

but rather to employ special manures, including ashes, soot, salt and lime, if to be had. Potatoes should also be planted a considerable distance apart in drills or be planted in alternate drills with beans or indian-corn. It is a very serious matter that the principal feed of man, wheat and potatoes, should be liable to destruction by the wheat insect, and by a disease that has never yet been satisfactorily accounted for. With all our high pretensions, we cannot check the wheat insect unless by sowing wheat at such a time that it will not come in ear when the fly appears, and potatoes, notwithstanding every precaution, will occasionally be diseased, and become useless for food. These circumstances should remind us, that after all we can do for ourselves, it is the Giver of all good who alone can bless our labors with success, and grant us an abundant harvest. The season has been favorable for meadows and pastures, and the farmers' stock should be in good condition this year. The markets are well supplied, and prices moderate. The orchards in Montreal and in the neighborhood do not promise to yield much fruit for this year. The general appearance of the country is very favorable, and a large portion of the crops look most luxuriant, and all appear healthy. We may therefore hope that we shall have fine weather to mature the crops, and harvest them. The prices of produce may be low, but a large production for the use of man and his domestic animals, is always desirable and advantageous for a country, and we hope our next report will be as favorable as farmers could wish for.

Since writing the foregoing part of the Report, we had an opportunity of seeing most of the crops on the island of Montreal, and find that the heavy rains and hail in the latter end of July, have beaten down some of the heavy and best crops. There is also a considerable portion of hay spoiled that had been cut, and heavy crops of hay not yet cut down, are deteriorating in quality every day they remain in that state.

If the favorable change in the weather the last few days continues, it will be an immense advantage to the farmers and to the country, be the means of saving much of the hay crop that would otherwise be useless, and would probably check the further progress of disease in the potato which has undoubtedly made its appearance in some places. The wheat fly has done considerable damage, but with fine weather we shall have a fair crop of wheat, as it has been extensively sown, and looks well wherever justice has been done to the land.

31st July, 1851.

The following is the report of the Judges on Crops, for the County of Montreal Agricultural Society, for the present year:—

JUDGES:

MESSRS. A. KIMPTON; WM. EVANS: J. B. QUESNEL.

WHEAT.

Mr. John Prenner, Lachine; Mr. John Drummond, Petite Cote; Mr. Wm. Lenny, Long Point; Mr. Smith, Waterloo; Mr. Craik, St. Luke.

OATS.

Mr. Logan, Montreal; Mr. Allen, Bout de l'Isle; Mr. Kidd, Petite Cote; Mr. Crawford, Lachine.

POTATOES.

Mr. Harland, St. Laurent; Mr. Kidd, Petite Cote; Mr. Dawes, Lachine; Mr. D. Drummond, Petite Cote; Mr. Scott, St. Michell.

BARLEY.

Mr. Dawes, Lachine; Mr. Logan, Montreal; Mr. Morice Gougeon, Cote St. Pierre; Mr. Muir, St. Laurent.

PEASE.

Mr. Leishman, Lachine; Mr. Jerome Decarie, Cote St. Pierre; Mr. Peter Fisher, Long Point; Mrs. Mills, Cote St. Pierre.

HORSE BEANS.

Mr. Smith, Waterloo; Mr. Thompson Cote des Neiges; Mr. James Fisher, River des Prairies; Mr. Leon Laporte, Point aux Trembles.

INDIAN CORN.

Mr. Louis Dajenais, Point Claire; Mr. Antoine Gougeon, Cote St. Pierre; Mr. Hibbard, Long Point.

TIMOTHY.

Mr. Robert Boa, St. Laurent; Mr. Ogilvie, St. Michel; Mr. Hutchison, St. Laurent.