

"Great Guelph" has been imported into the Province.

I see by the last *Journal* that Mr. Longley thinks the crops generally promise a fair yield. He is quite right so far as relates to the grain and hay, but the fruit crop will be very small. [Mr. Longley pointed this out, see page 54, third column.—ED.] Many of the orchards in this county from which a hundred barrels are generally gathered, will not this year yield twenty; and in my own garden some of the plum trees are as bare of leaves as at Christmas, and bushels of the finest fruit are lying on the ground, I can ascribe it only to the dryness of the summer. Seldom is one blessing withheld by the God of Providence that he does not make it up as it were, by another, as in this case the fruit is withheld; but the greatest essential to the farmer, is truly food for cattle, is given more abundantly.

Fires are beginning to prevail about this county. GEO. INCE.

Nictaux, Aug. 21st.

I did not receive your note of the 14th until after my son had written to you, giving you some account of our imported ram "Great Guelph," &c.

I can add little if anything to what he then wrote, excepting perhaps that the Potato crop promises to be good, and that no disease has as yet appeared. We have had no rain near us to speak of since the month of May: a heavy shower fell yesterday which has refreshed the soil, but it has not penetrated more than two or three inches, consequently, our fruit suffers much, particularly on the high lands and in light soils. Our grain crops generally are abundant, and the hay, oats, and barley, mostly harvested. Apples will be a very short crop.

H. INCE.

HORTICULTURAL EXHIBITION AT HALIFAX.—It is intended to hold an exhibition of culinary vegetables, fruits, and other garden produce, in the Horticultural Gardens this fall. We hope to see a great many creditable productions from Windsor, and other gardening localities. The time is not yet fixed. It is a pity that a year's notice is not given of all such exhibitions, (as in England) so that intending exhibitors might have an opportunity of making some preparation and effort, instead of merely sending what happens to be ready in their gardens at the time.

THE ST. JOHN'S MARKETS.—The St. John's slaughter houses and markets are spoken of in the papers as in a filthy state. The vegetable and fruit market in St. John's is a great convenience, and we should like to see Halifax able to compare passably with St. John in that regard.

BEAUTIES OF BERWICK.—The beautiful village of Berwick is now in all its splendor. The trees have on their richest foliage, and the fruit-trees are showing what may shortly be gathered from them. Many of the apple-trees between Wolfville and Berwick indicate pretty fair crops, but there will be a very much diminished quantity from that of several past years. There will also be a small crop of plums. The grain is looking well and promises good returns.—*C. Messenger.*

PICTOU.—The hay crop is secured, and is less than an average. Early grain is fair; potatoes look well and no appearance of rot.—*Colonist, Aug. 24.*

AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITION IN YARMOUTH.—Mr. Crosby, Secretary of the Yarmouth Agricultural Society, writes to us that the society intends to hold an exhibition in the autumn, at which premiums will be awarded for stock, fruit, manufactures, &c. *Pres't., Josiah Raymond, Esq.*

WHO HAS LOST A BAY HORSE?—A bay horse was put off the cars at Rocky Lake the other day, and is waiting in Mr. McLeod's stable for an owner.

WINDSOR ROAD.—It is a great relief to drivers along the Windsor Road that the old rickety telegraph posts and wires have been removed. The telegraph now runs along the railway line, the wires having been laid on substantial cedar posts. There is no telegram station at Bedford, although there will be thousands of business people there daily during the present month.

ANNUAL FAIR AT FREDERICTON, N. B.—The Annual Show of the York County Agricultural Society is advertised to come off at Fredericton, N. B., on Thursday, 5th October. The prizes are open to competitors from all parts of the Province of New Brunswick, and hay and straw are supplied to stock exhibited.

The York Driving Park Track is to be open for Racing and Trotting, on 6th October, the day following the show. Horses may come "from any place," and will be furnished with hay, straw, and boxes on the ground free. There will be three Races and two Trots. Not having seen the prize list we cannot give further particulars.

THE HOP CROP IN THE STATES.—The vines have grown well, but are badly infected with vermin. In some sections, likewise, the leaves have been observed to turn red and shrivel, resembling what is called "the fire-blast" in England. Dealers are beginning to manifest a good deal of anxiety about the condition of the growing crop, and good hops, of which there are very few of last years growth, are held with much firmness.

**"WILFUL WASTE MAKES WO-
FUL WANT."**

We read in the *Colonist* that:—

"The new City Slaughter House is to be built on the shore of the Basin, between Africville and the Target Practice Ground, and WILL BE SO CONSTRUCTED, THAT THE OFFAL WILL BE CARRIED OFF BY THE TIDE."

In a country like Nova Scotia where there is a universal cry among the farmers for more manure, it is to be regretted that the favorite mode of disposing of fertilizing matters, in the city as well as in the smaller towns, is to allow them to be "carried off by the tide." It has been clearly shown by Liebig and others that in every country where this practice prevails, the fertility of the land must decrease year by year, and the people must live more and more upon imported food. All mechanical and scientific applications to the culture of the soil must necessarily fail if so essential a source of fertility be neglected. The wonderful fertility of China is kept up not by scientific knowledge, much less by the application of the inductive method to agriculture, but by a strong instinct among the people, which leads to the saving of every particle of waste matter.

Within the last few years most praiseworthy and successful efforts have been made by members of the Civic Corporation and other leading citizens to improve the city and increase the comforts and enjoyments of the citizens. We have good reason to hope, therefore, that the subject of economising more fully the city manure, and placing it within the convenient reach of farmers, will in time be taken into serious consideration, and will meet with that earnest attention which it unquestionably deserves.

We believe that the present Commissioner of Railways, who takes a warm interest in agricultural progress, is disposed to give facilities for the transmission of manurial substances over the line, as fully as is consistent with the interests of the department, and were the valuable manure offered by the city brought together near the Railway Depot, so as to be sold to farmers, there would no doubt be ample demand for it.

The more general use of guano, plaster, bone-dust, superphosphate, nitrate, and other artificial and special-manures, must in this, as in all other countries, grow out of a freer use of common dung. Whilst that is running to waste it will seem to men of common sense to be a manifest act of folly to spend large sums of money in buying up expensive manufactured products.