

OUR FARMERS' CLUB
Contributions Invited.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
KING'S CO., N. S.

RICHMOND—The cold and stormy weather makes it difficult but it gives us time to look over the past year. From the farmers' standpoint it is generally considered to be the best for many years. With beautiful crops, good prices for raw and finished products, a mild fall and early winter to ship our produce, the Prince Edward Island farmer has every reason to be thankful and to begin the New Year with renewed vigor.—J. D. Mell.

NOVA SCOTIA
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ATERVILLE—The short course at Truro Agricultural College is more popular than ever. Several young men and women from this district are enjoying the course, and one has been elected themselves have induced others to go also. In the cellars of this district a beautiful turnip crop is stored. The late rains caused an exuberant and tender growth in the fall. Some of the roots were pulled in the old way, but others had their tops slashed off, two rows a time, by the man with the hoe." A second man followed with a hack and pulled them out. In one instance a pair of horses on the potato digger raised the crop after the tops had been cut off with the hoe. It may be owing to the farm papers, and their continued hammering for farm improvements, that the spirit of progress has inspired several farmers to put in bathrooms. There seems to be a sudden epidemic of windmills, which one cannot fail to notice during a drive from township to township. The windmill is looked upon as a sort of hall-mark of prosperity. However, apple speculators are not feeling very happy just now, but most of them erect one of windmills before this. Reports say that local buyers have lost heavily. Returns from commission men in London are not encouraging. The co-operative fruit companies seem to be doing better. Moral—Co-operate.—Fannie Watts.

ANTIGONISH CO., N. S.

ANTIGONISH—There has scarcely been any work done in the woods yet on account of too much snow. The County Farmers' Association held its annual meeting on Jan. 2d, with a fair attendance. The books showed a balance on the right side and the Association is in a flourishing condition. It was decided to hold another seed fair in the spring, and the annual exhibition again in the fall. The Association is organizing a Mutual Fire Insurance Company for the benefit of farmers. One of our agricultural societies has organized a farmers' club, which meets once a week to discuss matters of interest pertaining to farm and social life. This is certainly a step in the right direction, and we hope other societies will follow the example. The prospects are that feed will be scarce. Hay is now \$14, beef 6 cents, pork 9 1/2 cents.—Tom Brown.

ONTARIO
LEEDS CO., ONT.

GANANQUE—Prices for farm products are good. Hay sells at from \$12 to \$16 a ton; dressed pork, 9 1/2 and 10 1/2 c; butter, 23 to 25 cents. Potatoes are abundant and cheap. Fresh eggs are very scarce. The demand for milk cows never before was better, a common grade cow often going over \$60 at auctions.—C. H. C.

HASTINGS CO., ONT.

THE RIDGE—A good many men are getting out logs and much poles, as poles are a better price this winter than they have been for some years. There seems to be no scarcity of feed, although it keeps up to a very good price. Hay is selling at \$17 a ton delivered; straw at \$5 and \$6 a load, according to size. Oats are selling at 40 cents a bushel; best 7 cents; pork, 10 cents a pound dressed.—A. B. C.

DURHAM CO., ONT.

FLEETWOOD—Gain a number of horses are changing hands. Mr. Tishert Davidson sold a nice mare for \$210. Mr. John Crawford sold another rising three-year-old for \$185, and Mr. John Cairns sold a span for upwards of \$375. Mr. Leander Werry sold an aged span for a nice figure also.—A. G.

WATERLOO CO., ONT.

NEW HAMBURG—The high price of logs is one of the chief subjects of discussion just now. Competition amongst

buyers is very keen. Farmers are coming quite a distance to take advantage of the market. Several annual meetings of creameries and cheese factories are to be held this month. We are pleased to see that H. B. Lowe, New Dundee Creamery, won a prize at the Dairyman's convention. Local cheese factories are now returning yield to patrons. They was a great help toward low cost of production of butter and cheese. Demand at last year. Horses are in good demand at rather high prices. Buyers are out early this season, which one would think is an indication of high prices by spring.—A. B. G. S.

WELLINGTON CO., ONT.

ELORA—The meetings of Centre Wellington Farmers' Institute held recently were of an exceptionally interesting character. The addresses of Mr. Annie Toronto, and Mrs. Watts, Clinton, were an inspiration and cannot fail to be helpful to those in attendance. Local talent also played an important part and should be employed wherever available. It takes courage the part of the local man to talk to his neighbors, but no one is better acquainted with local conditions. Farming is still in the front rank as a business. Prices are high, and prospects bright. Money is coming in, and profits are large. Cattle are keeping up well. Hogs are still on the rise and it looks as if pork would soon be out of reach of ordinary people, but the farmer is well suited.—G. W.

WENTWORTH CO., ONT.

KIRKWALL—There is very little snow on the fields in the swamps, it having nearly all blown into the fence corners. Most of the farmers are busy getting their frowed out. Hardly as many cattle are in the stables as in previous winter, as there is some scarcity of feed. Not many cattle are being fattened and the prospects are that choice well-finished cattle will be very high next spring. Stockers weighing 750 pounds to 900 pounds are scarce.—W. C.

OXFORD CO., ONT.

GOLSPIE—Many have been taking advantage of the good sleighing; several hundred cords of wood, and about 500,000 feet of lumber are to be drawn away, so that it gives work to several men and teams. The wood is taken to the lime kilns in Beachville, and the most of the good lumber is shipped at Beachville. The celled lumber goes to Ingersoll to be used for crates for shipping machinery.—A. M. H. C.

NORFOLK CO., ONT.

SOUTH WALDRINGHAM—Hogs are selling at \$8.10 a cwt. Beef cattle are scarce. Hogs are also scarce and are selling at 25 cents a dozen. Stock is looking well and water are plentiful. Business is brisk and the markets are all that could be desired by those who sell, but hard on those who are compelled to buy.—B. B.

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LITTLEWOOD—A number of farms have lately been sold. The prices received for them are from \$70 to \$100 an acre, which is about \$10 or better an acre than a year ago. A number of young men have lately thrown their old farm clothes to one side and have gone to the cities. Some are going in for an education, others to work at some job, as they think, easier than the farm. When land sells so high, a young man has not much encouragement ahead of him in his endeavors to pay for a farm, so the cities hold out the greater allurements.—J. R. O.

ELGIN CO., ONT.

SHEDDON—Twice a week hogs are shipped from here. Some of them are brought a long distance, coming all the way from Port Talbot and other places. The cash received from their sale puts a lot of money into circulation, which means good times among the farmers and others. Marketable hogs appear to be scarce, though none can complain about the price paid. The sleighing is good, as no drifts have formed.—J. E. O.

FROME—Markets are good, one hundred acre farms with good buildings are bringing from \$8,000 to \$10,000. Quite a few farms are changing hands. Wheat is worth \$1.08, butcher's cattle \$5, pork 9 1/2 c; butter 27 to 30c, eggs 30c. Wheat and young clover looked fine when they went under the snow.—R. J. H.

ESSEX CO., ONT.

ARNER—Getting up wood and doing the regular chores constitute the farming at this time of the year. A small quantity of logs are coming in at the sawmill. Those who have tobacco are busy strip-

ping it and getting it ready for shipping. Hogs are \$8.50 a cwt.—A. L. A.

LANBTON CO., ONT.

WYOMING—Farm products are selling well. Hogs, \$8.31 wheat, \$11.12 clover seed, \$8.25. Those farmers who buy and feed heavy cattle say they cannot get their supply. Everything points to a healthy condition in trade. Farmers are well pleased with the past year.—D. N. A.

BRUCE CO., ONT.

CLUNY—Hogs are very high; \$8 was paid on the 4th, live weight. Milk cows are scarce and very high in price. Fall wheat, \$1.15; peas, 85c; oats, 45c; barley, 50c; potatoes, 40c a bag; butter, 26c; eggs, 30c; hay, \$9 to \$9 a ton.—J. M.

HURON CO., ONT.

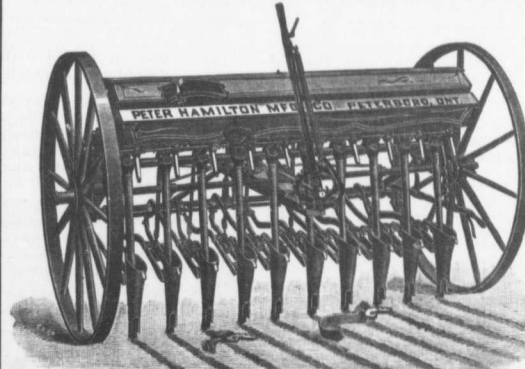
BLYTH—Farmers in general are busy looking after their stock, as there is very little bush work to be done. A few are thinking of attending some of the short courses at Guelph. It is too bad that more do not avail themselves of the opportunity of picking up a little more education along the several lines pertaining to agriculture. The markets in general are high; hogs are \$8.25 a cwt.—higher than they have ever been here before. Horse markets are beginning to liven up somewhat.—L. R. S.

BRITISH COLUMBIA
NEW WESTMINSTER CO., B.C.

MUNDO—Cattle, horses and sheep are looking fine. There are lots of roots and hay for them. Pigs are doing well. Hog feed is very expensive to buy. We have had no snow so far. The hardest frost was only 12 degrees below freezing.—C. C.

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