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HALIFAX, 5TH AUGUST, 1872:

The Reports on the Crops of the Province which we published last month were so ample that little has now to be added to indicate the probable results of our harvest. Communications that have been subsequently received only serve to confirm the general indications foreshadowed in our last number.

The Potato Crop, which is about a third smaller than usual in the quantity planted, has made very rapid progress. The hot weather of several weeks past has brought on a luxuriant growth; the ground has been so warm that the tubers have formed abundantly, and there is every indication of a comparatively early ripening. Should the disease keep off and the weather continue moderately dry, the quality will be unusually good.

Turnips, of which a greater breadth has been sown than for many years before, have come up well, and are making rapid growth; a better season for this crop could not have been desired.

We are now in the midst of Haying.

The Hay Crop is scarcely so heavy as was anticipated,—yet in most places it is a heavier crop than usual. There have been recently some heavy rains; but they have not been prolonged so as to cause injury to the hay, and we have reason to believe that a large portion of this, our most important crop, is already secured in excellent condition. The difficulty of obtaining labour at reasonable rates has led to a great increase in the number of Mowing Machines, and these in turn will lead to cleaner fields, to spring rolling, removal of useless fences, stones, stumps and other obstructions. In future the hay crop will be secured not only in better condition, and with less expenditure of manual labour, and less anxiety to the farmer, but also at less expense than formerly.

The system of seeding down land to grass in the Fall, instead of sowing in Spring with grain, is now strongly advocated by Mr. Eliot, the Secretary of the Massachusetts Board of Agriculture. We have advocated this method for several

years, as admirably adapted to the circumstances of our Province. The plan is to plough the land in August or early in September, harrow, sow with Timothy, and give a top dressing of manure. The Timothy comes away at once, and will stand the severest winter; in Spring sow Red Clover or Alsike. The first season will give a heavy crop of clean Timothy, and the Clovers will come in the next season. Any land may be treated in this way, either old sod or that which has been in crop. There is a short article on this subject in the *Canada Farmer* of 15th July.

We commend to the notice of our readers the Crop Reports contained in this number from the pen of C. N. Spratt, Esq., of Musquodoboit, and of T. D. Dickson, Esq., Parrsborough; the latter contains, in addition to information respecting Crops, a number of valuable suggestive hints that are well worthy of the attention of every farmer in the Province.

It is time now to think of the Fall Exhibitions; and, in the absence of any Pro-