

## OUR FARMERS' CLUB

Contributions Invited.

### QUEBEC

**MISSISSOUI CO., QUE.**  
**FREILOHURST.**—Spring seeding was finished about two weeks later than usual owing to the wet weather. Crops started slowly as the weather was cool. They now look thrifty. Meadows look bad on the average we expect a smaller yield of hay light crop. A larger acreage of alfalfa has been devoted to corn, oats and millet, to be used for soiling and for hay. Pastures are giving a fair bite of grass and will probably be better as we are now having quite a heavy fall of rain after about three weeks of dry weather.—C. A. W.

### ONTARIO

**HASTINGS CO., ONT.**  
**CHAPMAN.**—The recent eclipse of the sun followed by very cold weather, but this has now given place to hot spell. The weather so far has been cool and the result has been that the milk delivered to these factories was of excellent quality. Owing to the very wet spring a larger area than usual is being sown to late crops, principally buckwheat. White grubs are doing a great deal of damage to field corn and garden crops. Caterpillars appeared in the orchards this spring but no serious damage was done. Spraying is being generally followed but where practiced it has proved beneficial. Seed potatoes have been in good demand. The area planted here will be larger than usual.—H. S. T.

### PETERBORO CO., ONT.

**LAKEHURST.**—Wet weather has made seeding somewhat late. If rapid growth will be up to other years. Clover promise to be a bumper crop; the corn has been in the ground in good condition. Fall wheat that came through in good shape is making good growth but considerable of it had to be plowed up and resown with spring crop. Mill trees are well laden with blossoms; if frost keeps away the prospects for a large fruit crop are good.—A. W.

### WELLINGTON CO., ONT.

**ELORA.**—The exceptionally fine weather, with both rain and sunshine of the last few days, has changed the appearance of things, and brightened the prospects of the farmers and business men to an extent scarcely considered possible a few weeks ago. A heavy hay crop seems now assured. Fall wheat has a grand appearance. Prices of all that remains in farmers' hands very high. Hogs are still being shipped in fairly large numbers and at high prices. Beef cattle are nearly all gone; prices must continue high until the grass cattle reach the market. Commercial hogs to the O. G. have been numerous, but the number of excursions is not so large as on former years owing to the scarcity of spending money. The writer knows of no place where a day in June can be more profitably spent than at Guelph.—G. W.

### MIDDLESEX CO., ONT.

**TEMPO.**—The hurry of seeding and planting is pretty well over. Fodder corn and millet are yet to be sown. Fall wheat is heading out nicely and the clover is coming in bloom. Buyers and sellers who have travelled around the country, especially all have the one story: "That the grass grown grain looks tough, with abundance of thistles and grass mixed among it." Fruit promises an abundant crop; the red strawberries are now coming to the table, ripe and luscious. Cows are milking wonderfully. The young turkeys are catching on in a satisfactory manner.—J. E. O.

### GREY CO., ONT.

**BAVENNA.**—Owing to the lateness of spring the crops are not so far advanced as in other years. The grass is rather short owing to the drought, which will make the hay crop scarce. The apple trees are covered with bloom and farm-bright comes to harm them. There is quite a lot to contend with before reaching maturity owing to insects of different kinds. The grain crop is looking well so far. If it continues there will be an abundant harvest.—C. P.

### PETERBORO CO., ONT.

**PORTER'S HILL.**—Since spring set in the weather has been fine and cool with little or no rain. Heat and plenty of moisture of late. Bright frosts were noticeable on June 12 and 13, but were not severe enough to do any damage. We have had one or two

rather fierce thunder storms, resulting in loss of buildings. The last one was accompanied by hail, resulting in a loss of grain crops through a narrow section of the country; in one or two instances complete loss of the wheat and demolishing of the crops to a considerable extent. In general the crops are looking well; the late sown ones are coming up rather thickly. Roots and corn are in a fair condition, although a lot of mangels did not come up on account of dryness at the time of seeding. Full turnips are sown on account of need. Infestations is quite prevalent among the horses but is not so severe as nature. Statute labor is again the order of the day.—R. S. S.

### BRITISH COLUMBIA

#### NEW WESTMINSTER CO., B.C.

**MATSQUIL.**—The season so far has been too dry. Grains are making good growth, but winter killed. Hay meadows were badly water killed. There is very little clover left. Pastures in the many cases have been over-fed, consequently cows are strong, especially of sweet cream testing and butter fat. This is a good thing for the coast cities. We have lots of good farm lands for sale at prices very reasonable as compared with prices obtained in other less favorable districts.—N. F. P.

#### OFFICIAL REPORT ON CROPS AND LIVE STOCK

The census and statistics office has issued a report on the crops and live stock of Canada, as reported June 1, 1909, which is a reported area of 7,750,400 acres, of which 1,440,000 acres more than last year, in the maritime provinces and Quebec there is little change, but in Ontario 58,300 acres is less by 106,000 acres, of which 30,000 acres is fall wheat, 30,000 acres is spring wheat, 30,000 acres is alfalfa, 30,000 acres is clover, 30,000 acres is other less favorable districts.—N. F. P.

The condition of fall wheat on June 15 was 82.15, and of spring wheat 92.15 per cent of standard for a full crop. The area of oats in the Dominion is 9,402,600 acres, which is 1,351,500 acres more than last year, and its condition is reported as 92.32 per cent of standard. Barley, the cereal crop next in importance, has a total area of 1,854,900 acres, or 132,200 acres more than last year, and its condition is 91.49 per cent. Mixed grains, with 582,000 acres, are practically of the same extent as last year. The former has a reported condition of 91.71 and the latter of 90.36 per cent.

The province showing the largest area of oats is Ontario with 3,142,200 acres, and also the largest area of hay and clover, with 1,535,600 acres. Quebec is next in hay and clover, with 1,292,500 acres. The province has a reported condition of 91.71 and the latter of 90.36 per cent. In Ontario, Saskatchewan has 1,047,000 acres, in Ontario, 1,590,000 acres, and Alberta, 630,000 acres.

**HOMESTEADS IN WEST**  
At the end of June, 1909, there were 122,398 farms in the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, and all cancellations, increased the number to 130,254, or by 7,856 farms. In 1907, there was an increase of the two and one half years was 4,891. In Saskatchewan, 41,235 acres, and in Alberta 2,000 acres, but these figures do not take account of, but these figures purchased from railway companies and other corporations in the same period. The large increases in Saskatchewan have been made in the regions south of the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway and in the western and northern districts. In Alberta they have been made south of the Canadian Pacific Railway and in the eastern range of townships north of the railway.

**LIVE STOCK DECREASES**  
The drought of summer and autumn was less severe last year than in 1907, but it has the effect of again reducing the number of farm animals in the country. In the whole of Canada horses exceeded the number of last year by 14,350, while milk cows are less by 65,400, other horned cattle by 246,071; sheep by 136,014, and swine by 407,249. The largest falling off in the east occurred in Quebec and Ontario. In Quebec milk cows less by 25,317; other horned cattle by 41,234; in Ontario horses are less by 24,618, milk cows by 41,236, other horned cattle by 36,161, and swine by 36,161.

In Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta the number of horses is more this year than a year ago by 42,578; milk cows by 47,212, and sheep by 22,944. Horned cattle other than milk cows decreased in these

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provinces during the year by 34,402 and swine by 6121.

### AYRSHIRES FOR CANADA

Mr. Wm. Hunter of Messrs. Hunter & Son, Maxville, Ont., has again visited this country, says the Scottish Farmer, and selected a few choice Ayrshires, and selected for Quebec from Glasgow, for the Donaldson line R. S. Athol. From Mr. Logan, son of Mr. R. S. Athol, a fine yearling bull Bonnie Scotland (7270), winner of first prize at Ayr this year, and a yearling bull from Mr. Logan—Victor Hugo (7071), winner of fourth prize at Ayr, dam, Budy of Bargesoch stock, and also the dam of Durward Lyle. His sire, Baron War, was bred at Drumcree, and is out of the very heavy milking strain, and is out of a very thick, deep bull, of great capacity, and from his breeding cannot fail to be a producer of great dairy animals. From the famous Netherhall stock, which goes one young bull of very choice breeding,

and three females, one yearling heifer, one two-year-old heifer, and a grand young cow due to calve in August. From Levenshoe he secured one five-year-old cow due to calve in August, and bred at Dalhousie. She is a beautiful level cow of the true Ayrshire type, and should give a good account of herself at the Canadian shows in September. He also has one yearling heifer in September, and of great promise; one yearling bull bred by Messrs. Wilson Auchincloss, and sired by a dairy animal, bull bred by Mr. R. McKinnley, Hillhouse, dam, Budy of Bargesoch stock, and also the dam of Durward Lyle. His sire, Baron War, was bred at Drumcree, and is out of the very heavy milking strain, and is out of a very thick, deep bull, of great capacity, and from his breeding cannot fail to be a producer of great dairy animals. From the famous Netherhall stock, which goes one young bull of very choice breeding,



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