

Last Winter was very severe on Grass, especially on wet uplands, intervals and low marsh lands; much of it having been "winter killed." The season so far has been very favorable to this crop which has a luxuriant growth, and notwithstanding the damage in winter promises an abundant yield.

Yours truly,  
J. A. KIRK.

South Gut, June 20th, 1876.

DEAR SIR,—Your letter of the 15th inst. came to hand this morning, and in reply I am glad to be able to state that the prospects for Farm Crops are all that could be desired. The weather is unusually favorable to vegetation, and the result is that the gloomy forebodings which generally accompany a late Spring are now changed into cheerful anticipations of an abundant harvest. The face of the country presents an appearance at this moment far in advance of anything within the recollection of any resident of this district. The different kinds of grasses in particular are considered beyond danger from drought, and, if housed in good condition, the Hay crop will certainly be an unusually heavy one.

I am, dear Sir,  
Your obedient servant,  
JOHN MORRISON.

Ashby, 19th June, 1876.

DEAR SIR,—I have much pleasure in reporting the state of the Crops. Out door work was delayed by cold and wet until May was far advanced; but the last three weeks have altered the face of things. A considerable breadth of land has been ploughed under. Crops and things look cheering. A good many are returning to their farms from the mines. Grass promises to be heavy. Grains and Potatoes are showing finely and Turnips are going in. Fruit trees, though late, are in very full bloom. I anticipate a very good season.

Very truly yours,  
H. DAVENPORT.

Yarmouth, 20th June, 1876.

DEAR SIR,—Your Circular of 15th inst. duly received. Our farming season opened with a wet, cold April, the unfavorable weather continuing even well into May, greatly retarding the getting in of crops. The frequent rains, of which there has scarcely been a cessation up to this date, gave the compensation of early and abundant pasture, increasing the produce of the dairy, and giving the promise of a more than average Hay crop.

With the warm weather of June, seeds of root crops have germinated freely and come forward rapidly, a larger breadth planted to root crops than ever before in this County, the stocks of leading varieties of seeds in the hands of dealers being exhausted long before the demand ceased.

Yesterday, June 19th, at 9 a. m., the thermometer stood at 80° in the shade, a very unusual temperature for us. For some days we have had extremely warm weather and the growth of vegetation is rapid.

With a favorable Summer and Autumn, a more than average crop of Hay, Grain, Roots, &c., &c., may be safely predicted.

Fruit trees were late but very full of bloom. I hope to be able to send a small collection to the Exhibition at Truro.

The absence of snow throughout the entire winter, was fatal in most cases to Strawberry plantations, covered or bare, and there are few plots of any promise for a crop this season. From 1-16 of an acre, carefully measured, on Carlton, last season, \$195 worth were sold in Yarmouth, the crop having been engaged at 19 cents per quart box, cash. Variety—Wilson's Albany. This plot, on a dry, warm, drained soil withstood the winter without loss, and will yield abundantly again this season.

Insect enemies prevail in unusual numbers, possibly favored by the mild winter; last season the currant worm was seen in a few gardens for the first time,—this year, wherever there is a gooseberry bush the shelter foliage betrays its presence now. White Hellebore is an effective remedy, but it is of little avail that one or two fight the enemy while the many give him shelter and sustenance.

CHARLES E. BROWN.

Middleboro', Cumberland Co.,  
June 20th, 1876.

DEAR SIR,—I am happy to inform you that we have succeeded in forming an Agricultural Society in this place. Owing to hard times and scarcity of money it took some time to get started. We have now a list of forty-two paid up members, and eleven more names sent in not yet paid, and I think by next meeting we will have more. Our Society promises to be large. We have purchased two Bulls—one a year and two months old—girths 5 feet 8 inches, and is handsome in every particular. His sire is pure bred Short-horn Durham, the dam Alderney and Ayrshire crossed. The other is two years old; his sire was from Prince Edward Island. I do not know his exact pedigree. He is a fine animal. We had to pay \$110 for the two animals. Our Society will be known as the Middleboro' Agricultural Society. We have resolved to hold monthly meetings, for this year at least. We think it more beneficial for the promotion of the Society to have the meetings often. Our Officers for the present year are:

Robert Pudsey, President; Hugh D. Chisholm, Vice-President; Cyprian Ballard, Secretary, and Cyprian Skerry, Treasurer. Directors are: Andrew Colter, Ephraim Howard, Albert Bigney, Robert Angevine and Edward Angevine. I enclose a list of paid up members, but not the proper attested receipt; I suppose it will be time enough at end of year. Our subscription list is open for persons to join at any time.

Will you please acknowledge the receipt of this and let us know if there is anything else wanting; also, if there is any new amendment made in the act. And oblige,

Yours respectfully,  
CYPRIAN BALLARD,  
Secretary.

In Tennessee the Peach crop is a failure this year; apples, pears and small fruits look promising. In Michigan, fruit prospects are good without exception. In reference to American apples sent to England by Ellwanger & Barry, Mr. Robinson says, with regard to Talman's Sweet, "a great many sweet things are sickly too, and I should much prefer a French crab to any of those 'sweet' apples. It was among the so-called sour apples that we found the high, pineapple-like and delicious flavour that makes a good American apple one of the finest fruits ever ripened by the sun. I fancy America is destined to supply the world with good apples. If you now send them in quantity to us, who are supposed to grow good apples, and from whom you originally obtained your parent kinds, you ought in the future to send them in greater numbers to countries where the apple does not grow well, or is badly cultivated. Only tell them not to put all the little and bad Newtowns in the middle of the barrel. There was good deal of grumbling about this during the late apple season in Covent Garden. The practice most hurts the packer and his fellows in the end." The above is from the *Gardener's Monthly*. We hope no barrel of Nova Scotian apples will ever be found packed in the "American" way.

WHITE Clover does not succeed well in New Zealand. There are no humble bees to fertilize the flowers, and thus seed is not produced. Two nests of humble bees were sent from Plymouth to Canterbury, with every precaution for their safe passage through the tropics. It is hoped that by their introduction the growth of white clover will be promoted. It looks as if the New Zealand farmers had some faith in book farming. They may all have bees in their bonnets before long.