

## NOTICE TO THE SECRETARIES OF AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES.

Societies organized under the Agricultural Board, desiring to participate in the government grant for Encouragement of Agriculture, require to transmit to the Secretary of the Board, *not later than 1st September*, a certificate of payment of the annual subscriptions of members for the year.

It is further provided, by the amended act, that the sum so raised annually by subscription and payment, *shall be certified by the oath of the Secretary of the Society.*

Societies neglecting to comply with these requirements will be excluded from participation in the grant for the year.

By order of the Board of Agriculture.  
GEORGE LAWSON,

Secretary.

Halifax, 28th July, 1865,

## REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE CROPS.

HALIFAX, 1st August, 1865.

We wrote our last report (21st June) in view of fairer prospects than are now presented. A heavy thunder shower fell on the night of 22nd and 23rd June, followed by some days of rather cloudy weather, which was favorable to rapid growth. There was a shower also on 1st July; but during the latter part of June and whole of July, up to the past two weeks the weather was dry and warm. The effect has been to stunt the growth of some crops, and render them lighter than they would have been with a continuous growing season. What the crops gained by the early start in spring, has, to some extent, been lost through the drought of summer; but there seems, from reports we have received, to have been considerable variety in the weather in different parts of the province, and there is, consequently, inequality in the crops.

The abundant showers of the past and preceding week have caught our haymakers, and urged them on to labor without offering any serious interruption or injuring the crop. All standing crops will be greatly benefitted.

### THE HAY CROP.

Haying was commenced on the peninsula during the last week of June, but was not general in the northern part of Halifax county till the second week of July. Hay is ready a week earlier this year than last. In rich and drained soils the crop is heavier this year; in poor sunny uplands, rather lighter; the marshes have suffered by too much wet. In some places a good many white ears of timothy are seen, said to have been caused by the early spring frosts.

F. R. PARKER, Esq., M.P.P., (*Shubenacadie*, 18th July.) states that "in COLCHESTER there will be a good crop, not much but a little better than last year. The late frosts in June have injured it some."

SAMUEL PALMER, Esq., (WINDSOR, 13th July.) writes: "The farmers in this district generally express satisfaction with the present appearance of crops. Hay-making has commenced and the crop is likely to prove a fair average one, if the weather is favorable for securing it. Low heavy lands that were not well drained will fall short; but a full crop on rich dry lands will go far to make up any deficiency."

IN LUNenburg, II. A. N. KAULBACK, Esq., M.P.P., (14th July.) reports the season as especially favorable for hay, and notices the abundance of red and white clover, although some fields are overrun with daisy weed.

ANSELM M. COMEAU, Jr., Esq., reports that in the district of Clare, in the county of Digby, the grass looks well, and there is every appearance of an abundance of hay.

Dr. C. C. HAMILTON, M. P. P., writes from CORNWALLIS in the following terms: "The hay crop in this county will be quite an average, not however as heavy as was anticipated early in the season. I never saw less red clover than there is this year, the principal grass being timothy, and on the dyked marshes considerable couch. It is difficult to account for this. The upland grass is quite ready for cutting, and many farmers have already begun."

A few farmers have introduced mowing machines, and on properly laid down lands they do remarkably well. I think in a few years they will be very generally used, the 'Buckeye' being the most approved."

T. D. DICKSON, Esq., writes from PARSBORO', (12th July.) that the crops there were never more promising. Hay in particular never looked better at this date. It is estimated that it will be from 25 to 50 per cent. better than last year. Haying will commence here about the 17th inst."

IN ANNAPOLIS COUNTY, AVARD LONGLEY, Esq., M.P.P., reports (15th July.) "that the hay crop which is now being gathered in, is likely to prove abundant, and I think the crops generally promise a fair yield."

W. H. HARRIS, Esq., writes from PICTOU: "The hay in many parts is nearly ready for cutting, and will, I have no doubt, form a first rate crop. I have lately been through a good many parts of the county, and have heard no complaints from the farmers about any failure, so I

take that circumstance as a sign that everything is doing well."

### GRAIN CROPS.

Many complaints are made of the unsuitability of the weather for putting in grain crops. In other cases, especially in light soils, where the farmers were able to work during the wet weather of May, there is promise of a good yield.

IN PICTOU County, Mr. HARRIS writes: "I have much pleasure in being able to inform you that the prospects of a good return never looked better."

Altho' the weather, during nearly the whole of May, was wet and broken, and the ground very much soaked, causing a good deal of delay in putting in the seed, still the fine growing weather which succeeded, has caused every description of farm produce to look uncommonly well."

About PARSBORO', (Mr. DICKSON,) wheat and oats have an extra growth. In DIGBY, (Mr. COMEAU,) "grain in general is poor, and it is generally said that there will be a light crop." From WINDSOR, Mr. PALMER writes: "very little wheat was sown here this season in consequence of its almost entire failure last year. What was put in is looking very well, but the crop this year will be of small account, whether it succeeds or not. A large portion of the ground that would, in more favorable circumstances, have been under wheat, is sown with barley, which is looking unusually well. Oats are looking better than common, and promise to be an extra crop." In COLCHESTER, (Mr. PARKER,) "Grain will by appearance be light, having been put in late owing to the wet spring, but a great deal will depend upon August and September; if not fine then, it will be a small crop. Less land has been sown than usual." In regard to ANNAPOLIS, Mr. LONGLEY writes: "Owing to a prevalence of wet weather it was very late before seeds were put into the ground, but favorable weather soon brought them up, and their growth has been correspondingly rapid. Fair breadths of wheat, barley and oats have been sown, and these bid fair to give a handsome return. Indian corn, which is somewhat backward, was slightly injured by the late frosts, in some places, and unless the weather proves very favorable, will probably fall below an average crop." In CORNWALLIS, Dr. HAMILTON states that "wheat and oats are looking well, but it is impossible to say how far the former may be affected with the weevil. Why don't our farmers try winter wheat? I am told that some persons in Horton have sowed it, and it has done remarkably well. Rye, especially winter, promises well; I think I never saw it look better. Early sown oats are healthy and vigorous, and are already headed; but the late sown, unless there are seasonable rains, must be a light crop. Indian corn is 'oul-