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BUMPER FRUIT CROP EXPECTED

Hay Light Because of Dry Weather.—Potato Crop Less Than Average.—Grain Crop Distinctly Above the Average.

M. Cumming, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture for the province, has issued a report of the crop returns for July compiled through the co-operation of the Department of Agriculture and of Industries and Immigration. So far as the general farmer is concerned, the season promises to be about an average one, ranking slightly below that of 1910. The fruit growers report the best year, up to date, in the history of the industry.

The season of 1911 is in some respects the reverse of 1910. Last year was rainy, with luxuriant crops of hay and oats and an unusual scarcity of fruit. This season is remarkable dry, with the promise of a record crop of apples, well matured and free from spot, a hay crop slightly below the average, and fair crops of oats and other cereals, potatoes and roots.

The weather was cool and wet until the end of the first week in May and the seeding season in general opened from one to two weeks behind the usual time. The dry weather of May allowed seeding operations to be carried on practically without interruption, so that by the first of June the farmers were, at least, as far ahead as at the corresponding date in the previous year. During the first three weeks of June, there was abundant rain and all crops that were started by this time promise fully average yields. Since about the twentieth of June, the weather has been very dry, more especially in the counties of Digby, Annapolis, Kings, Lunenburg, Queens and Shelburne. Recent rains have broken the spell and it only remains for a continuance of these to make 1911 another of the really good years for the farmers of Nova Scotia.

The returns upon which the present crop estimate is made arrived at this office on or about July tenth, during the period of dry weather. Several correspondents, whom we have seen, state that the recent rains would lead them to put a considerably higher estimate, especially upon the grain crops, root crops and potatoes. Altogether, one hundred and twenty-eight correspondents, representing all the counties of the province, have contributed to this report. While there is considerable variation among the individual reports, yet the average figures derived from these reports for the various counties, are in marked agreement.

HAY—ESTIMATED YIELD.
Compared with 1910 76 87 78
Compared with average crop 82 94 84
Compared with 1910, the present year's hay crop seems light, but it must be remembered that the hay crop of 1910 was eight per cent. above average. During May and early June, the outlook for the hay crop was very favorable; but the rains of June brought up the yield to a wonderful extent. The subsequent warm, dry weather caused the hay to ma-

ture about a week earlier than usual and has resulted in a somewhat lighter crop than was expected at the end of June. In the following counties the yield is below the above estimate: Digby, Annapolis, parts of Kings, Queens, Shelburne and the northern parts of Cumberland and Colchester. In the remaining counties the yield is either up to or above the foregoing estimate, the best prospects being in the eastern counties. Unfortunately clover is generally reported to have been considerably winter killed. Compensation for the slight shortage in the hay crop this year is found in the fact that at least twelve per cent. of last year's crop is still on hand.

OATS AND OTHER GRAINS.

Compared with 1910 99 p. c.
Compared with average 89

Only a very few correspondents report an inferior crop of potatoes and these hail mostly from Annapolis and northern parts of Colchester and Kings Counties. On the other hand, correspondents from Hants, Pictou, and Antigonish report as high as fifty per cent above last year. It is really too soon to forecast this crop but with present weather conditions holding, it is sure to be a good one. The potato beetle has not been as troublesome as usual. There is an increase of three per cent in the average devoted to potatoes.

TURNIPS AND OTHER ROOTS.

Compared with 1910 90 p. c.
Compared with average 106 p. c.

It is really too soon to forecast the root crop. For the most part early seeded land gives excellent prospects, but the latter seeded areas were seriously kept back, just as they were sprouting, by the dry weather. The crop is reported considerably below the foregoing estimate in the following counties: parts of Digby, Annapolis, Kings, Lunenburg, Queens, Shelburne and North Colchester. In the remaining counties the crop is either up to or above the estimate, the most promising being from parts of Hants county. While the acreage devoted to mangels has somewhat declined, the acreage given over to turnips has correspondingly increased.

INDIAN CORN AND OTHER FORAGE CROPS.

Forage crops are grown in the province mainly for the purpose of supplementing the early summer and late fall pastures. It would add greatly to the condition of live stock and the output of dairy products if farmers generally would grow more forage crops than at present. A notable increase in the amount of forage crops grown is reported from Pictou and Cape Breton Counties. In the other counties the acreage remains about stationary. The occasion of the increase in the two foregoing counties is probably the fact of the very large market for milk and milk products, which lead the farmers to make extra effort to keep up the supply.

Kentville to Regina.

(Kentville Advertiser.)

It was a most valuable idea from an advertising standpoint which Messrs. McKay Bros. of the Nova Scotia Carriage Co. conceived in running one of their automobiles by road to Regina. It meant that they had perfect confidence in the product of their automobile factory or the trip would have ended in disaster and untimely delays.

A fortnight ago Mr. Daniel McKay and Mr. Arch Pelton left Kentville in their roadster model McKay-Penn 30. The machine was a new one just out of the shop and the motor had never been tested before. They left Kentville at 8 a.m. and arrived at Yarmouth at 5.40 p.m. They took boat from there to Boston and then began their long journey of several thousand miles en route to Regina. They passed through Chicago, St. Paul, etc. and on to the prairies. They experienced very bad roads for quite a larger part of the way, but they arrived in Regina on July 26th, just two weeks on the way. A telegram from them states they covered the whole distance without a puncture or any delays for repairs or adjustment. They made a run of 327 miles in one day and 325 in another.

Cuts and bruises may be healed in about one-third the time required by the usual treatment by applying Chamberlain's Liniment. It is an antiseptic and causes such injuries to heal without maturation. This liniment also relieves soreness of the muscles and rheumatic pains. For sale by all dealers.

The Cabinet at Ottawa commuted to life imprisonment the sentence of death passed upon the Italian woman Angelina Neapolitano, for the murder of her husband at Ste. Marie.

I bought a horse with a supposedly incurable ringworm for thirty dollars. Cured him with one dollar's worth of MINARD'S LINIMENT and sold him for eighty-five dollars. Profit on liniment fifty-four dollars.

MOISE DEROSE,
Hotel Keeper, St. Phillippe, Que.

Owing to the dry weather of July, the forage crop yield is estimated about six per cent below that of last year.

PASTURES.

Pastures were slow in starting and were rather poor up to the end of the first week in June. Subsequent to that they are reported from fair to very good. Their condition for the remainder of the season will depend upon the rain fall.

CONDITION AND NUMBER OF LIVE STOCK.

There has been a three per cent. increase in the number of dairy cattle. Beef cattle remain stationary. Sheep have declined three per cent. Swine have increased four per cent. All correspondents report live stock in extra good condition, due to the abundant crop of the past year, and the extra amount of hay on hand during the past winter.

FRUIT.

Nothing but continued dry weather will prevent Nova-Scotian orchards from giving the highest yield in the history of the province. Besides, fruit growers report unusual freedom from black spot and are looking for the best quality of apples they have ever produced. Plums and other small fruits are almost a failure. Trees bloomed from ten days to two weeks earlier than usual, almost all being out of bloom by the end of May, and up to the first of July conditions were almost ideal. Since that time, the dry weather has led to considerable dropping of the fruit, from the trees, especially in uncultivated orchards. Fortunately, however, both cultivation and spraying have received more attention than ever before. It is reported that even in the unsprayed orchards there is very little black spot. The most serious pest is the Aphid, which by some it is estimated will reduce the crop ten per cent.

(Signed)
M. CUMMING,
Secretary for Agriculture.

Docked Tails Unfashionable.

From numerous articles published in the press it is evident that the bob-tailed horse is rapidly growing unfashionable in several of the larger Canadian cities. The Governor-General of the Dominion is opposed to docking. His undocked four-in-hand is much admired by everyone. The Veterinary Director General has also denounced the barbarous fashion, and has publicly commended an Ottawa veterinary for being the first who had the courage to come out and say that he would dock no more horses' tails.

Three of the leading veterinaries of Ottawa have since announced their refusal to perform this needless and cruel operation.

It is certain that the 'hat-peg' or 'shoe-brush' style of cutting the horse's tail is passing; that even now it is not countenanced by owners of fine horses and those who take pride and pleasure in them, and have the sense to understand their needs.

It is said that less than one per cent. of the horses in America are docked; yet victims of the hideous and unhorsemanlike fashion are seen daily upon the streets. In several states the act of docking is a crime severely punishable. The law has undoubtedly prevented the custom from becoming more general, but now fashion is hastening the end of the brutal practice.—Our Dumb Animals.

DEATH OF J. U. LOGIE.

Friends of Mr. John U. Logie will regret to learn of his death at the Eastern Maine General Hospital on July 21, ult.

Mr. Logie, who was a specialist in optics, was well known, having travelled for eighteen years through Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. He leaves, besides his wife, three daughters and one son, Mrs. E. M. Moore, of Bangor, Miss Roberta G., California, Janet S. and W. Slyde, of Brewer. The remains were taken to Chatham, N. B., Monday, July 23rd, and the funeral services were held from the home of his brother, Robert Logie.

WIND PLAYED HAVOC WITH FRUIT CROP OF NIAGARA BELT.

Buffalo, N. Y., July 26.—Careful survey of the Niagara and Ontario County fruit belt indicates that the high winds of the past twenty-four hours have destroyed between twenty and thirty per cent. of the growing apples and pear crops. Experts place the loss at \$500,000. Many corn fields were swept clear by the wind and will practically be a total loss.

THE CARE OF THE FEET.

People who suffer from tired feet may note that a good deal of their discomfort is caused by the fact that they wear stockings that do not fit. Indeed, the fit of stockings is almost as important as that of shoes, and they should be chosen with equal care.

Colored stockings are sometimes a source of danger to thin and sensitive skins, but stockings with white feet are just as good as those that are entirely white.

The feet should be bathed at night and by removing any weariness this treatment is an excellent sleep producer.

The water should be salted, allowing a quart of brine to a quart of water and be hot or cold, according to individual constitution.

The feet should be scrubbed all over with a nail brush, which will often prevent the formation of corns, and hard spots on the soles may be reduced with a piece of fine emery-paper or fine file before the feet are placed in water.

The brine may be made by dissolving a pint of sea salt into two quarts of water, pouring it into a covered jar or bottle and allowing it to stand for twenty-four hours.

As the brine is used the bottle may be filled with clear water, repeating the process till all the salt is gone.

The feet of children should receive the most careful attention, for neglect at the time may lay the foundation for many future ills.

Auto Party Attacked by Bear.

Chatham, July 31.—Fred M. Tweedie had quite an adventure with a bear as he was returning from his summer cottage at Burnt church this morning. With him was James Shields, bridge inspector, and when Grand Downs was reached a bear jumped out of the woods about twenty feet ahead of the car. At this spot is a good stretch of road and the car was running at its limit.

Mr. Tweedie had little time to make up his mind what to do but managed to steer his machine aside sufficiently to miss the bear, which stood on its hind feet with forepaws outstretched.

As the car passed the bear the animal let out a vicious swipe with her paw, which just caught the side of Shield's face with one claw, missing the eye. Had the paw caught Shields it would have torn the side of his face away entirely. As it was, it made a nasty wound which bled freely. The bear stood over six feet high, but was in poor condition.

HARRIS WILL RECOVER.

Wednesday's St. John Standard says: The injury of Waldron Harris, the St. John negro, who narrowly escaped a fatal wound at the hands of Bill Owens, an old rival at Jordan, near Digby, on Sunday, is not nearly as serious as it was at first reported to be. Harris has arrived in St. John and is now at his home No. 7 Union Alley. He visited the General Public Hospital yesterday morning, and had the wound dressed. A superficial examination revealed no fracture of the skull, and it is not thought that there is such an injury. The colored man had a cut, about an inch long over his left ear, and it is the opinion of the hospital physicians that Harris owes his life to the fact that the blow was a glancing one. He was able to walk to and from the hospital, and will have the injury dressed there until he is completely recovered.

MACADAMIZING OF WOLFVILLE STREETS IS PROGRESSING FAVORABLY.

A Wolfville correspondent to an exchange notes:—Wolfville, July 27.—The macadamizing of the street, of this town is progressing favorably. The town bought and stored during the winter and spring about two thousand tons of trap rock, the very best material for road making. The steam roller and rock crusher costing about four thousand dollars having now been in operation for some weeks and are doing excellent service. Under direction of a competent engineer one section of Main street is now finished and open to traffic. On a thoroughly graded and rolled road-bed several coats of broken stone with three coats of tarvia, were placed and thoroughly rolled, with most admirable results. The work will continue through the summer, giving a street of which the citizens of Wolfville may well be proud.

A SURE ROAD TO A

HAPPY OLD AGE

This describes in a few words the Canadian Government Annuities Scheme. That this "sure road" is available to all residents of Canada who are over five years of age irrespective of sex, health, age or worldly position, is worthy of consideration. Parents may begin the purchase of annuities for their children, or children, who have prospered, may find in this scheme a safe way to provide an income for fathers and mothers who have not been so fortunate in life as they. On the other hand, people who have a limited income can increase that sum substantially by the transfer of their capital to the government for the purchase of an annuity.

Full particulars may be obtained concerning this Scheme by addressing the Superintendent of Canadian Government Annuities, Ottawa, Postage free.

ADVERTISING NOVA SCOTIA.

Opportunities and Attractions of Nova Scotia Fittingly Given Publicity by Means of Views Featuring the Fruit Industry and Farm Life of the Province.

The scheme to advertise Nova Scotia by means of moving picture films is a good one. The moving picture is the fad of the day and has possibilities of it of immense value. The following views made public by the Kentville Advertiser are widely suggestive, and a practical application of this means of advertising should be general throughout the provinces of the east. We trust Annapolis county will make an effort to get the full benefit of similar publicity.

The Nova Scotia government has been doing a very good work in the advertising of the resources of our province during the last three years. We have had excellent results from the small amount of money expended. But the public have been demanding an increased outlay in making known the attractions of Nova Scotia in Great Britain and a better and more central office in London for the Agent General who looks after our interests there.

Principal Cumming of Truro is one of our young men who has abounding faith in our country and he has an excellent opportunity to assist in making known our rich and varied resources, so as to attract foreign capital for the development of our natural resources and the attracting of a good class of British farmers to purchase farms and land here. He has on behalf of the Nova Scotia government taken the direction of obtaining moving pictures, pictures from the real life of our province of horticultural and agriculture, pastoral scenes and forest views, in fact anything dealing with the principal industries of Nova Scotia, and the active life of our people in the pursuit of their daily avocations. These moving pictures of real life and actual views of our province will be reproduced in all parts of the British Isles and will do more to familiarize them with the real conditions existing here, the prosperity and varied industrial life of our people than anything else could do.

To this end Mr. Cumming is having Mr. F. D. Yates, a skilled moving picture artist who has just returned from finishing most important work in this line at the Coronation scenes in London, travel over this province and snap pictures in all parts. Mr. Yates is eminently qualified for the work, has had ample experience and is probably the only moving picture artist who gets in close contact with King George and is received on his royal yacht. He has relatives who are high up in the English court life.

Mr. Yates was in Kentville on Tuesday and obtained the following pictures at Chipman's Corner and vicinity to illustrate Fruit Growing in the Annapolis Valley. A million and a quarter barrels of apples the 1911 crop produced from this valley, a strip of land ten miles wide, seventy miles long, between two mountain ranges.

First. A view at "Elmhurst," property of Capt. C. O. Allen, near Kentville, showing block of one thousand trees recently set out from the nursery. Takes five years to come into bearing.

It is necessary to spray fruit trees to prevent fungus and leaf-eating insects.

These pictures depict spraying with the Niagara Spray Co. Motor outfit capacity of two thousand gallons per day at a pressure of two hundred pounds.

Second. Starting the engine.

Third. Spraying the fruit to prevent fungus and poison the insects.

Fourth. Picture of a loaded down tree of fruit half grown. To be taken again about first September when full grown.

Fifth. Another orchard heavily loaded with gravensteins. Twenty years ago this land was bought for fifty dollars per acre, at present twelve hundred dollars per acre has been realized.

Sixth. A modern fruitfarm, proprietor's house on left, costing fourteen thousand dollars, tenant house on right. Cows going to barn to be milked.

Seventh. A wealthy homestead near Kentville. Family invited out to afternoon tea.

Eighth. The cool of the evening spent playing lawn tennis the favorite pastime.

Ninth. Panoramic view overlooking Kentville, the shire town of Kings Co showing the town in the foreground, and the surrounding country beyond.

The Dominion Atlantic Railway, which has done so much to advertise our province in their booklets, is much interested in this work of Mr. Yates and rendered valued assistance. Mr. Parker, General Passenger Agent, and Mr. Yates have gone to Yarmouth, where Mr. Yates will get some good views while Yarmouth's Old Home Week is in progress. Then the two will return along the line of the railway, taking pictures of all the most important scenic and industrial scenes between Yarmouth and Halifax. These views likewise will be exhibited in moving picture. Mr. Yates will also return in September and obtain more pictures of valley life and our fruit trees in their beauty laden with ripe luscious fruit.

Messrs. Clarke & Hiltz of the Nickel, have made arrangements to obtain the films of the scenes in and around Kentville and we expect in about a month to see these reproduced here when all will want to gaze upon pictures of our own town and country life.

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F. G. PALFREY MANAGER, Lawrencetown.
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