

the whole, fair. So far trade has been equal to last year. We do not anticipate any great volume of business, but fully expect it to be as good as last year. The lumber market is very quiet, which will not help us any. Collections are only fair.

St. John.—From our experience so far this season, there is an easier feeling among buyers and cash is being spent more freely than last year. Country buyers have the same old complaint "hard times," but we notice they get about all they want, and in some cases are buying a better class of goods than formerly. Crops are excellent, but prices, of course, low, and the farmers' profits of the season will probably be an average. The lumber business (our principal source of distributing the dollars), is about as usual, with a firmer feeling, some new mills being erected in this vicinity, which means a larger employment of labor. Collections, a shade easier than last season.—DANIEL & ROBERTSON.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Amherst.—The crop prospects are good. Local products cover hay, butter (potatoes and other roots only a small quantity), cattle, and quite an output of lumber. Trade is fair; collections not what they might be.

Liverpool.—Hay, grain and vegetables are rather above the average. Apples and other fruit in our section are fair, but not up to the average. Lumber and fish are our staple exports, with production about an average, but both rule rather low at present, though we hope for an improvement. The outlook for fall and winter trade is very good, as owing to the late disastrous fire there will be quite a lot of building going on, which will put money in circulation and give employment to all who are able and willing to work. Trade generally, thus far, has been very good. Collections are rather slow, owing chiefly to

the fact that our season's catch of fish has not yet been realized upon.—N. S. WETMORE.

Port Hood.—Crops are good in this section of country, grain and potatoes particularly. Hay is somewhat lighter than usual. The principal products that affect local trade are butter, cattle and sheep. Butter is low, but cattle and sheep bring fair prices. The outlook for fall and winter trade is very fair, fully up to the average. The prospects of making collections are about as usual, I would say as good as any time during the past five years.—D. F. McLEAN.

Truro.—The crops all round are good. Hay, potatoes and lumber, chief factors in local trade. Prospects for fall and winter trade are fairly good. Collections, fully up to the average, and the advancing prices on all kinds of staples seem to have been anticipated by the purchasing public.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Charlottetown.—The outlook for the fall season is regarded as fairly good. Hay, wheat and oat crops have been secured in good condition and are above the general average. The root crop is fast maturing, and will prove an exceedingly heavy and valuable one; with fair prices for export, trade should receive a marked impetus.—W. A. WEEKS & Co.

Summerside.—The crops are good in this part of the island, but prices are poor. The products which affect the trade are oats, potatoes, hay and eggs. They are all plentiful, but prices are very low. The outlook for trade during the coming winter is poor. The price of farm produce rules the trade, as this is purely an agricultural country, except for a little fishing, and that was not very good, either, last year. Collections have been poor.

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