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SHEEP.

Sheep are kept on most of the farms as a sort of side issue of the regular farm practice. Afew people keep fairly large flocks but the majority keep only small flocks. To one visiting this country, there seems to be a great opportunity for these people in connection with sheep farming. The breeds of which Registered stock has been imported are the Oxfords and the Shropshires.

HAY and GRAIN.

A great deal of hay is grown in this vicinity, which is shipped to Gaspe and to other points along the Coast to be used in the lumber camps. Grain is also grown about New Richmond for which a similar ready market is found.

POTATOES.

A certain quantity of potatoes is shipped from New Richmond every fall. This, however, does not appear to be a crop of prime importance in the district.

APPLES.

Small but very successful orchards are operated at New Richmond. In fact it was stated that the people at least have as many apples as they require for themselves. The balance, in most cases, is sold locally but one farmer was reported to have shipped 300 barrells last season.

One man told me that his apples had always been scabby, a difficulty which he was not able to overcome. He admitted that the trees needed pruning and that he had never "sprayed". The trees were planted too close to-gether to allow for much cultivation. He counted, however, with keen delight that he had allowed his pigs to root freely in the orchard and that the scab had disappeared.

EXPERIMENTAL STATION.

There is a Government Experimental Station at New Richmond with which the farmers are keenly competing. Certain individuals contend that the farm adjoining the Government farm is more prosperous than it is.

THE ANNUAL FAIR.

The farmers are now keenly interested in their annual fall fair which appears to be the "Event" of the year. Next fall prizes are to be offered encouraging the cultivation of "Green Feeds" The people are very much interested in Alfalfa which is yet in the experimental stages on this coast.

A new lot has recently been purchased for the purpose of making Fair Grounds. New buildings will be built and the Exhibition and the Exhibition grounds will be permanent fixtures.