

COUNTRY NOTES AND PRICES

KING'S COUNTY, NOVA SCOTIA

In some parts of the county the hay is late, farmers have had much difficulty in felling it out of the water owing to the heavy rains. In other sections the hay is all in and the people are plowing and sowing. Oats are in the straw. They have been harvested during the last two weeks in August, but many fields are still green. Wheat and rye crops have also been gathered in, but wheat is rarely seen growing owing to the continued rains. Potatoes promise to be bountiful unless the blight which has been infested some fields, becomes more serious; the weather conditions are now favorable for its development. Corn is looking well and the ears of the sweet corn have not almost perfectly—they are now selling at 8 cents a dozen. Early Williams, Duchesne, Red and White Astrachan, and Sweet Bough are being shipped. Prices are low. The fruit is good and clean. Gravenstein is exceptionally early. Late turnips have not done so well as those sown earlier. Eunice Watts.

GRENVILLE COUNTY, ONT.

PRESCOTT—Pastures are poor on account of want of rain and farmers are feeding their cattle corn and clover. Nearly all crops are in the straw. Oats are about the same as last year though shorter in the straw. Potatoes have been blighted badly; they will not sell well. Corn is fine and is earing up well. If frost does not come within the next three or four weeks the crop will be the best in years. Hogs 6½ to 7; lambs 18; mutton, 15; beef, 6 to 7½; hens, 15; chickens, 15; potatoes, 35 to 40; a bush; fresh eggs, 25 to 30; a dozen; a bush of corn, 75; milch cows, \$30 each; calves, 83; hogs, 650 a lb. w. w. chickens, 83 to 81.5 a pair; hens, 60—G. W. C.

PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY, ONT.

WAUPOOS—Harvesting operations are about completed but expectations of yields are hardly being realized. Fall wheat is a good crop but a period of muggy weather at the time of harvesting caused the grain to sprout and rendered it unfit for milling. Barley was light, and oats were badly rusted. Peas are a failure, owing to a parasite that attacked the plants and the stalks. This same remedy can be devised for this destruction, pre-growing will soon be among the best arts. The fall crop of fodder crops last year caused many farmers to plant more corn. The resulting crop is all that could be desired. Pastures are keeping up well and stock are in good condition. Cheese and Canning factories abound in this county. They are a source of considerable income. The weather just now, is very dry and plowing is at a standstill.—O. N. B.

HASTINGS COUNTY, ONT.

NEWCASTLE—Apples, in quantity, are about 50 per cent. of last year's crop, but fifty per cent. better in quality. Orchards that were cultivated and sprayed show up much the best. A belt of about three miles wide, including the 2nd, 3rd and 4th concessions were fairly good. The north and south parts of the township are light. Prices are from 75c to \$1.25 a bush on the trees. Many orchards have been sold at these figures. The first load of apples was delivered at the station here on 19th of August. To J. W. Dudley, we had a second load coming within this season. There is not much seed in sprayed orchards. Peas are a light crop. Flemish Beauty are coming in this season. Plums also are scarce. Cherries were pretty good.—O. N. B.

DURHAM COUNTY, ONT.

BLACKBURN—The harvest, with the exception of a few late fields, is pretty well finished. As far as weather was concerned it was all that could be desired. The grain has generally come into the barn in good condition. Taking the crop all around the yield of straw has not been large, but being well saved it will make good feed. Alsike is reported as yielding all the way from one bushel to six bushels an acre. Peas are reported as yielding from 20 to 30 bushels an acre; barley appears to be turning out well to the straw, and a good crop of field peas in short. Corn harvesting has commenced and will be a pretty good crop. If the weather is favorable for saving it, they will yield a large amount of root feed. We have but few silos, so that the corn is either fed whole or run through the cutting box and mixed with chaff. We have had very dry weather lately and would

like to see a good rain. The roots also get almost dry to plow. Hogs also need rain.—R. J.

WELLAND COUNTY, ONT.

STONE QUARRY—Mixed farming is generally practiced, with dairying occupying the most prominent place. A full rotation of crops is followed as closely as possible. The hay crop is abundant and is well known for years with the exception of very old meadows. The hay on the latter was very poor. The corn crop is a good growth of clover, aided by occasional showers made rapid progress and as most of it will be cut for seed, a good yield is looked for. Wheat was a little under the average but the heavy rains at the time the bulk of the crop was in stock caused much of it to sprout. Early spring grains such as oats, barley, and peas have all been cut. They stood rather thin on the ground, but farmers who have threshed report a good yield. Some of the later sown grain is yet to be cut, it is much better than the early grain. This is owing to the fact that it escaped the drought, which injured the latter at the most critical period in its growth. Much rain has fallen during the last two weeks and vegetation of all descriptions is in a flourishing condition.—E. J.

WENTWORTH COUNTY, ONT.

KIRKWALL—Harvest is over again for another year. It has been a very encouraging one. The straw is better, the oats were cut we had several very heavy rains and the straw of all grain which was in the stacks at very low level is considerably damaged. It will not be as good for feeding purposes as the oat and barley straw of last year. Corn promises a very heavy crop if the weather keeps warm, and if we have another shower or two in the next few days. Corn is in the weeks. Roots of all kinds are making very rapid growth. If the weather continues as it has been as good as in previous years. Quite a large number of the young men and spare farm laborers have been sent to the States to work on a acreage of wheat will be sown as in previous years. The variety which gives the best results is the 'Golden Wonder'. The Golden Jewel. At the annual Seed Fair, held a short time ago seed wheat was sold at 25 cents to 30 cents a bush.—O. A. W.

WELLINGTON COUNTY, ONT.

MOUNT FOREST—The harvest is making good progress. Very little will be left in the fields by Sept. 1st. Barley and peas are good. Fall wheat is very fair. Spring wheat is somewhat rusted. The most of the oat crop rusted badly and broke down before it was cut, however, not so badly but that the binders could pick it up. The crop had a very low yield in order to avoid cutting off the heads. The sheaves were very rough and tangled. A few are doing some good.—J. W. C.

BRANT COUNTY, ONT.

FALKLAND—On August 12, 13 and 14 we had quite heavy rains which gave the soil a good soaking and made plowing easy. Since then it has been dry. Pastures are pretty short. There is a good supply of corn on hand for feed however. The corn crop is heavy and the ears are well filled although its badly lodged in places due to rain and high winds. Ang. 15, the rains are suffering from the attack of the June in spots and are needing rain, although the yield will be good. The corn is of good size. Considerable threshing has been done. Average yields: wheat, 25 bushels; barley, 25 bushels; oats, 35 bushels; peas, 15 bushels an acre. Peas were a fair crop although not so good as last year. In these latitudes are raised quite extensively by some on high soils and are an abundant crop. Apples are a light crop. There are very few winter apples and fall varieties are only a medium crop. Eggs are worth 12 cents in stores, under 10 cents. Live hogs are \$6.50 a hundred. A good petition amongst buyers.—J. W. C.

GREY COUNTY, ONT.

BUNERAS—Harvest is about over. It resulted in a very good crop. The weather was rather light, especially oats. Corn is a splendid crop as is also turnips and mangel. Everything is in need of rain. There is very little fall wheat sown as yet.—R. B.

GORE COUNTY, ONT.

GOREBURN—Harvesting is practically finished. Only a few late peas remain to be stored. Crops are a little above the average, but the weather was not so good, yield better than usual while oats are an average crop. Peas although not largely raised are doing well. The yield of both of the grains might perhaps be placed about as follows: fall wheat 25 bushels an acre, barley 25 bushels, oats 35 bushels, peas, 25 bushels. Considerable corn is

grown for silage purposes and it promises to be the heaviest crop grown for years. The stalks are very large with ears which should be nearly mature by harvesting time. Mangel will also be a bumper crop owing to the wet season; although some farmers experienced difficulty with poor seed, last spring. Pastures are as luxuriant now as at any time since spring with the result that live stock are in a flourishing condition.—E. J.

ELGIN COUNTY, ONT.

CORINTH—Since last reporting on conditions, grain crops have been harvested and threshing has been progressing rapidly. While the yields are considerably ahead of last year, they may, on the whole, be classed as an average. The quality, however, is good, and as practically none is sold off the farm there is no uneasiness concerning the feed supply. Preparation for the fall stock to this crop on most 100-acre farms. Aside from being considered a splendid nurse crop for clover, the land and harvesting is better distributed than where spring grains are grown exclusively. Recent rains have given improved growing conditions and as a result there has been a decided increase in the milk flow. This, coupled with the fact that the disease is very favorable to the dairy farmer.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY, ONT.

GLENGOE—The ground is in splendid shape for preparing for fall wheat. The heavy rains of the latter part of the harvest while bad for those who still had oats out, have been a blessing for wheat growers, and the roots are a fine crop. Corn and roots are a fine crop. The former being almost ripe. The pastures have been good and the stock are in good condition.—H. M. W.

ESSEX COUNTY, ONT.

LEAMINGTON—Blackberries are about gone. A crate brought \$2.50. Early peaches are about all gone. The larger John are ready for market. The crop of this variety is light. Of other varieties, such as Mammoth, Golden Wonder, Kalamazoo, Golden Drop, Banner, Wager and Bronson, there is a full crop. General crops are in a fair state. Some varieties of plums are good, particularly Burbank, Lombard and Bradshaw. Elderberries are a good crop. Apples are light. Grapes are a full crop; fall apples, fair; winter, not very good. Broccoli are in a fair state. Spices and so forth. The early tomato crop is now done and was the best season I ever saw.—E. J.

LAMBERTON COUNTY, ONT.

TREDFORD—The crops on the whole have been very promising. Hay was a good crop. Corn is in the straw and has carried over the price will rule fairly high. Threshing is in full swing; grain is turning out very good. Wheat is averaging about 25 bushels an acre, oats, 35 to 40, barley about 30. Corn is looking fine; some fields are earing splendidly. Roots on an average are only fair. Apples are not very plentiful. Plums, peaches and other small fruits are a splendid crop. Pastures have kept up very well although rain is needed. Some have sown their fall crops. The weather is for the average than last season. Some fields that have been threshed yielded well. Some farmers 25 bushels of wheat. Farmers have mostly marketed their seed. The first half of August cheese sold for 27½ cents; butter is 20 cents a pound; eggs 12 cents. Hogs 10½ cents.—R. J. L.

QU'APPELLE, SASK.

ESTEVAN—Harvest is in full blast. In most districts the crop is very good, but on light land it dried out somewhat and is a little short. The cutting is so far advanced in most districts that hail or frost would do very little damage now.—A. S. P.

LACOMBE, ALTA.

Speaking generally, haying was finished about the middle of August. The weather was favorable and the cutting was an abundant one. The ranchers and farmers are prepared for winter in case they should have it. All grain crops promise a good yield with the exception of late barley which was somewhat less. A frost on the 20th. Wheat is an excellent crop and the binding is almost completed. The wheat does not seem to be in the crop is being harvested. The heads are large and well filled. Taking all together there is a very good crop. The corn crop stood up well. The garden truck, such as corn, tomatoes, beans and pumpkins was very good. The fruit was not injured at all. The harvest on the whole promises well and truthfully bears out our earlier apprehension. The Golden Wonder.—R. B.

GOSSIP

A PROSPEROUS SEASON

Since our last writing we have done a fair business, selling a good two year old bull to John J. Dryden, Woodville P. O., Ont. This bull won first prize last September at Toronto, Sherbrooke and Ottawa exhibitions and showed very good points. He is sired by our champion bull, Lord Val 2nd and out of E. P. Kyma 4th, registered in the Ontario Book of Pedigree. James D. McGregor of Brandon has purchased our first prize calf at Dominion exhibition last September, 'Elm Park Ring-leader, 8th.' This is very promising yearling. Mr. McGregor won 2nd prize with him at Brandon show in July. Mr. Brunkard Thring of Marston, Ont., purchased our pride yearling bull, 'Elm Park Pilot.' He is out of 'Elm Park Pride 7th.' and by E. P. Price's stock bull at O. A. College. While out west at Calgary, Edmonton and Brandon shows, we did very well, winning one gold medal, two silver medals, six championships, 34 first prizes, 31 second prizes on our cattle, and a good share on our Suffolk sheep. We sold first prize bull calf at Edmonton and Calgary to Mr. C. Elliott of Strathcona. This is a promising young bull by Lord Val 2nd and out of Elm Park Keen-sake, by Prince of Benton. We also sold him one of our prize yearling heifers. E. P. Ring-leader 8th will again be at the Dominion Val 2nd, and out of E. P. Belle 3rd; she should make a good breeding cow. We have also sold about 40 head of Suffolk sheep for delivery at Brandon in September, where we will be pleased to meet old friends and make new ones.—James Bowman, Guelph, Ont.

A. G. HALLMAN.

Spring Brook Holsteins and Tanworths are in good shape. We are prepared to supply our customers better than ever. Our herd of Holsteins was never as complete in quality and quantity as this. In Tanworths, with in imp. and Canadian bred, I never had such valuable stock to offer. My six imported cows are all of the best blood, of the best British blood. My imported boar, Knowle King David, now two years old, I believe without boasting the best Tamworth boar in Canada. I regret to say that I have decided not to exhibit this year, which I regret, as I have many of my numerous old friends and customers who have always looking for me in Toronto. I have, however, as stated a great deal of Holsteins. If not better, than ever, and the public well know my reputation in the show ring. I intend to rest on my oars for a year and give myself and the herd a rest. I will give the public a special invitation to see my stock at home. In tending purchasers are especially requested to see my herd before buying. I have the stock, and the quality and the prices are right.—Alex. Hallman, Breslau, Ont.

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