COUNTRY NOTES AND PRICES

GRENVILLE COUNTY

Prescott.—Pastures are looking fine. Some farmers have finished seeding but a great number have just started. The weather has been very showery. Considering the good grass ,cows are not milking as well as last spring. Timothy hay, $20 a ton; clover, $20; baled straw, $12; loose, $10; bran, $24; oats, 75c a bu.; corn, 75c.; fresh eggs, 16c to 17c a doz.; hogs, 9c a lb., d.w.—G. W. C.

PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY

Rose Hall.—Pastures are growing very fast. Early sown grain on high lands is coming along fine but on the low lands, it is very backward owing to the heavy rains. The weather is very favorable to rapid growth and grain and grass is coming fast. Owing to the scarcity of feed and late spring, the make of cheese is below the average. Fresh eggs, 18c a doz.; creamery butter, 30c a lb.; milch cows, $40 each; hogs, 6c; lamb, 8c; Timothy hay, $17 a ton; mixed, $16; bran, $24; middlings, $25; loose straw, $4 a load; oats, 55c a bu.; barley, 65c; corn, 70c; peas, 75c.—G. M. M.

OXFORD COUNTY

Norwich.—Seeding has been very backward this spring and all will not be in the ground till after the 24th. Wheat is looking very well; also old and young meadows. Feed of all kinds is well cleaned up. Prospects for large crops of fruit were never better. Hogs, $8.85 a cwt., l.w.; potatoes, 75c a bag; fresh eggs, 15c a doz.; roll butter, 25c a lb.; mixed hay, $12 a ton; frozen wheat chop, $25; bran, $25; middlings, $25; oats, 50c a bu.; wheat, 90c.—J. McK.

WENTWORTH COUNTY

Ancaster.—Fall wheat and clover are looking unusually well. Seeding has not been completed, but some spring grains that have been sown are coming up nicely. The weather has been very cold and wet, but lately has changed, and things are growing rapidly. Fruit prospects are good. Timothy hay, $16 to $18 a ton; mixed, $15.50; loose straw, $10 to $11; oats, 52c to 54c a bu.; barley, 58c to 62c; peas, 80c to 85c; corn, 75c; fresh eggs, 15c to 18c a doz.; turnips, 25c a bu.; potatoes, $1 to $1.25 a bag; milch cows, $35 to $50 each; stockers, 3½c a lb., l.w.; export, 5½c to 6c; hogs, 6c.—R. S. S.

NORTH PETERBORO COUNTY

Clover came through the winter in good shape. On some of the dry and poor quality of land, the seeding, owing to weather conditions last spring and summer, is practically a failure, and in some places thin. With the above exceptions, meadows and pastures present a good appearance at present. No fall wheat grown here.

As to grain, the early seeding on dry land has had exceptionally favorable conditions so far. Oats is the principal grain grown here. There is a good deal of seeding to be done yet on the low lands and the late seeding is not so favorable for a good yield of grain.—F. P. Galway.

VICTORIA COUNTY

Seeding was commenced about the same time as last year, but lasted somewhat longer on account of showery weather. Speaking in a general way, seeding commenced on April 22 and was finished on May 16. Growth has been much more rapid this spring than last, however, and at present, the grain crops, pastures and meadows show a greater growth than they did a year ago.

Many fields of fall wheat came through the winter well, while others are somewhat patchy, but on the whole, it bids fair to be a good crop.

The acreage of alsike will be somewhat under the average, owing to the dry weather of last summer. Any pieces which were a good catch last fall came through the winter well.—G. C. Channon.

YORK COUNTY.

Seeding on clay lands is very backward owing to the wet spring. There has been a wonderful growth of grass on the new pastures, but the older ones require more warmth. Potatoes and all roots, especially mangels, are about two weeks late. Fall wheat looks well, although it is winter-killed in some places. Fruit trees are looking well and a few warm, sunshiny days will work wonders.—Jas. R. Dennis.

PEEL COUNTY

In this locality seeding operations are very backward. Very few farmers have finished seeding. However, if the weather keeps dry, the majority will finish this week. Until up to about the last 12 or 14 days, there has been very little growth. Some of the first sowing is now above ground and growing rapidly. Except for a few odd spots, fall wheat never looked better. The most of the land that was seeded to clover a year ago is a complete failure. Quite a lot of the clover in the second year meadows is heaved out by the frost. However, pastures and meadows are making a rapid growth this last few days.—E. E. Wilson.

HURON COUNTY

Goderich.—Seeding in this locality is well advanced. Frequent heavy rains caused considerable delay, but as they were followed by warm weather, the land dried out rapidly, especially that which is under-drained. Two or three days' favorable weather would now enable the majority of farmers to complete their seeding operations. This spring has shown the decided advantage of under-draining. The farmers thoroughly up-to-date in this respect have finished their seeding and are now preparing for their root and corn crops.

Fall wheat came through the winter well and is now doing splendidly. That on summer-fallowed land is looking well, while that on clover sod and pea stubble shows the effect of the drought last fall. However, the rains are helping it considerably, as they are the meadows. The new meadows are in many cases, a complete failure the clover being entirely winter-killed. Some, however, look fairly promising. The older meadows are looking well, more especially those not pastured after the hay was taken off last year. Pastures are providing abundant feed for the stock already. Cattle were turned out to grass earlier this year than usual no account of the shortage of feed, but as there will probably be fewer animals this year, the effect of early pasturing may not be noticed. Vegetation is at least two weeks ahead of last year. The fruit trees are showing a luxurious bloom.—D. G. Salkeld.

LINCOLN COUNTY

In our immediate section, seeding is about done, and most of the oats sown are well up. On low ground, however, very little has as yet been done. Vegetation is backward although the last few days of warm weather have brought things along with a rush.

Fruit growing and the production of canning factory crops are the main branches in this section. Fruit trees of all kinds are now in full bloom, and showing promise of a good crop. Strawberries are backward but looking well. Tomato plants are backward when grown under cotton; those under glass looking well. The cold, wet weather has made it difficult to get in other factory crops, and in general, the growers are rather more backward with their work than usual.—G. B. McCalla.

NORFOLK COUNTY

While the majority of farmers are through seeding, there is yet considerable to be done on the heavy clay land.

Prospects are poor for spring grain, such as oats, barley, etc., but very good for fall wheat. Pastures and meadows look fine, clover being excellent this year.—H. S. Austin.

WATERLOO COUNTY

Ayr.—Most of the seeding was finished by the tenth of May, but a few on wet and undrained land were later, owing to the wet weather of the last couple of weeks. The wheat crop is looking good, very little being winter-killed.

Pastures and meadows are showing good growth. Some of the meadows are rather thin, owing to the dry weather of last season, giving a poor stand of clover and grass. To make matters worse, they were pastured too close in the fall, owing to the shortage of grass in the regular pastures.—Geo. C. Smye.

WELLINGTON COUNTY

Harriston.—This has been a very backward spring, with quite a lot of rain, but farmers with 100 acres are through seeding. The ones with over one hundred are not quite finished.

Fall wheat came through the winter well. The meadows are good and the hay is coming along fine.—Alfred Howes.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

Seeding is practically completed in this section. Farmers are busy preparing corn and root ground. The weather for the past few days has been exceptionally fine and warm. We have had plenty of rain recently and crops and meadows, also pastures have made rapid growth. Prospects are good for an abundance of hay and pasture, and if conditions continue, all kinds of crops canot fail to be first class.—W. Waddell.

LACOMBE, ALBERTA.

The seeding is all finished and has gone in in good condition in this district. We are having a very favorable spring, fully one month earlier than last year. The fall wheat has attained a growth of 12 to 15 inches and in some instances more. The spring grain, particularly the earlier sown, is up at least 6 inches while the meadows and pastures in the district are looking remarkably well. The pasture is, however, largely composed of native grass as yet but there is a considerable acreage of timothy and brome grass for cutting, all of which is looking well. On the experimental farm alfalfa sown last season has come through the winter nicely and is showing a growth of 12 inches already.

Everything considered, the season gives promise of being a very favorable one and as the acreage is much increased over last year, it will mean much to the western provinces if these promises of good crops are realized.—G. H. Hutton.

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