

Spring Wheat.—Promise a good crop: a greater quantity is sown than was last year; the midge has not done much damage to the Black Sea, but the Fyfe or bald, of which there is not much sown, has been more than half destroyed by the weevil; therefore, we would advise our farmers to sow only the Black Sea. We are of opinion that the crop of this year will average about from ten to twelve bushels the acre.

Oats.—Are extensively sown this year; there will be—according to our opinion—something more than an average crop; they have been a little injured by the wet season in some low places; the heavy growth on the high land will more than make up for what is injured by the wet.

There is an insect which has made its appearance in the Oats this year which, we are of opinion, is doing some damage to the quality of the grain. They attach themselves to the stem, near the best end of the oats, and suck their living from it, when it is in the milk; to what extent of damage we can form no estimate.

Pease.—Are cultivated to about the usual extent, but the crop will fall short of the average of years past. Owing to the unusually wet spring there is a great growth of straw. The wet season has caused the crop in many places to mildew, thereby diminishing the quality as well as quantity.

Corn.—Is not much cultivated owing to the unfavourable spring, which deterred many farmers from planting after their ground was prepared for their crop. Those who did venture in planting will, in most cases, be remunerated. The most of it was planted late, and if the frost keeps off until about the 20th of September, the crop will be good.

Potatoes.—We are sorry to report, are deficient to a considerable extent. The planting had to be deferred until somewhat late, and the rust or blight attacked them early in August, which stopped their growth, consequently they will be small and inferior in quality.

Carrots.—Are cultivated to a considerable extent, and the crop promises to be a good one. The white species are most sown, and, in the opinion of the several competitors, are the most profitable.

Turnips.—Promise to be a good crop. They are not so extensively cultivated as the carrot; the Swedes are principally sown. The season has been against this crop, as they are mostly cultivated on low ground.

Beans.—Are not much cultivated; but we are of opinion that if more grown they would prove a remunerative crop.

Gardens.—Not much attention is paid to them among the farmers. In the villages we saw some that were well managed and neatly cultivated. And we would recommend the Society to encourage the gardens by making numerous prizes for this class.

Best Managed Farms.—We can report favorably as to the general management in the several parishes of the county. A good system of rotation is practised. A commendable spirit of enterprise and emulation seems to have taken hold of the agriculturists, which

shews itself in the improvements which are being made from year to year in fencing and clearing up, and draining low and heretofore unprofitable lands, and which now we might almost say, produce one hundred fold.

Our county suffers to some extent for the want of a thorough system of under drainage, and until that system is come out the productiveness of our soil cannot be fully developed. In some localities our farmers complain for the want of drainage tiles wherewith to lay down the drains. We would recommend our Society to encourage the manufacture of them in our county, or encourage the importation of them from other counties in the Province. We are informed upon good authority, that an enterprising gentleman of L'Orignal, C. W., C. P. Treadwell, is now manufacturing draining tiles in large quantities, which could be purchased at a moderate cost. Many of our farmers are adopting improved methods of cultivating their farms, by availing themselves of the advantages derived from the use of labour-saving machines—in cultivating an increased quantity of roots, which enable them to keep their stock in a thriving condition, at less cost than they have hitherto done. The improvement in the quality of stock is also manifest; some superior animals have been introduced into the country at considerable cost to the owners, for which they deserve the praise and support of their fellow-farmers.

Your inspectors were happy to perceive the improvement carried on by the agriculturists generally in their farm buildings, for the preservation of grain and produce, for the housing of stock, and general comfort of the farmer. The natural advantages of the county are many; the climate is healthy, the water pure and abundant, the soil is productive, and, with a little economy, the farmers will be prosperous and happy.

The whole nevertheless respectfully submitted.

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AWARDS:

Hay.—1, Ebenezer Hendrie, Chatham; 2, Alex. Paul, Bethany; 3, George Brown, Chatham; 4, Mrs. A. McOwat, Chatham.

Rye.—1, Edward Jones, jr., Island; 2, Paul Doig, Lachute; 3, Alex. McFarlane, Lachute.

Barley.—1, John McPhee, St. Andrews; 2, Edward Jones, jr., Island; 3, Jas. Barclay, Carillon; 4, Daniel de Hertel, jr., Centerville.

Fall Wheat.—1, Paul Doig, Lachute; 2, Alex. Paul, Bethany.

Spring Wheat.—1, Richard Byer, Lachute; 2, Albert Burwash, River Rouge; 3, Matthew Leroy, River Rouge; 4, Alex. Gordon, Chute Road; 5, Edward Jones, Island.

Oats.—1, Alex. Gordon, Chute Road; 2, James Wilson, E. Settlement; 3, John McGregor, Chute Road; 4, John Boa, Beech Ridge.

Pease.—1, John Burwash, River Rouge; 2, John Wainwright, Cote du Midi; 3, George B. Hooker, Centerville; 4, Louis Fournier, Brown's Gore.