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HALIFAX, 30 June, 1870.

The season has hitherto been upon the whole a favorable one for the crops throughout the Dominion; and, in many parts of our own Province, the fields in general never looked more verdant than they do at the present time. The season is chiefly remarkable for the early period at which the warm weather of spring set in, and there being little or no frost in the ground, after so light a winter, our farmers were enabled to get their seed in under circumstances unusually favorable. In many localities grain seeding time was fully a month earlier than usual. So far well. But, after the crops had started, a spring drought set in; with the increasing warmth of the June sun, the land got baked and the grass fields began to show a stunted growth. These effects were, of course, most obvious on fields that were in poor condition; but, in some counties, even the richest grass lands suffered. In Cumberland great fears were entertained of the Hay Crop, and in Annapolis and Kings Counties there was also cause for

alarm. However, we have latterly had an abundance of refreshing showers, varying in amount in different localities, but general, we believe, throughout the whole Province, and there is now every reason to anticipate an abundant harvest, except on worn out grass lands, where the hay crop will not recover itself.

More wheat and other grains have been sown than for many years, and these crops are said to be generally looking well. Norway Oats promise to give satisfaction, so far at least as straw is concerned, for we cannot as yet judge of the probable yield of grain; in some places they are growing so rank as to be already lodged. This famed oat may be seen on several farms near the North West Arm and other parts of the Peninsula. Joseph Kaye, Esq., has a large breadth sown near Richmond, and Mr. Reid at Bedford has a small field, convenient for observation, on the left hand side of the road leading to the Rifle Range.

The recent rains have been very favorable to late turnips, and we hope to see

their cultivation extended from year to year. Early turnips were much injured by the beetle.

Potatoes look remarkably well. The warmth acquired by the ground in May and the rains of June have been especially grateful to this crop; and a good return may be expected. The prevailing fancy for new and fashionable potatoes has led many persons to plant more varieties this season than usual, and we hope to have some interesting experiences to record at taking up time.

Garden Vegetables are well advanced, but much of the advantage resulting from the start in April and early May was lost through the occurrence of late May frosts. In our columns this month will be found a valuable and thoroughly practical article from the pen of J. W. L., on the subject of Dairy Produce and Milk supply to the city. We have likewise been favored with a communication on a Dairy subject from a gentleman who has been long well-known in this Province and far beyond it by his writings on literary and