

remarked that it is still in the groups occupying the middle of the table that it is best.

Indian Corn.—As regards Indian corn, it is the contrary to the case of the grains that happens. It is in the Eastern Townships and the older parishes that it succeeds best, probably because the farmers there know best how to grow it. The general average of the appearance of this crop is 75 this year against 79 last year.

Mangels, Carrots and Swedes.—The crops of these have a pretty uniform appearance all over the province. This appearance comes close to the average; it is 72 for mangels, 71 for carrots and 73 for Swedes, against 79, 78 and 80 last year.

Potatoes.—The potato crop will be good, speaking generally, all over. Its appearance this year is 84 against 91 last year. It is the crop with the highest average this year, and it is in the 7th and 9th groups that it has the best appearance.

Fodders and Pastures.—The general appearance of the fodders and pastures is very inferior to that of last year. Its average is 76 against 92 last year. It is best in the counties of Beauce, Lotbinière, Levis, Dorchester and Bellechasse, and worst in the district of Montreal and the Eastern Townships.

Tobacco.—The tobacco crop promises badly everywhere: average, 64.

Apples.—The crop of apples is the worst of all and far below the average. Its average is only 55.

Information received from correspondents.

Rigaud, (Vaudreuil).—Hardly any apples are to be seen.

Roxton Pond, (Shefford).—The meadows are very inferior to what they were last year. The apple trees are nearly all ravaged by caterpillars. On the whole the meadows and grain are rather backward and the crop does not look as if it would be as abundant as last year.

St. Valérien, (Shefford).—The new meadows are fine and the old ones bad.

West Wickham, (Drummond).—The caterpillars have ravaged the apple trees.

St. Pierre, (Montmagny).—The appearance of the grain is middling. The last rains in June damaged them. Numbers of field mice and grubs eat them as soon as they rise. The potatoes sown early look well; those sown last show many empty spaces.

Calumet Island, (Pontiac).—The crop will be up to last year's average, except that wheat is affect-

ed by rust. On high land the crop is good and it poor on low land. Now as Calumet Island is very hilly, the crop is therefore uneven. There will be only a weak fruit crop owing to the ravages of the caterpillars. For my part, in particular, I have no reason to complain. I used the Bordeaux mixture.

Green Island (Temiscouata).—It is rather early to be able to judge by appearances what the crop will be; still every thing appears under the best conditions. The last rains have done an immense amount of good to the pastures and meadows, some of which were beginning to suffer from the rather prolonged drought we had. The crop of fruit will be almost nothing; however, I must say that but little of it is grown here.

St. Agapit (Lotbinière).—Grain and hay generally have a fine appearance and so have the pastures; but the vegetables are not so fine. A great many farmers in the parish complain that these are destroyed by grubs, especially tobacco, swedes and turnips. The fields that have not been attacked by grubs are fine.

Our fruit trees are full of caterpillars and our poor farmers have great difficulty in saving them. Some have used Paris green and have derived benefit from it.

Some farmers also complain that a small insect very much like the sheep-tick, but somewhat smaller, attacks the swine. Some have been obliged to wash the young pigs because they were wasting away notwithstanding the care taken of of them.

If you know of any means of destroying these insects, please inform me; it would be a great service to our farmers.

Ste-Anne de Bellevue, (Jacques Cartier).—Owing to the drought the hay crop will be almost nothing; some farmers will not even mow it. The fruit trees, especially the apple trees, have been damaged by caterpillars. Peas and potatoes look well. Oats promise a little, but the crop will be very middling.

Pierreville, (Yamaska).—I have the honor to report that the seeding was very successfully got through in very dry weather.

Grain, in general suffered from drought in the month of May, especially in heavy soils, but the gentle and beneficent rains since the last week of May have brought up the grain well and its general appearance is very good.

The people here, being encouraged by the good