

Reports on Crops.

Kentville, July 31st 1876.

DEAR SIR,—Your's received. In reply I beg to say: The crops of Hay are very good, and a large portion of them harvested in excellent order. The Fruit crop (owing to the season and certain winds prevailing at the time fruit was about *setting*) will be small. There have been no Cherries, and, only for the timely rain to-day, there would have been little or no fruit left on the trees. I think, now, what remains on the trees will probably be of good size. Early Potatoes are very small, and I think the dry weather has injured them so much that they can scarce recover, and must be a very small crop. I think, now this rain has come, the late Potatoes will be a good crop. Grain looks well, except on sandy land where the drought has ripened it prematurely—or it has died. There has never been such a dry time in this County for twenty-five years. Pastures are very much dried up. Many brooks never known to be dry before are now dry. I hope in another month to be able to give you a more certain and satisfactory account of matters, &c.

Yours, very truly,

HENRY LOVETT.

East Cornwallis, July 31st, 1876.

We might say a very favourable growing season, the weather has been very fair and warm but not the quantity of rain to cause a superabundant growth. The Hay crop on the whole far exceeds late years. This crop on the uplands is very good. The dykes on Canard River about the usual average, but the dykes on Cornwallis River, also Grand Pre dyke, is more than double the crop of last year. The hay is of good quality and being housed in excellent condition.

Winter Grain now being harvested is well filled. (This crop is worthy of far more extended cultivation.) The Grain crop on rich lands is looking very well. Wheat is always sown on the best land and bids fair. Other grains on poor lands have suffered from the dry weather, but on dyke lands and good upland soils the growth is very good, and stands up well, being better for the grain to fill than when the straw is beat down by storms.

Potatoes are just now nicely growing. This crop does best in dry seasons, so the prospect for Potatoes is very good.

Other crops, as Indian Corn, Beans, Turnips, Mangolds, and etc., though only grown in small patches, a mean lot cannot be found, where clean cultivation is at all practiced. The fruit crop is universally mourned, promising far short of what was anticipated from the show of blossoms. There must be a reason for

failure, although we cannot explain it. When we look into the works of Providence, in the growth of plants, there is nothing done by chance as would appear to the careless onlooker, but there is a law to guide every step; a beautiful connection in every growing plant from the first sunny days of Spring to the gathering in of the crop. The portion of the farm that suffers most from drought in summer is the pasture. Hay being plenty and cheap, some of the farmers are finding out that their stock can relish a feed of hay in July as well as in winter months. The Short Horns especially delight in a well-filled manger rather than the short pickings in the dry pasture.

E. C.

Windsor, July 31st, 1876.

(Extract from a private letter):—The Hay on the Dykes is almost all cut and stored. The crop is considered good. A Cow, Alderney x Ayrshire, calved for the first time this Spring, has sadly disappointed by yielding milk from only two teats. The two fore teats are dry. I want to know if you would kindly inform me whether this is a common thing, and whether there is any remedy for it. [We have written with suggestions for treatment, but shall be glad to have the greater experience of some of our correspondents who have had similar cases.—Ed.] I am preparing a paper for you on ancient Cochlearia. There is no copy of Dioscorides, so that I could not look out the Narcissus. I find in the Odyssey that Homer calls the willows *itéai olesikarpoi*, "destroyers of their own fruit," and nothing is more striking in Windsor in spring than to see the ground under the willows, which are so abundant, almost yellow with the flowers that have been cast down and destroyed by the tree.

Lower Canard, August 5th, 1876.

MY DEAR SIR,—Since I wrote you in June last, relative to the crop prospects, there has not been very much change to note in reference to them in general.

The weather has been very dry and hot, the thermometer ranging from 80° to 90° in the shade, and even much higher in some localities, which has had the effect of making the grass and making the haying season earlier than usual. Many of the farmers have already secured their hay, while most of them are "well on." I seldom, if ever, knew so much good hay secured in so short a time—there being three weeks or more of good hay weather. The late grass will be a much lighter crop than was anticipated, owing to the dry season, which must also materially affect the after grass. On the whole the hay crop will be

lighter than might have been expected from the appearance when I wrote you.

Grain of all kinds looks well, and, so far as I can learn, there is no appearance of the "weevil." I have cut and threshed my "patch" of Winter grain, which is eight days earlier than last season.

The early planted Potatoes have suffered from the dry weather and will necessarily be a small crop. Those planted later look well, and with seasonable rains will be a good crop.

The Apple crop will be small, although the prospect in June was everything that could be desired.

All stone and small fruits are scarce. There have been two or three good seasonable showers which have revived vegetation very much, but now the crops are suffering very much for the want of rain. On the whole the farmers will have fair returns for their labour.

Yours truly,

C. C. HAMILTON.

Paradise, July 27th, 1876.

MY DEAR SIR,—The Apple crop will not be as large as the prospect in June indicated. We shall, therefore, have less handling, and hope for better prices.

The farmers have taken the advantage of the fine weather in July, and have secured the upland hay in good condition. Other crops are looking well.

The Paradise Cheese Manufacturing Company are doing a good business. The factory is located in a fine dairy district, and averaged daily for the month of July 6400 lbs. of milk, which, under the skilful management of the experienced foreman Mr. Phinney, is converted into an excellent quality of cheese. Orders are being received from Halifax and St. John Grocers, and prices are something better than in the early part of the season.

Yours very truly,

W. E. STARRATT.

Paradise, July 31st, 1876.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your favour of the 28th inst., requesting further information concerning the state of the crops in this section, I regret that I shall be compelled considerably to modify my report of the 26th of June last. Since that date the rain-fall has been less, I think, than I ever knew for the same length of time,—hence the unfavourable change in the prospect of the crops. The weather in other respects has been delightful. While I write, however, copious showers are falling, and, if these are repeated plentifully enough, we may yet gather in a fair harvest.

The following may be taken as my present estimate of crops in this locality: Hay, about an average crop, but I never knew it housed in better condition. In-