

wasted annually as would produce food for a large portion of her inhabitants, and the land that supplies Montreal must be impoverished unless a proportionate return is made to it in the shape of manure from some quarter. Farmers have to buy stable manure they cart in winter at the rate of about ten pence the sleigh load. The town manure, if carted to one place during the summer and fall, would be worth purchasing at a fair price, which we have no doubt would pay the expense of collecting it, and it would be a general benefit. We recommend this subject to the consideration of those who have it in their power to take some action in the business. Caterpillars have been very troublesome in orchards this year; indeed the expense of destroying them will considerably diminish the value of the fruit where there will be any fruit. The apple trees are in many places deprived of their leaves, and where this is the case there is no chance of much fruit. We have seen it recommended to spread a mixture of lime, salt, soot and ashes round the roots, at about two or three feet distance from the root of the apple trees, and this will prevent the vermin going from one place to another, and is said to be an effectual check to the ravages of this pest. Where orchards are near forests or forest trees of any kind, it is almost impossible to destroy all the caterpillars, but they will not pass over this mixture if spread in a circle round the root of the tree. The leaves of the trees of every description have been withered to a considerable extent by a blast or by frost, and this greatly diminishes their beauty at this early period of the season. The clover, and tops of the young grain plants, were also withered, but not to injure them. We report the appearance of the country, as it is about the middle of the month, and we certainly cannot give any flattering representation of it. Before we close our report, however, the crops may be much improved, and we shall state what we conceive to be the prospect at the end of June. Heat and a sufficiency of rain for the next fortnight would do wonders for the crops,

but without both, there is not a chance of there being an average this year. As we before observed, it is a remarkable feature of this year that we have scarcely had any dew up to the middle of June, an unprecedented circumstance, and we have never known it to happen so before. Great anxiety was manifested by farmers this year to procure new varieties of wheat for seed. What is called the Fife wheat, that has been cultivated for some time in Upper Canada successfully, coming to maturity in three months from the time of sowing, and does not rust, has been much sought after. The grain is plump, though not very large. We hope its introduction into Lower Canada may prove a great advantage. It is a spring wheat. We would require a new importation of black sea wheat, purchased on the spot where it was grown, and not from speculators and jobbers, who cannot be depended upon for giving the seed required.

We had prepared the Report so far previous to the 15th June, and we are now glad to have it in our power to state, that the late rains have greatly improved the appearance of the growing crops, with the exception of meadows, which we fear will be much under an average crop. The clover has been fully in flower for several days past, and is very short, and meadows generally do not promise anything like a heavy crop this year. The grain crops, though backward, have a very healthy appearance, and if the season turns out favorable, we may have a satisfactory harvest. Potatoes look well in many places, though we believe some seed has failed from being dried up after planting. The application of recent farm yard manure in the drills, under and in contact with the seed, such a year as this, is not a good plan; indeed, the prudence of applying fresh manure from the farm yard in this manner to potatoes at any time, is more than doubtful, particularly since potatoes become liable to disease, both in the seed and crop generally. Indian corn is a very poor crop this year. The small seeds, such as those of mangold-wurtzel, beets, carrots, and