

COUNTRY NOTES AND PRICES

KING'S CO. NOVA SCOTIA.

Local dealers advertise cornmeal at \$1.85, cracked corn, \$1.65 a bag; Five Roses and Purdy flour, \$6.85 a barrel; eggs, 15c.; butter, 18c. cash, 17c. on time. Pasture is very dry. Bees, some of the few who work for nothing and pay for their lodging, are doing well. The may extracted is a lb. (bottle six extra), comb honey, 15c. a lb.; strawberries dropped to 7c. to 10c. Good demand for berries, prices rising. All fruits suffering for want of rain.

May making in full swing. Most of the upland carried big crop. Insect pests numerous. Cultivated crops not suffering to any great extent, where the cultivator is kept moving. Peas and strawberries dried up quickly. The showery on July 6 saved many things, but everything now needs rain badly. Blackberries badly affected in some plantations with orange rust—Bun-fee Watts.

PETERBORO CO. (NORTH) ONT.

Apsley. — The farmers in this section have started haying. The weather conditions are fine. The hay crop is not so good as the May prospects indicated. We had two weeks of hot, dry windy weather in June, which has dried up the crop, harm, but, on the whole, it is better than last year.

Grain of all kinds is looking fine, and with favorable weather, the crop promises to be above the average. There is no wheat grain here—G. A. B.

DURHAM CO. ONT.

Blackstock. — Farmers generally are busy with their hay harvest, of which there is quite a large acreage this year in this locality. There has been quite a large number of haylooms purchased by the farmers, and with all the other improved machinery they are able to handle a large quantity of hay. The weather is not much help. Hay will be an average crop all round. On clay lands it came very slowly in the spring, but later it has picked up very well.

Fall wheat came through the winter very well and with a fair crop. There is not a very large acreage of wheat in this locality, as it is apt to winter-kill. Spring grain generally is looking very well, although on the low lands there is a little backward owing to the wet weather in the spring causing late seeding.

The root crop, as a rule, is coming on very well, although a large percentage of the turnips were sown late. There is a large difference in the appearance of the corn crop. The writer measured some on the 14th of July, when the leaves reached 6 feet high. There is a great many patches that will not mature so late. The prospects for the apple crop are not very bright. There will not be many plums, but cherries are plentiful—R. G. F.

VICTORIA CO. ONT.

Bobbycay. — Haying is about finished. The crop is under the average, the continued dry weather in June being a bad handicap to it. The hay has been saved in good condition, which will, to some extent, make up for any shortage. Other crops are likely to be short as well, owing to the drought, so feed is not likely to be too plentiful.

Weeds are becoming more plentiful; new varieties are coming that require attention. Weeds are said to be the poor farmer's friends, and if they force him to adopt a more systematic course of farming they may prove so. A short rotation of crops, having a few weeds in them, and in the rotation, will put the most of them out of business, while a little special attention will settle the rest of them—W. T.

ONTARIO CO. ONT.

Taunton. — In this section the haying commenced about the 15th of June. It was completed in most cases before the end of the month. The clover crop, on the whole, is larger than last year. Some fields were extra heavy. Very little alfalfa is grown in this section, but what there is, yielded a heavy crop. But little timothy is grown. Both alfalfa and red clover promise a good second year. The timothy is nearly all cut. It, too, has yielded better than last year.

Grain is going to be short in the spring, as it was last year. Oats and straw, which look well, but a good many fields of barley are of a yellow tint, and are very short in the straw. Peas are looking meagre. Some wheat, but little fall wheat is grown, and if the present hot

weather continues, what little there is will ripen too quickly. The root crop is looking fairly well, though it is in need of rain—B. A.

WILLINGTON CO. ONT.

Crop of all kinds are looking well. Haying is well advanced, and most of the hay has been gathered into the barn in first-class condition. There are prospects of a good fruit crop. Pasture is better than earlier varieties of apple—J. M. W.

KENT CO. ONT.

We are all through with the hay crop. The hay started cutting fast week. Taking it on the average, fall wheat is an extra good crop. The harvest is on several days earlier than last year—W. O.

GOSSIP

RAVENDALE STOCK FARM
Two miles from St. Armand Station, which is 52 miles from Montreal on the Central Vermont line of railway, the little village of Phillippburg overlooking the beautiful Missisquoi valley is the site of stock farms of which some may justly be proud. "Ravendale," with its old Manor house, contains a grand type of soil rolling and of very fertile soil. The proprietor, W. F. Kay, takes great interest in the dairy and the Yorkshire cattle. His Clydesdales and Yorkshires also demand a portion of his time.

The Ayrshires were selected about five years ago from the herds of A. Clelland, W. J. Ogilvie, Drury, and Sons, J. N. Greenhalghs and others, with a view to large milk production, and have been carefully bred during the past years until they have become a strong herd numbering over 30 females of fine quality and type. The stock here, Bright Star, 17708 (Champion at the Dominion Exhibition at Winnipeg a few years ago), is a strong bodied cow of good type who appears to be reproducing his character and type in his offspring. A number of the male calves look as if they were "clips of the old blood."

Among the cows we noticed Queen Bee 1094, a cow of fine type, of excellent quality, with a good straight top line for a cow of her age. This was entered in the Record of Performance and gave 1639 lbs. of milk in 1907 and 402 lbs. of butter fat. It is a freshen within the required 15 months therefore did not register. Mina of Glenhurst, 709, is another cow of fine quality looking every inch a producer. Heather Bell of Glenora, 1825, by Douglassdale Dan, is a two-year heifer worthy of note and is a heifer of much promise, the same may be said of several other cows. Frost, of Lakeside, 25130, and Don's Last, of Lakeside, 25135, were selected by Mr. F. L. Fuller of Glenora. These are a pair of bulls both 20 months old that should be of value into whatever place they land in improving the dairy stock of that community. We saw also a pair of young bulls ranging from 11 to 6 months of age that will make worthy sires. On this point we have already noticed in these herds that the cows have all good udders and large teats.

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near future as all of them were bred to an imported sire.

The herd of Yorkshires consists of eight brood sows, two hours and their progeny. At the time of our visit Mr. Kay had sold out quite a number of breeding pairs whose quality had reduced his herd somewhat. The quality of his herd is beyond question as his selections have been made from the right class of bacon hogs. Mr. Kay was well sold out of his spring litter but expects a good crop of litters in July. Purchasers of a high-class stock should give Mr. Kay a call.

LAKESIDE STOCK FARM

This is another of the stock farms of which Phillippburg boasts. Lying on the opposite side of the town from the farm of Mr. Kay and within full sight of the Missisquoi bay is the farm of George H. Montgomery consisting of 400 acres of just such soil as Ravendale and most of the Eastern Township farms are noted. Fine springs, excellent pasturage, good soil for producing all sorts of crops, makes this section a first class one for stock raising. The large silos seen here and at Ravendale is proof that their owners have every variety of the crop as an excellent fodder for dairy cattle. Mr. Montgomery has been breeding Ayrshires, Clydesdales and Yorkshires for several years and has made a start worthy of an older hand at the business.

Besides his 35 or more Ayrshires he has a number of good calves and a few of the right stamp to produce milk and cream. The product, cream, is shipped to Montreal and marketed locally. Where the milk is separated on the farm and the skim-milk fed warm to the calves and we see the evidences of its value as a feed for young calves and the good appearance of the youngsters. This was evident at Lakeside by the growthy appearance of the calves and the good quality of the milk.

The stock bull heading the herd, Jack of Maple Hill, 15560, by Isleigh Matchless, 11774, contains some royal blood in his veins and his good breeding bodies well quartered fellow, and is stamping his impress on the progeny, an impress of the good quality of his production. One of the females, Bess of Glenora, 10707, by Black Prince, 12208, is a typical Ayrshire, of true dairy conformation, carrying a perfect udder with two good teats. Darciaugh Enchantress, imp., looks like a cow of great capacity. Snowdrop, of Glenora, 10204, by Douglassdale Dan, is symmetrical in build and fine in quality. "Bally" of Glenora, 11454, by Comrade (Garfield), is another fine type of a cow.

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The Western Fair of London, Ontario, will have a number of new features this year. Monday, September 14, will be Athletic day, when a number of good events will be put on for which the best medals and trophies will be given. The Dog Show will be larger and better than ever before, and the best dogs being offered in cash prizes and premiums.

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The firm of Wm. Cooper & Nephews, of Coventry, Dip Works, Warwickhampton, Eng., which has been a frequent advertiser in these columns, has been very successful at the leading agricultural exhibitions in Great Britain. Already this year its stock has won 6 championships, 3 reserve championships, 1 special, 17 first prizes, 100 medals and 9 thirds, or a total of 60 prizes. One of its leading successes was the winning of first prize and championship on its Shorthorn bull at the Royal Agricultural Society Exhibition. The winning of the Shorthorn championship at the Royal show is considered about the highest honor that can be secured in the show yard of Great Britain. The stock that has been shown has included Shorthorns, Red Fries and Shropshire sheep.

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