

part of May and through June up to the present, have succeeded to make present appearances regarding the hay crop very encouraging indeed.

Your humble servant,  
DAVID ARCHIBALD,

FROM J. S. M. JONES, ESQ., WEYMOUTH,  
CO. DIGBY.

Weymouth, June 17th, 1874.

DEAR SIR,—I am in receipt of yours of the 10th inst, "respecting the crops in this district," I am happy to state that so far as it is possible to judge at this early part of the season, crops are looking very favourable. The spring was late and cold, but very dry, so that it enabled the farmers to get their early crops in before the June rains. Consequently seeds started immediately after the rain, and we have had timely showers all through the month of June, which has forwarded them very rapidly. The hay crop now looks very promising, where it was not winter-killed. Our soil, a larger portion of it, is of a cloggy nature, and very much subjected to heaving with the frost, hence the roots of the grass thrown out and exposed much to the weather die out. Under-draining and top-dressing will prevent it, but I am sorry to say, but few of our farmers take that precaution. I never knew of a piece of land well cultivated that would be affected with the winter-frosts. It was so cold and backward this spring, our orchards were very backward in blooming, consequently they were not hurt by the frost we generally have on the full of the moon in June. So to all appearance we may expect a good crop of fruit. Our grazing ground for the time of year is very good, cows generally are giving a good flow of milk, and have reduced the price of butter from 30c. to 25c.

So I am happy to say (thanking kind Providence) we have every reason to expect a good harvest.

Yours Truly,  
J. S. M. JONES.

FROM JOHN DAKIN, ESQ., DIGBY.

Digby, June 19th, 1874.

DEAR SIR,—Yours of the 15th inst., duly came to hand, wishing to know the state of the crops in this County.

From my own observations and enquiries made, I am able to report most favourably. The hay crop promises an abundant yield. Potatoes look very fine. Oats and barley have been growing rapidly since the warm weather set in. Extensive preparations are being made for sowing buckwheat and turnips—wheat not much sown.

Apples, cherries and pear trees have been loaded with blossoms, and promise a bountiful supply of fruit, the smaller

fruit is suffering from the ravages of the currant worm.

Yours truly, &c.  
J. DAKIN.

FROM THOMAS E. CORNING, ESQ., YARMOUTH.

Yarmouth, June 24th, 1874.

DEAR SIR,—I am in receipt of yours of 10th inst, relative to "prospects of crops in this district." In reply I would after careful enquiry, report as follows,—viz., fine growing weather. Crops general; prospects very favorable. Grass—in bloom, looking well with good bottom. Good Hay crop may, with certainty, be predicted. Potatoes are looking very strong and hearty. Grains of all kinds have obtained good start and are looking well. Fruit—prospect fine—blossoms in abundance. Vegetables—not very forward but looking well. Garden crops general—prospects favorable—beyond average.

Yours, &c.  
THOS. E. CORNING.

FROM COLIN CHISHOLM, ESQ., MARYDALE,  
ANTIGONISH.

Marydale, Antigonish, June 23, 1874.

DEAR SIR,—Your enquiry as to the prospects of the crops in our district is received, and in reply I beg to state, that the prospects so far are favorable, copious rains for the last ten days, although the weather was somewhat cold at times, have made our grass meadows look luxuriant, and assure an abundant hay crop in the township of St. Andrews as well as in the township of Antigonish. The continued wet weather, however, has to some extent prevented a greater width of grain from being sown. Wheat that has been sown looks well so far. A much larger breadth of wheat has been sown this year than usual, and of potatoes the area planted is much greater than last year; but fears are entertained, owing to the late continued wet weather, that some of the potatoes put down have rotted.—On the whole the prospects so far are encouraging.

Yours, &c.,  
COLIN CHISHOLM.

FROM D. McNAIR, ESQ., CAPE GEORGE,  
ANTIGONISHE.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to yours concerning the prospects of crops in my district, we had cold N. East winds for the last week, which have retarded the growth of the grass, and unless the month of July should be a good growing month, the Hay will be below an average. Early sown grain looks well. Potatoes are coming up strong and vigorous; and if not affected with the blight, will be a good

crop. But it depends upon the season. Last year we had a fine appearance until the August storm.

Yours Truly,  
DAVID McNAIR.  
Cape George, June 18th, 1874.

FROM JOHN McLENNAN, ESQ., MIDDLE  
RIVER, CO. VICTORIA.

Middle River, 22nd June, 1874.

DEAR SIR,—In answer to your note of the 10th inst, respecting the state of the crops in this district, it is hard for me to form a definite opinion, as a change of weather may soon change the appearance of the crops, and the prospects may exceed our expectations. But at present, and to judge from appearances, things look very gloomy. From the middle of May up to the first week in June, the appearance of the crops was very promising, but since then the continued rains with cold easterly winds, have greatly retarded the growth of every kind of crop, particularly those on wet lands. Grain looks well, but vegetation is remarkably slow.

Yours respectfully,  
JOHN McLENNAN.

FROM GEORGE CAMERON, ESQ., GUYS-  
BORO'.

Guysboro' Intervale, 24th June, 1874.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your esteemed favour of the 10th inst., requesting a statement of the prospects of the crops in this district, I regret that I cannot report favourably of the present appearance and condition of the crops in this locality. So far the appearance of the fields is not encouraging, and the condition of the crops is backward. This is owing to the prevalence of cold weather, and the long continuance of cold north easterly winds since the latter part of May. We have had very few warm sunny days, and now, at the time of writing, there is no indication of weather clearing up or becoming warmer. During June there has been an excess of moisture, but heat, the other essential of rapid growth, has been sadly wanting. Therefore, the growth of vegetation has been slow.

With regard to potatoes, I have been informed that, in some instances, the seed has rotted in the ground, and this crop, in such localities, will result in partial failure. Generally speaking, potatoes are only making an appearance above. Grain is poor.

Hay, which is of most importance to the farmers in this district, is in rather better condition than the other crops.

Fruit-trees look well and made a fair show of blossoms, and even those that were partly upset by the great gale of August last, do not appear to have been injured, for I notice that in many cases they have blossomed full.