

Gillis, McFarlane, and McDonald.) In Boularderie Island, "our hay is a good average crop." (M. McDonald, Esq.) John Morrison, Esq., reports from South Gut, St. Anns, Victoria County, C. B., that the "hay crop is now nearly secured (25th August), and the average is considerably better than for some years back." About Baddeck and Middle River, Victoria County, where there is a good deal of Intervale, R. A. Jones, Esq., reports that "hay is less than an average crop, a good deal owing to the heavy rains during last winter, leaving the land exposed to severe frost. The greater part of the Intervales has been overflowed by freshets, which does not benefit the land much, if any the first year, but will be a great benefit for several years after." M. Jones further observes, that "owing to the increasing demand of last year for hay at the several Collieries in the Island, farmers are turning their attention more to hay-growing and less to grain and vegetables generally. I think the crops will be less than an average yield."

Striking as have been the evidences of drought around us, it would be a great mistake to conclude that there has been extreme dryness throughout the Province.

In the south western part of the Province the weather has been so dry indeed as to allow of no opportunity for spoiling hay, and latterly the pastures were so completely burnt up with heat and drought that cattle had to seek browse in the woods; but it is very different in the Eastern extremity of the Province. Almost every communication complains of an excess of moisture.

L. ROBERTSON, Esq., writing from North Sydney, Sep, 9th, observes:—"The crops in this section of the county, and I believe throughout the whole county, never looked better than they did some weeks ago; but the season throughout has been the wettest perhaps ever remembered. Some of the hay suffered and was housed in a damaged state." H. Davenport, Esq., wrote under date 26th August: "the hay is unfinished, and we are at least a month behind." Subsequently (15th Sep.) he writes: "Since my last report the hay harvest has been completed: the result very much as anticipated: continued wet weather: much got in damaged."

GRAIN CROPS—WHEAT.

W. H. Harris, Esq., reports from Pictou County, under date 18th September:—"The harvest began in good season, and the different varieties of grain, are nearly all housed in excellent order. In general the straw is short, owing to the dryness of the season. Neither weevil nor rust have been so common as in former years, and the quality and quantity of grain an average crop."

In Maxwellton, (Eastern part of the same wheat county) J. W. Patten, Esq., reports that "wheat, where sown early, is to some extent injured with weevil, but late sown wheat is a good crop and is clear of weevil."

In Cornwallis, Dr. Hamilton reports the wheat "much damaged by weevil, and in many cases will scarcely be worth cutting."

In Colchester, Mr. Parker observes that there is so little wheat it is not worth mentioning, and what there is has suffered in some places as usual.

In Cape Breton, "grains generally look well,—cutting has commenced." (H. Davenport, Esq., 15th Sep.)

In Boularderie Island, Mr. McDonald

reports "early wheat as a full average crop; late wheat is a full crop in every instance." From South Gut St. Anns, Mr. Morrison reports: "that wheat will in general yield more than average. In North Sydney, Mr. Robertson reports wheat to be a good crop, "although the weevil has in some places done no small mischief." In South-west Margaree Messrs. Gillis, McFarlane, and McDonald state that "grain crops of all kinds look well, except wheat, which is affected by the weevil to some extent." At Baddeck (R. A. Jones, Esq.)—"wheat seems to have escaped the weevil, and promises to be a very good yield Very little was sown owing to former failures in that crop; it has been such a general failure in this district for years past that the majority of the farmers have given up sowing it."

BARLEY.

We hear everywhere of the success of barley this season. The universal regret is that so little is sown. No crop is better adapted than this for seeding down grain land to hay or pasture.

In Colchester "barley has been considerably sown, and promises a fair crop." (F. R. Parker, Esq.)

In the North Sydney District, "barley is a splendid crop." (L. Robertson, Esq.) At N. Gut, St. Anns, "barley will yield more than an average." (J. Morrison, Esq.) At Baddeck, (R. A. Jones, Esq.) "barley promises well, though but small quantities were sown."

OATS, WINTER RYE, BUCKWHEAT.

In Colchester, (according to Mr. Parker's Communication of 29th August) "Oats promise to be light, owing to the season, and to many having been struck within a few days with rust. I am inclined to believe there will be a short crop." J. W. Patten, Esq., reports from Maxwellton, Pictou, Co., that "Oats are an average crop." Dr. Hamilton says that in Cornwallis, "Oats and Winter Rye are very fine. Late oats are filling very well, and this fine weather is ripening them very fast." (24th August). In Yarmouth, Mr. Crosby reports Oats as "a fair crop on high lands, early sown; on wet lands almost an entire failure. Other Spring grains will, I think, be about as good as usual."

In Cape Breton County, H. Davenport, Esq., reports "Oats as heavy both in straw and ear. In wet lands there is some little rust, but I think not to any serious extent. The general prospects of our crops are encouraging."

"About North Sydney, "Oats—generally a heavy crop—are in many localities lying down, and will be damaged to some extent." (L. Robertson, Esq.) "As for oats, there is a good full crop all over Boularderie. (M. McDonald, Esq.) "Oats will yield more than an average. (J. Morrison, Esq., St. Anns.) About Baddeck, "Oats promise a good crop." (R. A. Jones, Esq.)

In Colchester Buckwheat is good, but farmers are getting out of the use of it; not nearly so much has been sown as in former years. (F. R. Parker, Esq., M.P.P.)

INDIAN CORN, CARROTS, SQUASHES.

Indian corn has done well this season. The finest head we have seen was raised on the farm of D. Fraser, Esq., Pictou, which is a "model farm" in the right sense of the term.

Why is it that Sweet Corn is not grown in Nova Scotia? The only reason we know of is that the difference between sweet corn and yellow corn is not sufficiently known, yet the one is as different from the other as a Queen Pine Apple is from a raw potato. There are late and early kinds of the white sweet corn, as of the yellow field kind.

Mr. Jones reports that about Baddeck, (Co. of Victoria)—"small patches of carrots have been sown and promise well. I think if more attention were paid to growing carrots they would prove a profitable crop, they appear to be easily raised, and the soil well adapted to them."

Squashes have done well, and yielded an abundant crop, the long summer and dry weather having been very favorable for them.

POTATO CROP—PROGRESS OF THE BLIGHT.

The extremely dry weather experienced in Halifax and adjoining counties in the western part of the Province has been very favorable to the Potato, and has checked the spread of Potato Disease.

W. H. Harris, Esq., Pictou, reports: "Potatoes and Turnips look uncommonly well, the Potatoes showing little or no signs of blight." In that county we observed that the Potatoes retained their green tops up till the night of 22nd September, when they were blackened by frost. Potatoes have not done so well for many years; crop light but, scarcely any disease.

In Yarmouth County, Mr. Crosby reports that "Potatoes, owing to the wet Spring and early appearance of blight, will be a very light crop. Some early planted pieces on high lands will be a middling crop, on low lands hardly worth digging."

In Maxwellton, Pictou County (James W. Patten, Esq., 28th Aug.)—Potatoes have a promising appearance: no sign of blight.

In Colchester, Mr. Parker reports the potatoes as "a light crop, the blight having taken them about 20th August, but they have not gone so fast as usual, owing to the dry weather. They are considerably green yet, (29th Aug), but at all events they will be a light crop." In Annapolis County, Mr. Fellows reports that "Turnips and Potatoes look well,—no blight as yet with us, but has made its appearance at Lower Granville." It has likewise appeared in Lunenburg County, but we have no very recent report from that quarter.

In Cape Breton the Potato Crop has suffered from excess of moisture. About North Sydney, L. Robertson, Esq., reports that "the blight took our potatoes earlier than usual, which will cause the potato crop to be short and inferior;" and in a subsequent communication (15th Sep.) he observes:—"Cooler weather with frost in the evening has to some little extent checked the potato blight, except in heavy wet lands. As yet there is little appearance of rot. In wet lands some varieties are very much diseased, still I think the general yield, although short by last year will be quite equal to the average of any previous ones if seasonable weather continue." M. McDonald, Esq., reports of Boularderie Island, that "potatoes never appeared better until within a fortnight, when the crop was struck with blight."

In South-west Margaree (Alex. Gillis, McFarlane, and McDonald)—"the blight has made its appearance in the potato tops in some places, but is not in the roots as yet." (21st Aug). In Victoria County, C. B., the