

perty of I. Longworth, Esq. They are a large pair of cattle, but not in high condition. One red and white weighed 1510 lbs., and his mate—black and white 1505. The last has gained exactly 1½ lbs. a day, since Oct. 29th—the other one not having done so well. We are informed that this pair have only commenced to feed well.

The next pair of cattle weighed, are probably the two largest and fattest cows in Nova Scotia. As the first and second best fat cows at the recent Colchester Exhibition, they were the admired of all beholders. This pair weighed 3240 lbs., and are the property of Mr. John Smith, Smith's Island, Truro. One is red with a white face and the other a brindle. The latter exceeded the former by 80 lbs. in weight, and it is but fair to add she was raised by Mr. Turner Blair of Onslow, to whom was awarded first prize for fat cow at Exhibition. The red cow which is certainly a fine animal, one of the old breed, was formerly the property of Mr. Robert Hall, Onslow Mountain. When the old breed of oxen, of which the above are excellent specimens, are worked off by the Short-horn Durhams and Devons coming on, we do not expect to record the weight of any fattening cattle, this time of year, under 4000 pounds, but if any farmer in any part of Nova Scotia can turn out two better cows, we would like to hear from him.

Lately the *Amherst Gazette* has been taking some trouble to obtain crop Reports in Cumberland County. The following notes refer to No. 8 Polling District, comprising Wallace Harbour, and Bay, part of Gulf Shore, Fox Harbour, North Shore, Malagash, Davar's River, Mill and Back Settlement:—

As the spring of the preceding year was very unpropitious and farming operations commenced at too late a period, and harvest time was equally unfavorable, the crops were very limited, and gathered in bad condition, and perhaps not more than half sufficient for man or beast, in consequence of which persons engaged altogether in agricultural pursuits met with great privations, and were generally straitened in circumstances, not being able as usual to meet the obligations contracted for the maintenance of their families, and had it not been for public works going on, affording employment, they would have been in a bad plight.

As the spring of the present year opened favorably, with delightful weather, and the ground was in an unusually good condition for agricultural operations, people naturally were cheered and shook off their state of despondency, and augured favorably of the chance of bettering their condition, and recruiting their losses. They renewed their strength, and with all their means and ability determined to try again, and endeavored to attain success; they therefore tilled and cultivated a larger area than previously, and sowed a greater quantity of seed; but how vain are the achievements and hopes of man! In consequence of the severe conflict of the

elements, on the 24th and 25th August all their hopes have been disappointed and their auguries prove futile, notwithstanding the bright prospects and promising appearance of abundance before that period. I shall now give the result of my enquiries, and, first, in regard to North and South Wallace.

Hay—As this is the staple in all agricultural operations, and the basis on which success and profit depends, by the maintenance and breeding of cattle, producing manure, the pabula of cereals, roots and vegetables, the result of the crop is always looked to with great anxiety and seems mostly to have engaged the attention of farmers, even from the time of the great warrior and farmer Cato, to the present period.

The crop of Hay is considered very good. It was got in with fine dry weather and in excellent condition. It is becoming one of the principal articles of export at Wallace Harbour, and commands cash. The numerous vessels that now resort here for cargoes of stone generally complete their lading and take deck loads of it. I should think it more profitable to feed cattle, as farms soon become impoverished.

Wheat will not be over half a crop; quality poor; some places not over 5 bushels to the acre. A small quantity of Winter Wheat, raised by J. B. Davison, Esq., and harvested before the gale did well, I believe about 12 bushels to 1.

Oats, injured by gale; quality not good; about 10 bushels to acre.

Buckwheat altogether a failure, ruined and blasted by gale.

Barley and Rye: very little of former; none of latter.

Potatoes and Corn, the former a fair crop, of good quality, not very large; of the latter a few good patches.

Turnips, early pretty good crop; late poor; not many raised.

Gardens exhibited a beautiful appearance and unusual growth before the gale, especially early vegetables, Peas, Beans, Cucumbers, &c.

Attention is now paid to the growth of Tomatoes, and many patches of Strawberries were observed, in some gardens very fine, prolific and exuberant—especially in that of the Rev. R. Wasson. He is a prominent horticulturist, an expert financier in missionary arrangements, and a faithful laborer in His Master's vineyard.

*Fruit Trees.*—The crop of Cherries was fine and very abundant. Plums and Apples were ruined by the tornado, the trees broken and destroyed and leaves and fruit blighted.

Mr. J. L. Fillmore, of Amherst, is introducing a variety of young fruit trees (very hardy and good bearers) grown on Shepody Mountain. They are preferable to American or any from the western part of our province, where the season is a month earlier, and will suit our soil and climate better. They can be furnished by Mr. Morris, Wallace.

Wallace Bay is a fine settlement, improving very much; houses and barns good, and kept neatly; the upland superior and much salt marsh hay. Crop very abundant and of good quality. Marsh crop good, but the high tide swept away stack-bottoms and fences and did much damage. Wheat about two-thirds average crop, quality fair; not so much injured by gale: 15 to 20 bushels to acre.

Oats middling crop, quality fair; about 20 bushels to acre.

Barley, not much raised; quality good; 25 bushels to acre.

Potatoes an average crop, quality good; not very large.

Turnips and other roots pretty good.

Buckwheat a failure; hurt by gale.

FOX HARBOR AND PART OF GULF SHORE.

*Gulf Shore*—Below cross road, some farms on account of situation much exposed to gale and tide.

Hay very good.

Grain much hurt and short.

Buckwheat injured, no good.

Potatoes and Roots good.

*Fox Harbor*—A beautiful settlement, fine farms. Upland good; considerable salt marsh head of harbor.

Hay, English and Salt, very abundant and of good quality.

Wheat about two-thirds of a crop; quality good; about 15 bushels to acre.

Oats middling crop, fair quality; about 20 bushels to acre.

Barley fair crop; 25 bushels to acre.

Potatoes, Turnips, and other Roots good.

The people here are searching for coal, and talk of shipbuilding. They have a good harbor and other facilities.

North Shore is a good agricultural settlement and has always been famed for raising plenty of Hay and Cattle, good Wheat and other crops.

Hay, a good crop and put in well and in good condition.

Wheat, very short crop, poor quality, injured by gale.

Oats, do., do.

Buckwheat, total failure.

Potatoes only middling crop, some hurt by gale.

Root crops middling.

The people on this shore keep boats and nets and get fish for their own use.

MALAGASH POINT AND SOUTH SHORE.

*Point.*—Some fine farms, noted for Hay and Grain crops; was partly exposed to gale.

Hay very good.

Grain injured.

Potatoes and Roots not an average.

MALAGASH (SOUTH SHORE).

Not so much exposed to gale, but suffered some damage by high tide. This is an old and superior farming settlement, famed for raising Hay, Cattle, and Grain.

Hay, English and Salt, very good crop—perhaps two tens to acre.

Wheat not an average crop, quality fair; 15 or 20 bushels to acre.

Oats, do., do.

Barley fair crop, not much raised.

Rye none.

Potatoes and Roots good crop, quality good.

Buckwheat a failure.

The Back Settlements were not exposed to gale.

Hay good, Wheat fair, Oats good—Buckwheat poor. Potatoes and Root crops good.

Wallace is improving, and its people exhibiting more enterprise. Many Stone Quarries are now worked and more to be opened next spring. Ship building is reviving and other industries are talked of. These will create a home market, entice new settlers, and, with coöperation, the welfare of the people and wealth of the settlement must increase. We want a shore railway and a branch to intersect the Intercolonial at Greenville and thence to Great Village, Bay of Fundy.