

In Halifax County the grass did not start early, but the recent rainy, cloudy weather brought it on in a remarkable manner, so that on the Peninsula and in Sackville there will certainly be an average if not a heavy crop. In Musquodoboit, David Archibald, Esq., writes that the growth of grass was very much retarded, and, in many cases, the low lands damaged by freshets in May; but the recent rains have recovered the crop, which is likely to be an average one. In Cape Breton, Henry Davenport, Esq., writes from Sydney that grass most likely will be a heavy crop. A. G. Musgrove, Esq., says that at North Sydney, whilst other crops look well, grass in particular is heavy for the time of year; and from the other side of the Island G. C. Lawrence, Esq., Port Hood, writes: Hay promises a good crop, should the present weather continue another week or two. At St. Ann's, Co. Victoria, John Morrison, Esq., says there is every promise of a good crop.

#### HAY CROP—BAD, INDIFFERENT, AND AVERAGE.

In Hants, Alfred C. Thomas, Esq., reports from Windsor, that in upland hay fields when the oxeye daisies and yellow buttercups are deducted, the hay can be put into the barns with very little physical labour, that poor dyke will be almost a failure, good dyke an average crop. Of Lower Horton, "Observer" gives somewhat similar account; the grass on good uplands is good, but on dry uplands and old meadows the crop will be light, and the grand Prè which was flooded in 1869, will yield only a light crop. In Lunenburg district, H. A. N. Kaulback, Esq., reports that the grass is as yet very short, but it is thickening and improving, and with favourable weather in store there may be nearly an average crop. From Mahone Bay, B. Zwicker Esq., writes that the hay crop is later than last year, although this season we have much finer growing weather, (for an explanation of this paradox see his communication.) Digby Co. appears to have suffered much from the spring drought. Anselm M. Comeau, Esq., Clare, says that hay in general will be light, and that although there is abundance of rain now, yet the ground was so parched in April and May, that the grass cannot grow much. In Yarmouth there is better promise. Charles E. Brown Esq., reports that the recent abundant rains

have improved the prospect for an average crop of hay; cutting, where light, had begun when he wrote (26th June). We fear the hay must have been very light that required cutting so early.

#### OLD HAY.

Several of our correspondents speak of the great scarcity of hay this spring, which caused serious inconvenience to many farmers; this fact explains to us why the price of hay kept up so well at a season when it is apt to fall. It appears that there is very little old hay in the country because our farmers are wintering more stock and find a ready market for their surplus hay.

#### POTATOES.

In Yarmouth potatoes look very well; a few Early Rose were exhibited (25th June) fit for the table; at Mahone Bay they are very promising; in Lunenburg, they look very well; in Paradise they look well in high land, but in wet soils the seed has rotted or been destroyed by wire-worm; in Granville they look remarkably well; in Annapolis more potatoes have been planted than usual, and there is every prospect of an abundant yield. At Windsor potatoes were put in early, and have a fair chance this year; in Lower Horton they have come up well; in Parrsboro they were planted early and have come up well; in Wallace, they look healthy; in Truro they are very fine for the season, on favoured soils, but generally rather late; in Stewiacke they are of a fine healthy colour; in Shubenacadie quite a quantity of Early Rose has been planted; in Lower Barney's River potatoes are all coming well, and no complaints of rotting as last season; in Antigonishe, the crop never looked more promising. In Musquodoboit, potato raising is rapidly extending, and although planted much later this year than formerly, yet they have come up robustly, with scarcely an instance of failure in cuttings. In Cornwallis, which is our great potato county, a greater breadth has been planted than last year, chiefly of the Prince Albert, but also considerable quantities of Earl Rose and other new kinds.

#### OTHER ROOTS.

It is too early in the season to predict results respecting most root crops, but the indications are thus far satisfactory. In Colchester, roots could not possibly give better promise, and a good crop of turnips is anticipated from the favourable weather; in Parrsboro turnips have come up well, and have not suffered from the fly; in Cape Breton, root crops are coming away vigorously. But in Yarmouth root crops, cabbages, cauliflowers, &c., have suffered from insects even more than usual; we have the same complaint from Annapolis, and in Halifax county there is a

similar infliction. In North Sydney township, carrots are replacing turnips on some farms, as they are not liable to fly, and are thought to be better for stock. In Truro, also, there is less ground in turnips than formerly. The turnip crop requires so much hand labour that in many parts of the country potatoes are taking their place for feeding purposes.

#### SPRING WHEAT—WINTER WHEAT—INCREASE OF CULTURE.

The Board of Agriculture has every reason to be satisfied with the progress that has been made in the extension of Wheat Culture in the Province, to which their attention has now been directed for some time. Since the importations of Seed Wheat were made, there has been a steady yearly increase in the breadth of wheat sown by our farmers, the soil has been better prepared for it than formerly, and the results in most cases are so satisfactory as to lead the farmer to determine upon a greater breadth of wheat land next season. In Colchester, this year, there is one-half more wheat sown, and on and near the Shubenacadie River, four-fifths more, than in any one year during the last ten years; it promises well. In Cornwallis, the Spring Wheat sown is fully above average, and, so far, it looks well. In Paradise more than usual has been sown, and it looks well. In Pictou County the crops (according to D. Matheson, Esq., a very competent authority) are the largest ever committed to the ground in the County, several farmers having sown from 20 to 30 bushels of wheat, and there is every promise of a largely remunerative harvest. At Barney's River this crop presents a fine appearance. In Stewiacke wheat is doing finely. At Truro grains of all kinds look well, and fall wheat, although uncovered during the greater part of the severe winter, sustained no injury. At Amherst wheat is doing well. It is not sown extensively in Musquodoboit, but looks vigorous and healthy; in Windsor very little sown. At St. Ann's, C. B., wheat is more generally sown, and is very promising.

#### OTHER GRAINS—OATS, BARLEY, WINTER RYE, INDIAN CORN.

At Amherst a large area of oats was sown, and, although put in late, they are coming on finely; so also is barley. Oats have been largely sown in Cornwallis, and look well, but corn is late. In Stewiacke, oats and barley are both doing finely. At Mahone Bay grains are promising; winter-rye very good. In Hants early-sown oats on the dykes have been washed out to some extent by the rains, and thus attracted the attention of the crows, which our correspondent thinks an expensive kind of poultry, but generally the early-sown oats are doing well there; barley not so much sown as it