

GRASS AND HAY.

This is still by far the most important field crop in Nova Scotia, and will so continue until a perfect system of rotation shall be adopted such as is now in use in the most advanced agricultural districts in European countries. All our reports of this crop are highly satisfactory. Stephen Putnam, Esq., of Maitland, writes under date 28th June, that hay is unusually forward and good. At Kentville grass is very good, and at Shubenacadie "splendid." In Cornwallis the hay crop will be large on the dyked marshes and on good uplands, on hills and poorer soils prospects not so good. Pasture lands have been productive and cattle look well. Colonel Starratt writes from Annapolis that hay promises to be a good crop both on the marsh and rich uplands; notwithstanding the drought of May, the showers of June have given certainty of a good yield. Mr. Longley speaks, also, of the hay prospect being good, and of haying being expected to come on somewhat earlier than usual; and George Whitman, Esq., writing from Round Hill, says: grass looks well and promises an abundant crop. Our Antigonish report of hay is also favorable. In Halifax County the upland hay crops looked light at first, but are now showing a thick undergrowth, and there will be a good average return. The Hon. S. Creelman informs us that in Steviacke the grass was checked by premature heat, and the crop may not be heavy. John Ross, Esq., of Glen Farm, Boularderie, reports still less favorably.

GRAIN CROPS.

In Maitland, wheat, oats, and barley are looking finely. At Kentville grain of all kinds looks well, and corn "first rate." About Shubenacadie a good deal of wheat has been sown. In Cornwallis, grains of all kinds are looking very fine indeed. In Annapolis, barley and oats promise a large return (Col. Starratt); they look remarkably promising, rye, especially, having attained an unusual growth (A. Longley, Esq., M.P.P.). Geo. Whitman, Esq., reports that more oats have been sown than usual, and that, like barley and buckwheat, they look well. Some fields of winter wheat promise an abundant yield.

POTATOES.

In Cornwallis and the Maitland district, potatoes are reported by our correspondents as "looking well;" at Kentville they have come up very regularly. The season has been very favorable for potatoes in Halifax County, and the tendency is toward increased production. Our several reports from Paradise, Round Hill, &c., all agree that more potatoes have been planted in Annapolis than formerly, and one speaks of newer and better varieties; they have come up well and are looking healthy.

FRUIT.

At Kentville, fruit will be an average crop, although caterpillars have been very thick there as well as in Digby, according to report of John Dakin Esq. In Cornwallis generally the apple crop is not expected to be very abundant, the canker worm having stripped some of the orchards. Pears and cherries will be abundant. Plums will be no more than average crop, but surely more than last year, for one of our leading fruit dealers told us that he received only one box of plums from Cornwallis. A. Longley, Esq., M.P.P., Paradise, reports that in the Annapolis valley the apple crop will probably be below the average, which is confirmed by the statement of Col. Starratt, who reports a falling off in the apple orchards, and prospects of a crop much under average, although the smaller fruits promise better than last year. George Whitman, Esq., of Round Hill, points out that the orchards have been injured by caterpillar and canker-worm, and, in some, the blossoms and leaves have been destroyed, leaving the trees as bare as in winter; so that he estimates the forthcoming crop as not more than half an average crop. Currants also will be few, but strawberries, gooseberries, and quinces look well; cherries abundant.

For further particulars we refer our readers to the detailed reports of our correspondents, some of which have come to hand so late as to prevent further reference here. In the Western Counties squashes are suffering from the squash bug, but we hope there is no truth in the rumour that the potato bug has appeared in Cornwallis, for nearly the whole United States and Ontario are looking this year to the Maritime Provinces for their supply of potatoes, the cultivation of which inland is being rapidly given up as hopeless.

THE PRIZE LIST of the Provincial Agricultural Exhibition, to be held at Kentville during the first week of October, has been issued. Twenty copies have been sent to the Secretary of every Agricultural Society in the Province, for distribution. Persons who have not already received copies may obtain them on application to Secretaries of Societies in their respective districts, or to members of the King's County Exhibition Committee, or to William Eaton, Esq., Secretary of Exhibition, Kentville, or to Professor Lawson, Halifax, or at the Provincial Library.

We hope to be able, through the kindness of his owner, to publish in next number, a portrait of the famous Ayrshire bull BISMARCK, recently imported by C. P. Blanchard, Esq., of Truro.

We are now able to furnish a pretty full directory of the ENTIRE HORSES travelling the Province this season. In presenting the following details to our readers, it seems to be necessary to remind them that the particulars respecting each Horse, and the account given of his peculiar merits, are chiefly taken from the hand-bills issued by the owners. We are not responsible for the somewhat fulsome flattery in which some of the favorites' owners indulge. Having before us the fear of a Society of many initials,—for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals—we dare not say a single word tending to detract from the real or supposed value of any dumb animal. To hit a man's horse is to hit himself, in a very tender part. We consequently avoid discussing the merits of the respective animals. Our readers must use their own discretion in making their selections, and, instead of grumbling that we do not act as judges, will, we trust, be thankful that we have brought together so much information respecting Nova Scotian horse flesh.

Antigonish County.

PRINCE EDWARD.—The above Stud Horse has been put upon a route in this and Antigonish county, for the season, as follows:—To-night (June 7th) at Stewart's Mills, Little Harbor; Friday night, 8th, at Stewart's, (blacksmith), Merigomish; Saturday, 9th, at Hugh McDonald's, Ponds; Monday, 11th, at Alex. McDonald's, Milligan Cove; Tuesday, 12th, at Angus Livingstone's, Cape George; Wednesday, 13th, at Allan Cameron's, Morristown; Thursday, 14th, at Wm. Carron's, Antigonish village; Friday, 15th, at Angus McGillivray's, Summerville; Saturday, 16th, at McDougall's, Pieqmont Valley; Monday, 18th, at Donald Munro's, Moose River; Tuesday, 19th, at Wm. Fraser's, near Springville, East River; Wednesday, at A. G. McDonald's, New Glasgow. The above route will be travelled every fortnight. "Prince Edward" stands 16½ hands high, weighs about 1400 lbs., bred from Lee's trotting Saladdin mare and a refined horse from England. Owner, James McEwan, Tyron, P. E. I. Groom, Thomas McEwen.

Cape Breton County.

GENERAL WILLIAMS, thorough-bred, will travel for the season, commencing 1st June, between the towns of North Sydney and South Sydney. The General stands 15½ hands high and weighs 11 cwt. He was imported from England in the summer of 1874. His stock is said to be first class. Crowdis and Macdonald, Owners, Baddeck, C. B.

LION OF CANADA, imported for the Board by Messrs. Matheson & Archibald,