

**OUR FARMERS' CLUB**

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**QUEBEC**

**COMPTON CO., QUE.**

**WATERVILLE.**—The winter of 1909 will be remembered as one of many thaws. Since Jan. 1st there have been three big thaws which have taken the snow away and exposed the roads for a time, but it has put an end to the water famine. The ice storms which caused much destruction in the west did very little damage in these parts. Although the snow has nearly all disappeared the farmers have their season's wood all hauled. The price of feed and provisions remain about the same. Eggs are 30c to 40c a doz.; butter is 23c to 35c a lb.; and pork \$9 to \$9.50 a cwt.—J. M.

**CHATEAUGUAY CO., QUE.**

**HOWICK.**—Although the weather here has been cold, we have had no severe storms, nor any late trains. The country roads have been fine for teaming. There is very little wood hauling, as the bush lots are about used up; most of the farmers burn coal. Farmers are busy drawing ice, which is about 22 inches thick. A great quantity is stored for dairying purposes, as from this station alone over 300 (3 gallon) cans are shipped daily winter and summer to Montreal. We realize 22c a gallon from the 1st of Oct. to the 1st of May. The freight costs 2c a gallon, which nets us 20c a gallon for the milk. This price may seem high, but it does not pay as well as in former years, when the price was lower and feed was more plentiful, and could be got at about half its present price. On account of the drought for the last two years crops have been below the average. Hay and grain especially have been poor. Enslage corn was extra good last year which will help draw many to look through the winter without buying much rough feed. Our creameries closed in Jan. They paid \$1.10 a cwt. for milk. Fresh milkers are scarce and hard. Good beef is scarce, a few sold at 5c a lb. live weight. A few cars of beef have been brought in. It sells at \$10.50 for nice grades, selling to \$12.50 to \$13 for timothy. This experience is something new. A great quantity was shipped out in former years. Straw sells at 8c to \$8.50; bran (Mauls), at \$23. The population in this county is about equally divided Scotch and French. Both parties together in harmony all municipal and political matters.—D. G.

**ONTARIO**

**STORMONT CO., ONT.**

**CANNAMORE.**—Farmers are busy hauling and cutting their supply of firewood, putting in a supply of ice for summer, etc. Water is plentiful since the recent heavy rain. Stock is wintering in fairly good condition. The majority of the farmers in this locality will have sufficient feed until the grass comes. Good hay is selling from \$10 to \$12 a ton.—E. L. M.

**CARLETON CO., ONT.**

**MERIVALE.**—Cattle are wintering well, although they must be quartered rather thin in flesh, owing to the poor pastures last fall. There is going to be enough feed for all stock as it has been taken care of since prices remain steady and are not so high as last winter, with the exception of pork. It is \$10 a cwt. for high quarters, selling from 8c to 8 1/2 cts, according to quality; frosts, 8c to 8 1/2; butter, 35c to 36c; eggs, 30c to 40c a doz.; hay, \$14 to \$17 a ton; potatoes, 90c to \$1 a bag; barley, 50c to 75c a bush; peas, \$1 a bush; oats, 45c to 48c a bush. It has been a very fine winter for haul-

ing wood, ice, etc., on account of the good roads.—G. B.

**GRENVILLE CO., ONT.**

**PRESCOTT.**—There seems to be a scarcity of fodder here. Farmers are trying to make it do. As a consequence farmers are coming out on the thin side already. Timothy hay sells for \$16 a ton; clover hay, \$15 a ton; alfalfa, 45c a cwt.; a bush, corn, 72 1/2c a bush; wheat bran, \$28 to \$23 a ton; middlings, \$27 to \$28; linseed, \$24 a ton; potatoes, 80c a cwt.; creamery butter, 20c a lb.; potatoes, 60c a bush; springers, \$30 to \$35 each; calves, 7c to \$3; beef, 4c to 4 1/2c a lb.; hogs, 7c to 7 1/2c a lb.; hides, 5c to 9 1/2c a lb.

**HASTINGS CO., ONT.**

**TURBIE.**—We hear of no scarcity of fodder, but oats, peas and potatoes are scarce. As this country suffers every dry season from forest fires, some people are declaring their intention of putting out the forest for all the snow ever when the spring sun has dried up brush heaps. This clearing of the woods would be the salvation of oats, as it is one kind of forestry that would not cost much.—W. H.

**HASTINGS.**—The weather so far has been really fine; enough snow for good sleighing, with no severe frost. Some farmers are still in need of rain to raise their crops. The wells, but the majority have enough. Dairy cows are selling from 80 to \$30 a piece. There are no complaints as yet about feed being scarce; hay keeps in the neighborhood of \$15 a ton, corn at \$28 a ton retail.—H. W.

**NORTHERNBERLAND CO., ONT.**

**EVILLIE.**—The farmers are having trouble with their turnips. They are rotting badly; from what cause it is hard to say for the winter has been of about the usual temperature. Some attribute it to their not maturing well, owing to the dry season last fall. It seems a pity that this should happen in this year of short crops when otherwise they would be of much assistance in wintering the stock.—H. H.

**VICTORIA CO., ONT.**

**WOODVILLE.**—The market for hogs is steadily improving; farmers unloaded their hogs this week for \$6.50. Feed is not very plentiful here. The whole cattle are looking extra well. There is not a great deal of grain being marketed, probably on account of the condition of the roads. The market is selling from \$1 to \$1 a bush; barley, 55c; oats, 45c.—J. R.

**OAKWOOD.**—Farmers are taking advantage of the good condition of the roads to haul their wood. The who are fortunate enough to possess an ice house are profiting by the recent cold snap to secure a supply of ice for next summer's use. Feed is holding out better than was expected at the beginning of the winter, although some have barely enough to winter their stock, particularly with regard to roots. Hogs are selling well.—R. W. H.

**HALIBURTON CO., ONT.**

**HONDALE.**—Cattle are looking fine. The feed is all right; the weather is still not so dry now, there will be plenty. There was a fall of snow on Candlemas morning, then the sun came out bright and clear. There will be his shadow most of the day.—J. P. H.

**HIGHLAND GROVE.**—Farmers fear that the lack of snow will bring disappointment to the hay crop next year. It is liable to freeze out the new seeding. The lumber men have had to stop teaming. Feed seems to be quite plentiful as yet, and cattle look very good compared to other years. Hay and straw are no higher in price than in the fall. Potatoes are very scarce, oats are somewhat the same for I hear a great many farmers talking of buying already. They will need to turn over more soil next year. Some of the people are ploughing in early spring, but we will likely know more about that by the first of May, or later on.—F. N. E.

**WELLINGTON CO., ONT.**

**BELWOOD.**—The farmers are busy getting their supply of wood out. A few are hauling manure but this is not done extensively on account of the heaviness of the soil. The prices offered for hogs and cattle are more encouraging this year than they were last. Hogs sell for \$6.75 and cattle from \$5 to \$6.25. Some have even been offered \$6 for May delivery. Hay is selling for \$9 a ton; oats, 39c to 48c a bush; wheat, 94c a bush. Horses, except good ones, are rather dull.—R. H. S.

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**WYOMING.**—Although we have a mild winter, it will be well to be careful of the feed. No one can predict at what time spring will come. It is a better policy to keep feed now than have to buy in order to pull through. Don't be afraid to run seed grain through the fanning mill. Now is the time to clean it, and clean it well. It should be run through two or three times. The stock will take care of all the screenings. If you want a good crop take no chances with poor seed, but save the good plump and clean grain. Farmers were plowing here on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Many got two weeks' plowing done in Jan.—J. H.

**HURON CO., ONT.**

**BLYTH.**—We are having very pleasant winter weather, but no snow of any account, which is very unusual. Hogs fairs are being held in many of the towns and are being well attended by both sellers and buyers. The buyers want hordes of all ages but they must be in good condition. Very fair prices are being real-

ized by those who are disposing of their animals. The Farmers' Institute meetings are being held throughout the county, and are fairly well attended; consequently the topics are well discussed. More of these gatherings in the way of farmers' clubs would be beneficial to the agriculturist. They could gather together once in two weeks and discuss topics peculiar to their particular environments. The farmers' market is improving somewhat. Eggs have gone down a little; butter is firm, while grain and live stock are slightly better in price.—R. B. B.

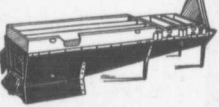
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**WALKERTON.**—Fodder is plentiful; the great bulk of it is fed to stock for spring shipment. Hogs are selling for \$5.50; butter, 20c; eggs, 25c; potatoes, 50c a bag; hay, \$10 a ton; oats, 40c; wheat, 90c a bush. Stock of all kinds is doing well. Hauling manure to the fields is the order of the day with most farmers. Some are spreading it; others are putting it in small heaps, while others are putting it in larger piles.—J. A. L.

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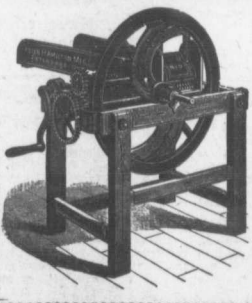
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