport is not quite satisfactory, hay good if weather continues favourable. Charles R. Whitman, Esq., reports the crops in the Bridgetown and other districts he has visited, as all in a very satisfactory condition. In the same county, the Rev. W. M. Godfrey says that grass will yield a heavier burden than we have had for a year or two, and that a very large portion of tillage land is being worked by men who have been

driven out of ship yards and lumbering business. George Whitman, Esq., reports from Roundhill that both hay and fruit give promise of an abundant yield. At Paradise, Avar Longly, Esq., M. P. P., and Colonel Starratt, both predict an unusually large yield of hay, both on uplands and marsh. At Antigonishe, A. A. Macgillivray, Esq., reports all crops in a flourishing and promising condition. Maitland (Stephen Putnam, Esq.) will have an abundant crop of hay. At Shubenacadie (F. R. Parker, Esq.) hay looks pretty well, but will be less than last year. In Lower Stewiacke (W. W. Pickings, Esq.) hay looks well, and on rich ground an abundant crop is now insured. Both at Shubenacadie and Stewiacke, planting was greatly hindered on heavy lands by the wet weather. It appears from the report of Israel Loizworth, Esq., Truro, that the same is true to some extent of Colchester generally. The hay, he expects will not be so abundant, but of a more marketable quality than last year's. The heat has made everything grow with rapidity. Leander Trean, Esq., Malagash, says that the early part of the season there was backward, but everything now looks very well indeed. Many points of interest are suggested in the various communications, but we have not space to dwell upon them in the present number. We beg that our numerous correspondents will accept of our best thanks for their prompt attention to our requests for information, and we commend their valuable reports to the careful attention of our readers.