

OUR FARMERS' CLUB

CROMPTON CO., QUE.

WATERVILLE.—After a very dry season farmers have no cause for complaint. The threshing is nearly all done, and the grain is generally better than a year ago. Potatoes and turnips, on account of the drought suffered most. While the crop of potatoes is small, they are of a fair size and of excellent quality. A fine open fall gave farmers ample time to plow and do all outside work. There has been some snow and a little sleighing but the snow has gone off, which will help the wells and springs. The beautiful weather now will help to shorten the winter.—J. M.

PRINCE EDWARD CO., ONT.

HILLIER.—A very serious question pressed itself to the farmers as well as those in the village. What about the water supply? A number of the farmers have found it difficult to furnish their stock with water, having to take the considerable distance for drink. Wells that were never known to go dry before are dry. The prospect is that they would freeze up before the swamps will be dry now (something extraordinary for this time of year) would be filled, and the creeks started running. Tuesday, Dec. 1st, was very cold with a high wind, freezing the ground to stop plowing, for the first this season. Saturday was a light winter day with enough snow to do work on the farm with sleighs. Sunday the 6th, the weather changed to the south-east, with a snow storm in the evening, turning to rain before morning, which may bring the long wished for water supply. The farmers have never all finished their plowing, and are looking for a banner year in 1909.—W. A. F.

HASTINGS CO., ONT.

CROOKSTON.—The weather through Nov. continued fine, giving the farmers plenty of time to get their plowing or any other work done.

We are well pleased with the Canadian Dairyman and Farming World. We would not like to be better than any paper we ever took. We know of nothing to improve it at the present time. A little later on I think I will be able to canvass for subscriptions for your paper.—E. Davidson, Monck Co., Que.

er old jobs done up before winter set in, also saving a considerable amount of feed, as there is plenty of rough pasture, so that young stock and sheep could live out all right. The cheese factories have all paid up, the average price being a trifle better than a year ago.—H. W.

NORTHUMBERLAND CO., ONT.

CAMPBELLFORD.—A good many wells are dry. The springs are still running slowly. The cattle have plenty so far. Every one who has a pretty well run well with their plowing. We have been at it to Dec. 2nd. We have quite a fall of snow but not quite enough for sleighing.—R. & C.

WICKLOW.—Within the last three weeks much plowing has been done although the day ground is very dry to plow under, it being drier than has been known in the recollection of the oldest inhabitants at this season of the year. Wells that have never failed before are now dry. Young stock ran on pasture up to the first week in Dec.—K. R. H.

VICTORIA CO., ONT.

CAMERAY.—Fall work is now, owing to the remarkably fine weather, well advanced. I might safely say that all, or nearly all, are done plowing. It took longer this year than usual on account of the very dry weather which has prevailed since early in Aug. Threshing is also completed. Straw is very short but grain has yielded very well. Corn was a good crop but roots were generally poor. Potatoes were uneven, some reporting good, others very indifferent yields. The few rains and snow storms, although not enough to make any great difference to wells, have freshened up the pastures, meadows and fresh seeds wonderfully. The alfalfa plants seem to have more growth than anything else.—L. W.

BRANT CO., ONT.

FALKLAND.—The ground froze up on the night of Dec. 1st and from present

appearances will stay frozen. Fall plowing is nearly all finished except with the few who never get it finished. It has been an exceptionally good fall for plowing, the fine open weather of the past few weeks giving everyone an opportunity to complete their fall work. Wheat has risen in price again. Buyers are now offering \$2 a bus. It is being marketed at \$2.25, \$2.30, and \$2.40, and bran \$2. Live hogs are worth \$5.75 a cwt. The tendency of the market seems to be downward, although there are not many hogs at present. There are not many breeding sows being sold, quite a contrast to conditions a year ago, when several sold at their breeding price. Butter is not very plentiful, the creameries taking their cream wagons off the road three weeks ago. It is selling at 26c to 28c a lb. Eggs are scarce and are worth 28c to 30c a doz.—L. T.

OXFORD CO., ONT.

DOLESTER.—We had very fine weather all through Nov., but dry. Yesterday it started snowing; this morning the ground was covered so that the sleigh would slip along all right. This afternoon it is snowing and blowing a regular blizzard. All kinds of mill feed are dear so that stall feed should be a good price to make it pay. There is a good deal of well, plenty of top for the winter; clover is also looking well.—A. M. M.

MIDDLESEX CO., ONT.

DELAWARE.—The wheat plant has made a good growth although the fall has been exceptionally dry; the open spell lasting until Dec. 1st, after the freeze up of the middle of Nov., has given the farmers time to get their plowing done. Hay is about \$10 a ton in the country, and \$12 in London market; oats, 40c a bus; butter, 55c for dairy; eggs are 30c a doz for strictly new-laid—certainly an incentive to the production of winter eggs; best apples \$1 a bin, a price that ought to pay. Apples are not keeping well, especially Spyre. The dry fall is given us as the cause. Hogs are lower, \$5.35 a cwt.—E. M. H.

TEMPO.—An extra good yield of potatoes was common this past season. We

have learned of numerous instances of 300 bushels an acre, which at 50c a bus, makes a full pocket book for the lucky farmer. I saw one load of apples going to the evaporator, and thinking that it was a large one, I made enquiry. I was told that the owner had on over 4000 bushels. I saw one load of apples going to the evaporator, and thinking that it was a large one, I made enquiry. I was told that the owner had on over 4000 bushels. Many of the apples were the Ben Davis variety. At his farm cellar this man has over 4000 bushels of splendid greenings, Baldwin and Kings. We had a much needed shower and a thunder storm on Nov. 24th. Thunder in fall is a sure sign of warm weather. The weather later bore out this contention. Hogs, oats, butter and eggs are soaring up and continuing their value, which pleases the farmer.—J. E. O.

WATERLOO CO., ONT.

AYR.—Fall work is pretty well completed. The majority of the farmers got their plowing finished. We had a sudden and sharp freeze up on the 1st of Dec. which appears to be permanent. Fall wheat did not go into winter quarters as well as it gave promise of. Farmers are pretty well stocked for the winter with their feeding cattle but they are hard to get, at least in the best quality, prices ranging from \$3.75 up to \$4.25 according to size and quality. There does not seem to be any lack of feed but prices are high owing, I suppose, to shortage last season and having none to carry over. Farmers will have to feed carefully in order to show a balance on the right side at present prices.—J. C. B.

WELLINGTON CO., ONT.

ELORA.—The shortage of water has caused some inconvenience but no real suffering. A few wells have failed but creeks, rivers and brooks have not failed to anything like the same extent as in some other seasons. The chief difficulty has been in Ontario, which on heavy land has been almost impossible, and on lighter soils has required an ex-

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tra horse. This difficulty has now been relieved by the snow and rains that have followed it. A few days more of open weather will complete the work. Of course the continued dry weather affected the pastures seriously, but where rape or other fall feed was provided, a stock are in fair condition and some fairly good Christmas beef will be on hand for the festive season.—O. W.

SCOUT FOREST.—The recent rains and melted snow have had a good effect on the soil and the plow now goes much easier. The open weather of late is quite favorable for finishing up all fall work. Many, however, are suffering from drought yet, as many springs are at low ebb and many wells are nearly dry. Up to date farmers are now hustling to get the rural free delivery started on the present mail routes. It seems that it is necessary to petition one's M.P. for the boxes and wise farmers are losing no time in getting in their petitions.—G.B.N.

HURON CO., ONT.

GODERICH.—The farm water supply is, generally speaking, adequate to the wants of the users. The fall was exceptionally dry, and many wells went dry, and are dry still, with winter closing in, but those stock and household purposes are only scantier needs. Spring creeks are numerous and spring wells are also common here, while in the adjoining township, around trites and windmills provide water for many farmers. The water problem is not by any means serious, although old farmers drive their stock to water, generally only a short distance.—D. G. B.

THUNDER BAY DISTRICT, ONT.

SLATE RIVER VALLEY.—The fine weather still continues unbroken, with the exception of two days rain last week Nov. 24 and 25. The much needed rain will be greatly appreciated, especially by those who have had to haul water for stock and household purposes. It has also made easy the clearing of lower lands and swales, which have been such an eyecore to the farmer who well cleared fields. Each farmer this year seems to be making a strenuous effort to extend his crop acreage and there have been oc-

most farms several acres brought under cultivation for the first time. The keen demand for produce and excellent prices are encouraging, and there is no stone the land once cleared is well cleared.—J. B. H.

EAST ASSA, SASK.

FLEMING.—We are having splendid weather. The stock is all out on the prairie in day time, and are doing well; should say on the stubble land, for the prairie is a thing of the past around here. I met a man the other day with your paper. I asked him how he liked it; he said that there was some fine matter in it on dairying, and poultry raising, and he is one of the best poultrymen in the west.—D. O.

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