

**AGRICULTURE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF PARRSBORO'.**—The Mill Village correspondent of the *Amherst Gazette*, in describing the village of Advocate, and the life and activity evinced in the various avocations of its people, remarks: "Though the shipping interest forms the chief industrial pursuit of the people, the agricultural department is not altogether neglected. The farmers have, notwithstanding the unpropitious state of the weather, accomplished much in the way of putting seed into the ground; but it must be acknowledged, that skill is sadly lacking here in regard to the treatment of the soil. The work of draining the land and manufacturing manure is considered quite unprofitable."

**FAILURE OF THE WESTERN WHEAT CROP.**—A correspondent of the N. York Agricultural Society's Journal writes from Lima, Indiana, that it is the opinion of the people in that section that there will not be one-quarter of a crop of wheat between Lake Erie and Lake Michigan, including Southern Michigan and Northern Indiana, a distance of fifty or sixty miles north and south. Many were ploughing up their wheat ground and sowing spring wheat and oats. Clover is equally as much killed out as the wheat.

**A WEEDY NOTION.**—The Gardener's Monthly has discovered that a patch of egg plants "left weedy for a long time" gave an "earlier, larger, and finer crop every way," than those particularly cared for. This is a happy idea for the gardener. "Whose days are all spent in yawning and slumber, while his garden bears daisies and weeds without number."

**DECIE'S BERKSHIRES.**—We observed passing through the city the other day some beautiful specimens of young Berkshire pigs, from the farm of H. E. Decie, Esq., Annapolis. They were on their way to Cape Breton, to H. Davenport, Esq., Sydney; John McLellan, Esq., Baddeck; and R. M. Donald, Esq., Lingan. They looked well and comfortable, and we hope they have reached their respective destinations in as good condition.

**HEAVY FLEECE.**—At the sheep shearing on Dr. Lawson's farm this season, one fleece was found to weigh of clean wool as taken from the sheep 17½ lb, and when washed 13½ lb. It was obtained from a Leicester ram, one of those imported by the Board of agriculture from Canada last year. As the present average weight of a fleece in Halifax county is about 3 lb, it may readily be imagined how much advantage will accrue to the country by the introduction of this valuable breed.

**THE CROPS IN P. E. ISLAND.**—The Prince Edward Island papers state that the vegetation is progressing slowly in the island. Grain has been re-sown and potatoes re-planted, in consequence of having rotted in the ground.

**POLISH BARLEY.**—Sandford Fleming, Esq., C.E., has presented to the Board of Agriculture, a few bushels of the new Polish Barley, which has been so successfully grown within the last year or two in Canada. We hope to give a fuller account of this fine barley next month.

**THE DOG PEST.**—The Rinderpest has not yet appeared in the United States or in Nova Scotia, but the Dog Pest is in full cry. In the monthly report of the Department of Agriculture at Washington, for April, just received, it is stated, in reference to certain tabulated statistics of the number of sheep killed and wounded by dogs in Ohio and other States, that the dogs destroy and injure nearly a million dollars' worth of sheep annually.—The number of dogs in Ohio is estimated at 1,647,880. A tax of one dollar per head, it is stated, would fully meet the damages done by them; and "surely when legislation is demanded for the protection of wool and woolens, a tax so just should not be denied by congress."

**THE STRAWBERRY SEASON.**—The editor of the *Wolf-He Acadian* has been presented with a box of ripe strawberries, gathered on the 12th June, on the premises of J. W. Barss, Esq., of that village, —*Abstainer*.

We had a few wild strawberries in Sackville on the 16th. The wild strawberries promise remarkably well this season, and so do most other wild fruits.

**WEATHER AND CROPS IN CANADA.**—June is usually a hot and dry month in Canada, but this season the first half of it has been cold and wet, as in Nova Scotia. A Quebec despatch of the 12th to the *Colonist*, states that there is at last some little improvement in the appearance of the country around Quebec. The recent warm weather has done some service, and the fields which were bare and black a week ago are now covered with verdure. We have letters from the Upper Province much to the same effect, only the crops are of course more advanced.

**PICTOU COUNTY.**—After a protracted continuance of cold weather, the summer at last appears to have set in. The change will be heartily welcomed by the farmers, whose operations have been greatly retarded by the wetness of the season. In some parts of the country it was found impossible to put the seed into the ground, and, in some cases, the grain sown perished in the soil from cold and wet.—*Pictou Standard*.

**MORRIL MORGAN HORSE "BLACK-BIRD."**—The Black Morgan Stud Horse "Blackbird," imported last autumn by James Page, Esq., and others, from the State of Vermont, is announced to stand for service at Amherst during the present season. He is described as 16 hands high, and descended from the celebrated "Morril" Morgan. Stephen Doyle, Groom, at Coffey's Hotel, Amherst.

**DR. GREVILLE.**—We regret to notice the death of Robert Kaye Greville, LL.D. which took place at Edinburgh on 4th June. He was the most distinguished of Scottish Cryptogamic Botanists, and was as well known by his works of benevolence as by his labours in science.

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