

THE CROPS OF ONTARIO.

Mr. Archibald Blue's Last Report.

The following is extracted from the annual report of Mr. Archibald Blue, secretary of the Bureau of Industries and Agriculture: The results of the thrashing are disappointing. The wet weather of June and July caused considerable rust, which resulted in a more or less shrunk grain, especially in the case of spring wheat and oats. The quality of fall wheat is more favorably commented upon than that of any other cereal. Spring wheat is a comparative failure. There is a considerable discoloration of barley. Oats have proved a great disappointment, the yield being short and the berry small and light. The straw is considerably rusted, which will injure it for feeding purposes. Peas have been attacked in nearly every district by the bug.

The quality of corn is below the average. Owing to rainy weather it was soft, and there is a tendency to mould in the crib. Beans are far from being a fair yield, and on account of wet weather were late in ripening and difficult to gather. Buckwheat is not a good yield, but the yield per acre is large and the quality good. Frost did slight injury to the crop, and also touched very late beans.

The potato crop appears for the most part to have turned out rather light in yield and often small in sample. The damage to the seed was general from heavy rains, and the drought of summer caused the tubers to mature before a large size had been attained. The crop did best on lighter soils, but was almost a failure on clay lands. Rot is complained of from all quarters, and, as it sometimes continues after housing, it may possibly further diminish the yield before spring. Turnips, mangels and carrots are good crops almost everywhere particularly mangels. Turnips are small in some localities, but the late rains are said to have improved them.

In scarcely any section of the province can it be said that the apple crop has been an abundant one. In the counties of Essex, Kent, Elgin, Lambton and Middlesex the apple crop was nearly an entire failure, and of other fruits there has been not more than a sufficiency to supply local demands. In most of the West Midland counties there has been a small surplus of winter apples, and there, as well as in the Niagara peninsula pears, plums, cherries, and grapes and other small fruits have been moderately plentiful, but grapes are the only fruit of which any considerable shipments have been made. Apples were a good crop in the counties of Grey, Bruce and Huron, and also moderately good in Simcoe. From the first three of these counties large quantities have been shipped at good prices. From the township of St. Vincent (Grey) it is stated that 15,000 barrels have been shipped. Pears were moderately plentiful also, and have generally turned out better than apples.

There has been considerable increase in acreage, and the condition of the ground at the time of sowing, except on clay land, which was rather dry and stiff, was most suitable for a good start. The general appearance of the fields is such as to evoke admiration. The chief cause for fear lies in the fact that the plant has made rather low rank a growth. The prevailing opinion is that a better outlook for the new crop of fall wheat has never been reported during the first week of November.

Fall pastures have been in unusual fine condition all over the province, and are for the most part still quite fresh and green owing to the abundance of warm showery weather. Hay is very abundant, and of straw and course feed there is a sufficiency. All kinds of live stock are consequently in a thriving condition, but with the exception of hogs their numbers are somewhat small. Sheep are in good condition, but not numerous. There has been a greater demand than usual for breeding sheep. There is quite a notable increase in the number of hogs all over the province. The demand for all kinds of live stock has so far been brisk; in some localities in the southern part of the province buyers have picked up nearly everything, and fair prices have been paid. The number of silos appears to be slowly but steadily increasing, notably in Huron, Grey and Bruce.

The past season has been a favorable one to the dairying industry, with plenty of grass and water. In the eastern part of the province especially cheese making has flourished, and farmers seem well satisfied with the returns. Throughout the rest of the province cheese appears to have taken the lead also and to have given better results than butter, except in the neighborhood of cities and large towns. Durhams and their grades are still the favorite breed for the dairy cow in the west, but Holsteins and Jerseys are being introduced to a considerable extent where butter is made, and they are well liked. Holsteins, Ayrshires and Durhams and their grades are the most popular breeds.

The revised estimates of cereal and leguminous crops show lower yields than the estimate of August, but it is only in spring wheat and oats that the decrease is material. The wheat was injured in the ripening stage, a few days following the date of August returns, and the effects of the blight upon oats was not fully recognized until the threshing season opened. As a consequence, the yield of spring wheat is 2,000,000 and of oats nearly 4,000,000 bushels less than the August estimate. The averages of spring wheat, oats, peas, corn, buck-wheat and beans are greater than those of fall wheat, barley and rye are less. Fall wheat and buckwheat are the only crops whose yield per acre is greater than the average of nine years, while peas, corn, buckwheat and beans are the only crops whose aggregate yield is greater than the average of the same period.

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