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THE SEASON AND CROPS.

Halifax, July 27, 1868.

We have already noticed some of the remarkable effects of the severe frost and frosty winds of last winter,—and the progress of the season has served to show them more fully. A large number of apple trees in all parts of the country have been winter killed. Garden strawberries, in rich and wet soils, have been very much injured, and in many places completely destroyed. Winter wheat was totally killed wherever there was not protection of some kind. Clover has been scarcer this season than for many years past, and even Timothy, a very hardy grass, has been killed out in large patches.

We hear from all parts of the country doleful accounts of the hay crop. The winter killing would indeed have prevented many farmers having a crop at all, had the spring and summer not been remarkably favourable for the growth of grass,—for we have had none of the drought and summer fires which have

been devastating the western provinces. The information we have received seems to show that the hay crops in Cumberland are this year better than in any other part of the province.

Spring wheat, oats and barley never looked better than they do this season, and field peas, a crop now coming into use through the exertions of the Board of Agriculture, will yield a heavy crop. We observe that the wheat aphid, which attacked the Canadian wheat crops a few years ago and spread consternation among the farmers, has begun to appear in this province; but it is not a seriously injurious insect unless it happens to come in great swarms. The pastures are as yet everything that could be desired, and garden vegetables and root crops have never had a better season. Fruit trees generally are showing well.

We hope that our correspondents in different parts of the province will enable us next month to offer a detailed statement of the probable results of the harvest.

Let us again remind our readers that the time for the GREAT PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION of All our Industries is rapidly approaching. Much preparation is being made in King's County, and some of the other good agricultural counties of the province; animals are being fed, and root crops are being watered with liquid manure, and preparations of other kinds are going on. Some of our horticulturists are training beautiful specimens for the Exhibition tables; and the fruit growers will not be wanting in their efforts to maintain the character of Nova Scotia as the great apple country of the world. It is hoped that in our workshops efforts of a different kind, but not less energetic, are being made. We have already notices from some of the great implement makers of the United States, that they will be "on hand" at the appointed time. Messrs. Allen of New York purpose to send a selection from their extensive stock of agricultural and mechanical tools and implements; Messrs. Fairbanks will not only exhibit their weighing machines