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We are now able to furnish a pretty full Report of Farm, Garden and Orchard Crops throughout the Province, from information collected by Members of the Central Board of Agriculture in their respective counties.

In former years, we have had continually to remark upon the diversity of weather reports from different counties, drought and heat prevailing on one side of the Cobequid Mountains, whilst cold and wet were grieving the farmers on the other; drying winds burning up the grass in Yarmouth, whilst close, muggy weather was rotting the hay in Cape Breton. This year, there is a remarkable uniformity in the terms of the communications received from all parts of the Province, as to the weather that has prevailed since the opening of the season, and nearly all express highly encouraging anticipations of the harvest and crops.

The dry, and comparatively warm, weather of May afforded an excellent opportunity for preparing the land, and for sowing and planting. One result of this appears to be, that much more seed has been put into the ground than usual; more potatoes have been planted, and more grain sown. More care also has been exercised in the choice of seed, since the numerous importations of improved varieties made by the Board.

The dry seed time was followed by cold, ungenial weather. In wet places,

potato seed rotted in the ground, turnips that were sown early were an easy prey to the fly, and tender plants in gardens failed to make a start. The grass looked thin and weak, and backward. But July brought welcome rains and warmth, and a remarkable change has been wrought over the face of the whole country. The grass has thickened and filled out, potatoes have grown rampant, fruit trees have vivid-shining foliage and rapidly swelling fruit, and the sleek coats of the cattle everywhere show how the pastures have improved.

HAY CROP.

In Cumberland County, HIRAM BLACK, Esq., reports that although the grass, in early part of June, looked very badly, yet the frequent showers and warm weather have so improved it that there will be "one of the best upland hay crops ever harvested." He speaks in similar terms of the best English marsh. Poor crops are this year confined to poor or neglected fields. Dr. HAMILTON says that, in King's County, the grass on rich upland was "never much better in quality or quantity," but on poor lands will be light. J. J. O'BRIEN, Esq., with reference to East Hants, describes the hay on rich land as "above average," but on old meadows and high, dry uplands a light crop. D. ARCHIBALD, Esq., writing from Musquodoboit at an early period (11th July), could not speak so hopefully, but said: "As we are now being blessed

with frequent showers, the lowland hay crop may far exceed our expectations." COLIN CRISHOLM, Esq., reports, of Antigonishe County, a "rapid and abundant growth," and "every prospect of a fair crop. JOHN ROSS, Esq., M. P. P., Boularderie, reports grass injured by drought, but heavy rains since 10th July. H. DAVENPORT, Esq., Sydney, finds that, in his district, notwithstanding the drought, the hay crop will be better than last year, and "at least an average." GEORGE CAMERON, Esq., Guysborough Intervals, remarks hay crop as having latterly been "brought on amazingly,"—above an average looked for, although low intervaes were damaged by torrents on 9th and 10th July. BEN. ZWICKER, Esq., of Mahone Bay, reports Lunenburg County as having a hay crop this year fully equal to the abundant crop of last year; although the spring was twelve days earlier than last year, yet the grass retained its freshness longer this year than last. In Annapolis, on the other hand, CHAS. B. WHITMAN, Esq., writes that the crop is not equal to the exceptional abundance of last year, but will nevertheless be "at least an average." AVARD LONGLEY, Esq., writes from the same County:—"Hay an average yield, and excellent quality." JOHN DAKIN, Esq., similarly reports of Digby: "hay will prove a fair average crop." CHAS. ALLISON, Esq., reports from Queen's County, that, notwithstanding the early drought, the hay crop is