

OUR FARMERS' CLUB

Contributions Invited.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

QUEEN'S CO., P. E. I.

MARSHFIELD. Clover came through the winter in good shape. All grass is looking fine. Seeding is becoming quite general. Feed is plentiful and cattle are coming through in good shape. Creamery butter is selling wholesale at 30c; dairy prints, 25c to 27c a lb.; oats, 45c to 46c a bush; potatoes, 25c to 26c a bush; hay, \$9 to \$10 a ton; dressed pork, 9 1/2c to 10c a lb. at Charlottetown—C. T. F.

KING'S CO., N. S.

WATERVILLE. The months of March and April have been exceptionally fine and warm, and vegetation is almost a month earlier than usual. Spring work is ahead of the usual time. Road work was done in April, the conditions being favorable; in other years it is usually delayed until after planting in May or June. The split-log drag is gaining favor in several localities. Owing to the trees leafing out earlier than usual there has been a rush to get them planted. The demand for fruit trees has been enormous, so that much nursery stock has been imported. Every year sees an improvement in the beautifying of home surroundings, such as the making of lawns and the setting of spruce hedges; also the addition of the latest kind of machinery, which speaks of increasing prosperity in the country.

On April 20th, 25th and 30th, there were falls of snow and heavy frosts, which were felt more after the warm weather. The frost felled the unusually early rhubarb, and nipped the young leaves on the apples, roses and other venturesome vegetation. Some pessimistic people feared that the apple buds were injured, but no serious damage is anticipated. Most orchards are heavily laden with blossom buds and spraying is the chief work of the week. Several orchardists are experimenting with lime-sulphur-sprays, for the first time. Other works, such as planting fruit trees, spruce hedges, gardens, fencing, plowing and cleaning up generally, are in progress. Butter has risen to 25c per lb.; eggs are 15c and 16c a dozen. Young pigs charged for most old pigs. The fourth annual horse show and parade held at Kentville, with Dr. Standish as judge, was a huge success, the weather and other things being favorable for it—Eunice Watts.

QUEBEC

MISSISSQUOI CO., QUE.

FRELIGHBURG.—Spring seeding was commenced earlier than ever before. One piece of grain was sown March 25th, but the majority waited until towards the last of April. New-seeder meadows look good. The spring is starting nicely, but recent hard frosts hurt some clover on low lands. Numbers of cattle are already on pasture and nearly everyone is prepared to turn out stock two or three weeks earlier than usual. Butter is selling well at 30c to 31c; eggs, 14c a dozen. Pork has fallen from its high price of \$19 a cwt., live weight. There has been a keen demand for young pigs at from \$3.50 to \$5 each at the age of four weeks. Judging from reports, there has been an unusual mortality among young pigs. Poultry is high, 13c to 14c a lb. live weight. Having been paid recently for fowl—C. A. V.

RICHMOND CO., QUE.

DANVILLE.—We have had some hard frosts, and the weather continues cold, with occasional wet days. The seeding has not progressed as rapidly as was anticipated by the dry warm weather we had in April. Most of the garden seed is in the ground, but there is very little growth as yet. The plant diseases were stopped with the frost. Potatoes are plentiful, but not very early. Most farmers have plenty of hay, and some have turned out their cattle. Grass is fairly good for this time of the year. Butter is bringing 30c a lb., and eggs, 15c a dozen. Beef and pork remain very high in price—M. D. B.

COMPTON CO., QUE.

WATERVILLE. This was a very poor sugar season, a pound of sugar being about the average. The meadows and pastures are looking exceptionally well. Most of the cattle have been turned out. The greater part of the seeding has been finished, and in some places the grain is over an inch high. Young pigs are scarce, selling at \$4.50 to \$5.50 a piece. Prices for pork and beef are high—J. M.

ONTARIO

HASTINGS CO., ONT.

ATKINSON.—Seeding is not finished yet on account of so much rain; some land is so low and wet it cannot be worked. The weather is very cold, and there is not much growth. It is feared that the frost will do damage to the fruit crop. Potatoes are very plentiful and cheap, and farmers are feeding them to their cattle.

NARBURTON CO., ONT.

KINMOUNT.—The rain which fell during the last two weeks has done much good by making the clover and grass grow rapidly. Cattle have been at pasture for

two weeks, the earliest in years. Most all the spring grain is up well. Cattle buyers are paying 4c a lb. for full delivery and four weeks old are selling from \$5 to \$10 a pair. Oats have declined. 6c a bush, live paid now. Hay still keeps at \$15 a ton. Potatoes are not wanted at any price.—S. T.

WATERLOO CO., ONT.

NEW HAMBURG.—Heavy rains have retarded the progress of the agriculturist during the past week. Favorable conditions during the month of April were taken advantage of. Experience of the previous year has been remembered and it is very pleasant at this early date to see the spring grain making such progress. In view of about the country one sees many well cultivated farms. There are many fields of beautiful new clover. The stump and rail fences are now disappearing. Fencing is being attended to by many. The heavy women wire, ready to put on, seems to be very popular. Wooden shingles are again becoming popular for roofing purposes. Factories are now receiving milk. In all cases the whey is pasteurized and returned to the patrons. The creameries did a good business during the winter—A. R. G.

WELLINGTON CO., ONT.

PERGUS.—Seeding is well under way, but has been hindered lately on account of a great deal of rain, which was badly needed to start everything growing. Hay and grass are coming on well. All kinds of feed are plentiful. Everyone seems to have more potatoes than they require, but can't get any sale for them. Hens are a little lower in price, but young pigs are very scarce and high in price, selling as high as \$8 a pair. Butter and eggs are somewhat higher, selling at 25c a lb. and 15c a dozen—W. A. M.

Some farmers have finished seeding two weeks ago, while others who did not get their land sown before the rains of the last two weeks, find their land much wetter now than it was when the snow went away. Those who finished early got their crops in, in excellent condition. Some fields are taking on a green shade already, the grain being nicely through and looking well, fully a month earlier than the case in most seasons. Some of the recent rain at times has been falling covering the trees and fences with a heavy coating of ice that would be hard on the barley. There is very little fall wheat grown, but what there is has wintered well—W. B.

GOLSPUR—OXFORD CO., ONT.

Seeding spring is well finished in fine shape. Farmers are preparing the ground for mangels and corn. We are having some frost at night, yet the grain

seems to grow all right, and this cold weather hardens it a good deal. It will have a stronger root and be more apt to pasture very. There is plenty of feed. Hay is selling from \$12 to \$13, and oats 30c to 40c. Cows are milking well and prices are good, so that rule, get to pasture in fine condition—A. M. McD.

MIDDLESEX CO., ONT.

GLANWORTH.—Many farms have changed hands lately and the sale of the old hands of farmers have retired. Others have moved to the West, hoping there to increase the best land, and with farms less labor than in Ontario. The farms touched the \$100 per acre mark, others nearly so, when sold. Large sales of eggs, besides a number in the winter time that we possibly can, for it saves much heavy labor in the heat of summer.—J. E. O.

GLANWORTH.—An up-to-date farmer of this place, who is very busy, has a carload of calves nearly over winter, but on account of the scarcity of feed, only have 12 big feeders for this spring. The feeders are of the best, and the farmer is keeping up the fertility of the farm. My friend of here is the White Leghorns; he has found them the best layers, and the chickens come quickly for broilers. From 125 hens in a season we sold \$150 worth of eggs, besides a number in the winter time that we possibly can, for it saves much heavy labor in the heat of summer.—J. E. O.

LAMBTON CO., ONT.

WYOMING.—There seems to be a general activity in agriculture. Small farmers are getting out in from 1,000 to 2,000 lbs. this spring. One of them, Mr. McArthur, has paid out about \$500 for labor and for putting them in. Land values are advancing and seem bound to increase. Grain is plentiful. Spring crops are looking well, and farmers are now busy with the corn ground—J. N. A.

BRUCE CO., ONT.

CLUNY.—Seeding is about done in these parts. A great number of the grass cattle are out this week. The frost was so hard that the grass was killed in some places and was turned yellow. The prices of home produce here are a little better. Eggs, quoted at \$15c a lb. Potatoes are 15c for 10c a bush, but farmers are feeding them to cows and hogs—J. McK.

HURON CO., ONT.

PORTER'S HILL.—Most farmers are through seeding. Grain is coming up fairly even, but owing to cool weather conditions, the growth is very slow, though well advanced for this time of year. Many have been engaged in ditching operations. Out of a large number of the yards throughout the country, no tile can be secured, as they are all used, which is a decidedly good sign that the agriculturist is noticing the advantages of draining wet land. There is a very good showing of fruit bloom. Plums and cherries are out in full bloom, nearly a month earlier than last year. Many more than usual are spraying their orchards, quite a number using lime-sulphur for the first time—R. B.

BRITISH COLUMBIA
NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.

MUNRO.—Some crops are up well. Pasture is good. The Government has established the rural mail delivery throughout the valley. Lambs are looking well. The cattle are milking fine. Butter and eggs are still a good price—J. C.

GOSSIP

CONCRETE POST MOLDS.—Farm Dairy readers should note the advertisement of The West Lorne foundry, of West Lorne, Ont. In order to advertise their molds they are offering to send one of their regular \$10 molds, during the next thirty days, to any one sending them only \$5. So asking that he tell his neighbor how well he liked it. This is a very liberal offer. Concrete Fence Post and Anchor Post Molds are largely used in nearly all parts of Canada, and have given satisfaction.

The pig which you sent me by Mr. Bertram Hoskin, of The Gully, Ontario, in return for a club of seven new subscriptions to Farm and Dairy, was received all right, and I am much pleased that it is a credit to Mr. Hoskin as well as to Farm and Dairy.—Stanley Crummy, Ont.

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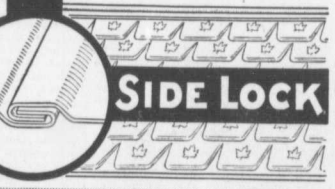
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