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The Field and Farm Yard.

WE desire to call the special attention of our readers to the description in another column of the Thorough-bred Horses and Sheep imported by the Government. The Horses were obtained under peculiarly favorable circumstances, such indeed as seldom occur. The highest priced animal was the mare *LURLINE*, for which the sum of 150 guineas was paid. The others cost less. The Shearling Rams cost £15 stg. The whole cost of Horses and Sheep, including Freight, Insurance, and other expenses, amounted to £1006 15s. 7d. sterling.

The animals have been transferred by the Government to the Board of Agriculture.

MONTHLY REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE CROPS IN NOVA SCOTIA.

HALIFAX, Oct. 2nd, 1865.

During the past month, we have had several striking illustrations of the danger of generalizing from a few local observations as to the actual state of the crops throughout the Province. The same mail has brought us letters from one district complaining of extreme heat and drought, with others from another district containing equally bitter complaints of prolonged wetness and fogs. It is very necessary therefore that we should hear as frequently as possible from as many different sections of country as possible; and to

avoid error, we shall endeavor to give as faithful and detailed a rendering of the reports received as the limited space at command in the Journal will allow.

Several reports relating to the month of August reached us, after the September No. was in type; some indeed had not been mailed till after the Journal was issued. These reports have been taken advantage of in the present summary.

An excessive drought has prevailed over a large portion of the Province, throughout the whole month of September. It is greatly felt in Halifax, Colchester, and Pictou Counties, and apparently not less so in Kings, Annapolis, and other Western Counties.

The great fires in the West, of which full accounts have since been given in the newspapers, showed themselves on Sunday 17th September, by a pall of smoke that spread itself over the whole of Halifax county.

THE HAY CROP—AFTERMATH AND PASTURAGE.

In the County of Halifax, the Hay Crop is above an average in quantity, and has been all secured in excellent condition. There will be no bad hay. F. R. Parker, Esq., M. P. P., writes that in his district "hay has never been housed in better order; there is throughout the County (Colchester) a better crop than last year, and that was considered good." James E. Fellowes, Esq., reports that about Bridgetown, Ann., "hay is a full average crop." In Maxwellton, Pictou County,

"the crops look well, the hay is about all housed, and is at least an average crop." (James W. Patten, Esq., 23th Aug.) Dr. C. C. Hamilton, M. P. P., reports that in Cornwallis "the hay crop is quite an average, and never was received in better order." In Lunenburg County, H. A. N. Kaulback, Esq., M. P. P., reports the hay crop as averaging about twenty-five per cent. above that of last year. In Yarmouth County, James Crosby, Esq., writes from Hebron: "The hay crop is the great crop with us this season, I wrote that I thought that crop was at least one quarter above an average; from subsequent observation and information received, I am led to conclude that I rather underrated it than otherwise. In some localities the crop is double an average yield, and about all secured in the best possible condition. Most other crops will I think fall rather below an average." As regards Pictou County, W. H. Harris, Esq., reports:—"I should think the hay was nearly an average one. On low grounds the heavy rains in May injured it a good deal, and it has doubtless fallen short of last year's return."

In Cape Breton there has been more moisture and less opportunity of securing the hay in good marketable condition than in other parts of the Province, although the crop seems to have been good. In South West Margaree, "hay is an average crop, and much better than last year." (Messrs.