

dian Corn and Potatoes give fair promise. Grain crops, generally will, I fear, fall below an average yield.

Mangolds, Carrots, Turnips, and other root crops are somewhat unpromising at present, but some of them may do fairly yet. The Apple crop will probably be considerably below an average one. Plums and Pears will also be a light crop I think. There have been no Cherries in this locality—even Bear River failing to produce any quantity worth mentioning. There has been a greater or less failure in reference to nearly all the smaller fruits and berries. The Dairy product will be about an average one.

Yours truly,

A. LONGLEY.

Round Hill, Annapolis,
July 31st, 1876. }

DEAR SIR,—Your letter of the 28th inst. was duly received. Having just returned from a trip to the western end of the County, I may say that owing to the dry and hot weather during the latter part of June and the month of July, crops generally will not be as good as was anticipated in the early part of June. Hay is a good crop both in quantity and quality, except the late grass that has been injured by want of rain, the Hay from uplands and early grass on marsh (being more than half of the crop) being now put in the barn, leaving the late grass on the dyke and salt marsh yet to get in.

FRUIT.—Apples—although the trees blossomed full and gave promise of an abundant yield, it is now considered there will not be over one-third of an average crop. Caterpillars and canker worms, with other insects, have in some orchards stripped the trees as bare as in winter. Pears, Plums, and Cherries almost a total failure. Currants—but few left from the ravages of the Currant worm.

GRAIN.—Wheat, Barley, and Corn but little sown, all look well, especially the latter. Oats and Buckwheat—large area sown, with every prospect of large yield.

POTATOES—No appearance of blight at present, but potatoes are small—the rain of last night, and which is now falling (while I write) may improve those not too far advanced.

Mangolds, Turnips and Carrots largely sown and look well except Turnips, where the ground was dry.

The catch of herrings in the Annapolis Basin this season has been large, most of which are smoked and of good quality, some of which have already been shipped to Scotland and elsewhere at prices likely to remunerate those engaged in the business.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE WHITMAN.

Bridgetown, Aug. 8th, 1876.

DEAR SIR,—Agréable to your request, I will now give you a brief account of the prospects of the season, and will mention the changes since my last letter.

The fruit crop will be light. Some kinds of fruit have failed entirely, while others are much below an average. Apples will be far below the usual yield, on account of the ravages of the canker worm and caterpillar; but what has escaped promises to be good. Those orchards which were so completely stripped of their foliage by the last named insect have again "leaved out," and look quite life like. Cherries as was predicted was a complete failure. Plums and Pears are on a par with the apple crop—very light.

Roots are looking very well; but a thorough investigation show that the tops are best developed. Potatoes are making a fine show, so also the limited amount of beets and carrots. The dry weather has been very much against the turnip crop, and it will require a "good rain" to secure a fair yield.

Hay is excellent and a good burden. The weather has been very favourable for curing, and most of the farmers have finished, and get it housed in fine order. I have heard it remarked that grass has matured this year much earlier than usual.

The season has been particularly well suited to the growth of Indian Corn, and we have never seen it looking better. Oats are very moderate, owing to the wet spring they could not be sown in proper time. Wheat and Barley are perhaps less than average.

Yours truly,

CHARLES B. WHITMAN.

DIGBY, Aug. 3rd, 1876.

DEAR SIR,—By request I send you a statement of the prospects of the crops at this season of the year. Our Hay crops, as far as I can judge by enquiries made, will be full an average one in this county. Grain of all kinds at present promise a good yield. Beets, Turnips, and Potatoes are looking very fine indeed, so are all other root crops. Cherries are a total failure. Apples, Pears and Plums about half a crop, in some localities the caterpillars took almost every green leaf off the apple-trees. Upon the whole I don't think we have any serious reason to complain.

Yours, respectfully,

JOHN DAKIN.

Lower Stewiacke, July 31st, 1876.

DEAR SIR,—In answer to your inquiry, I may say that the rapid growth of June was checked early in July, and the result is that, excepting on rich, dry ground the Hay crop is light; many farmers report that the yield will be one-third short of last year. Rich, dry interval looks promising, but the marshes generally are very inferior. With regard to Grain, Potatoes and Roots, from inquiry and observation, I find appearances vary; but, taking the average, we may look for a good fair yield. Owing to the unfavorable Spring, the breadth under crop is less than last year. There will be some fruit.

Yours truly,

W. W. PICKING.

Parrsborough, 31st July, 1876.

I am happy to be able to inform you that the crops in this District, so far, are all that they promised to be in the early part of the season. Haying has now fairly commenced. Farmers generally say that the crop is better than last year's, which was a good one. On uplands cultivated, or rather not cultivated at all, it is of course light as it always. The fields of Potatoes everywhere have a most luxuriant growth. It was feared that they might not set well owing to the alarming drouth of a few weeks back; but it is now thought that the recent showers will put them all right in this respect. Fields of Grain of all kinds look very encouraging. Turnips and garden vegetables are looking well. Nice new potatoes and green peas are most plentiful. Apples will be a fair crop. The strawberry season is now about over. The crop was good. Other small fruits are coming in one after the other. We expect there will be an abundant supply of them as usual.

Yours truly,

I. D. DICKSON.

THE following was received too late for last number:—

Middle River, Victoria Co.,
June 23rd, 1876.

DEAR SIR,—Your favor of the 15th inst. has been duly received, and in reply to the same I am happy to say that every kind of Farm Crop in this locality and other sections of the County looks beautiful, and judging from present appearance, I think I am safe in stating that we may look for a bountiful harvest. The genial warm showers during this month have in every respect removed the calamity threatened by the lateness of the Spring. The growth of the different kinds of plants far exceeds that of many former years, and it is the general opinion that the farmers will be well rewarded for their toil. In fact we have had no better appearance for the last ten or fifteen years, and I sincerely believe that, if Providence favors us with favorable weather, we shall be able to raise enough for man and beast.

Respectfully yours,

JOHN MCLENNAN.

Little Bras d'Or, Cape Breton,
July 3rd, 1876.

DEAR SIR,—Up to the present (July 3rd) the prospects for everything that has been put in the ground are very encouraging. Potatoes came up very regular, and show great vigor, and so do Oats, Wheat and Barley. There is a good prospect for a heavy crop of Hay. We never had a finer month of June for the advancement of vegetation than our last,