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NOTICE TO AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES.

The Officers of Agricultural Societies are hereby notified that the Returns required by the Act, to entitle Societies to participate in the Annual Grant of the Legislature for 1867, require to be sent in to the Secretary of the Board, duly attested, not later than 1st October, 1867. By direction of the Board of Agriculture.

GEORGE LAWSON, Sec'y.

THE WEATHER AND CROPS.

Halifax, September 11, 1867.

The present season is a remarkable one, and the crops, now for the most part gathered in, are upon the whole highly satisfactory. Throughout the season, the temperature has been above the average, and cold periods have been neither so frequent nor so protracted as usual; there has likewise been an abundance of rain throughout the whole summer, not in Nova Scotia alone, but even in the driest parts of the Dominion. We now see the result of all this in the abundance of the crops. HAY was never more plentiful,

although those farmers who were late in harvesting lost some by the floods. Excellent hay has been selling in Pictou at \$7 per ton, and in Cumberland the price is stated at \$5. Although hay is so low in many parts of the Province, yet the railway freight rates of so bulky an article are too high to enable it to be brought into the city from any great distance.

Many farmers sowed patches of SPRING WHEAT this season, and so far as we have seen and heard, the most satisfactory returns have been obtained. We hear nothing of rust, mildew, weevil, or any other grain pest, this season.

WINTER RYE is not so well spoken of, and the cultivation of BARLEY does not seem to increase, although our climate and light gravelly soils are well adapted for it.

OATS are generally giving very heavy crops, both in straw and grain. Oats, like all other grains, will be of good quality this season, as well as abundant in quantity. FIELD PEAS have done well, and HORSE BEANS, not yet ready for reaping, look as if they would give a very large return. These beans are attacked by a small black aphid, which adheres in myriads to the tops of the stalks, but there is no cause of alarm on this account, as

the Horse Bean is always preyed upon by this insect, but seldom suffers injury.

ROOT CROPS have grown very well, especially turnips, parsnips, mangolds and carrots. But Potatoes will yield the poorest return of any field crop this season. They grew very much to stalk, and now the blight is spreading far and wide, and the tubers rotting fast. No doubt many farmers will have to take up their potatoes with all haste and feed them to animals, so as to secure some little benefit.

THE CROPS IN CAPE BRETON.

Sydney, 24th Aug., 1867.

DEAR SIR,—The long drouth which succeeded a very cold, wet spring, held out a gloomy prospect to our farmers, up to the middle of July. Grass and grain crops looked very shy. More genial weather has since followed—occasional showers, with heavy dews, have told well upon the grass lands, and we have succeeded in saving a very fair hay crop in excellent condition.

Oats and barley, although somewhat short in straw, give very fair promise.—Potatoes are entirely free from blight thus far, but do not yield well, from the great drouth and heat; and the same may