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number of cattle and fine Clydesdale horses. The summer has been a fair average, but corn and roots are the poorest in years. Fall wheat is nearly all in the ground, and I think more acres than usual.—J. W. H.

HURON CO. ONT.

BLITH, Sept. 30.—The weather continues wet. Some late harvest is still out. Corn is being cut. The yield is much below the average, grain when threshed is turning out well, especially barley and oats. Fall fairs are being held in the different towns, and are usually well attended, considerable fine stock being on exhibition. Fruit exhibits are good, but lacking in color on account of so much cloudy weather. Root crops and vegetables are somewhat scarce. The apple crop is good but the price is very low. Some good winter apples being brought in as low as 5c a barrel. Everything in good shape and the weather is necessary.—H. R. S.

GREY CO. ONT.

RAVENNA, Sept. 26.—Grain started to grow in the shock. Harvesting has been delayed. Corn looks fair. Buckwheat is good. Root crops are doing fine. Splendid corn, cabbage and other vegetables are seen about the farms.—C. P.

HALIBURTON CO. ONT.

KINMOUNT, Sept. 21.—Kinmount Fair was a big success, about 1,000 people were on the grounds. The display from Lindsay was well filled. The special grain and vegetables was very good for a backward season. The ladies' fancy and under work in the hall was excellent; also the bread and butter. The quality of live stock was small but good. Mr. B. Hopkins, of Riverside Farm, had a fine display of his horses the show. Some of the drafts were well represented; also some fine light horses were shown. Harvest is not over yet. Late grain is ripening well. A large quantity still standing in the shock. Very little sunshine has been had during the last two weeks.—J. A. L.

MIDDLEBURY CO. ONT.

MIDDLEBURY, Sept. 12.—Owing to the late crop the grain to be somewhat backward. Very little grain was cut when the rains of August were very poor. Very little of the frost the latter part of August. The buckwheat was somewhat damaged by frost. The potato crop very good.—W. A. W.

LAMBTON CO. ONT.

THEBROOK, Sept. 22.—Farmers have had a trying and expensive time saving the cut crop. Teams to wagons ready to haul in, up come a storm; in a couple of days same programme repeated, and repeated many times. Increase in lettuce, cauliflower and valuation of crop. Some say a depreciation of 10 per cent; I should say 15 per cent did not overstate it.—N. J. K.

WYOMING CO. ONT.

WYOMING, Sept. 16.—The wet weather has had a damaging effect on all grain crops. Much of it is exposed. Sprouting very general. A great deal of it husked too soon.—D. B. R.

KENT CO. ONT.

BRESDEN, Sept. 13.—Continued wet weather has had an injurious effect on grain that was cut and out in the field. Some reports of sprouted grain. The weather at this date has improved and threshing is general.—T. B.

ESSEX CO. ONT.

HARROW, Sept. 19.—The harvesting of tobacco is general. The late tobacco has improved greatly, but it will give a poorer colored leaf. Threshing is in full swing. Oats are yielding on the average 30 bushels to the acre. Corn-cutting has a very good yield. Beans are very good, selling up to \$3 per bushel. Apples are a very good crop where trees have been taken with the San Jose scale.—W. A. B.

ESSEX CO. ONT.

ESSEX, Sept. 13.—Considerable grain sprouted but not so much as further back. Grain all in barns. Yield of spring wheat fairly good. Corn held back by wet, cold weather, especially that santed late. Many heavy yields of early winter in dried land. Late planted much better, but will mature if fall is open. Threshing will start next week.—W. E. E.

ESSEX CO. ONT.

ESSEX, Sept. 13.—All the small grain practically saved. Say 5 per cent loss on bottom of the sheaves. Corn and shooch helped by moisture, followed by wet weather, corn being very nearly a full crop. Everything in crops looking good.—W. D. B.

THE CHAMPION AT OTTAWA

Editor, Farm and Dairy.—It may be of interest to Hololeten readers of Farm and Dairy to know a little of the history and breeding of the yearling champion, Homestead Abbecker Prince, that carried off the grand championship prize at Ottawa this year.

As you know, he was competing against the champions and grand champions of the Toronto show ring. He was purchased from us by Mr. Stackhouse when about 15 months old. Mr. Stackhouse did not come to see him, but trusted to our description, and needless to say, he is delighted with him. It is a rare occurrence for a yearling to be given so high a standing and in such company as went from Toronto Fair. Surely no greater honor of show ring to a new beginner. It is also a great tribute to Mr. Stackhouse for his fitting.

His dam is Lady Abbecker De Kol. She won first prize in the three-year-old class at Guelph Dairy Test last winter, and stood sixth in a stable of 50 head of all ages at four years and one month she made 227 lbs. of butter in seven days, and her dam, Miss De Kol Kent, made at four and two months, 229 lbs. of milk in seven days. Homestead Abbecker Prince's sire is our Dutchland Calantha Sir Abbecker, whose breeding is too well known to need further comment here.

To make a long story short, Homestead Abbecker Prince's five nearest dams averaged 274 lbs. butter in seven days. Here is a case of show ring and butter record breeding combined. We have others this year equally as good as this one, including his full brother. We have some 30 of them in our herd, and a nice, straighter bunch would be hard to find. We have tested three of them, viz., Homestead Calantha Patch, at two years and one month, who made 180 lbs. of butter in seven days; Homestead Patty Colantha, at two years and one month, 169 lbs. butter in seven days, and Homestead Dewdrop Colantha, at two years and four months, who made 159 lbs. in seven days. Edmund Laidlaw & Sons, Elgin Co., Ont.

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