

## REPORTS ON CROPS.

## ANTIGONISH COUNTY.

*Antigonish, July 9, 1884.*

DEAR SIR,—In response to your request I would say the spring which opened later than that of 1883 was cold and comparatively dry. Seeding though late was earlier in the main than last year. Vegetation, owing to the continuous cold and dry weather, was two weeks later than in '83. Grain and Roots of all kinds at this writing look well, and with a continuation (for ten days to come) of the very favorable growing weather of the past week a full average hay crop will be secured. Haying will commence from the 24th inst. to the 1st of August, in contrast with the 15th to 18th of July in 1883. From present appearances the farmers of this County may expect satisfactory returns for their labor.

Yours very truly,  
C. B. WHIDDEN.

## ANNAPOLIS COUNTY.

*Round Hill, Annapolis, July 12, '84.*

DEAR SIR,—The cold and wet weather during May retarded planting and sowing on wet lands until June, since which vegetation has been rapid and crops generally give promise of a good yield. Hay, except in the old fields and light sandy soils, promise an average yield. Grain—more sown than last year and looks well. Turnips, mangolds and other roots came up well and (where not injured by the late heavy rain) give promise of a good yield. Potatoes—less planted than last year; crop prospects good. Fruit generally good. Apples—there was an abundant show of blossoms, and notwithstanding the late frost and apple worm injuring some varieties, the yield promises to be above the average.

Very truly yours,  
GEO. WHITMAN.

*Maple Grove, Paradise, July 11, '84.*

MY DEAR SIR,—In reply to your circular I have to state that the season opened very unfavorably for the farmer. The month of May, till near the end, was cold and wet, and in consequence the most of the planting was done on the last days of May and first of June, which gave our farmers but a short time to prepare the ground and put in their seed; but we worked with a *will* and to *win*, and with the present favorable weather I have to report crops of all kinds looking well. The early potatoes planted on dry soil are already in bloom and give promise of a good yield.

The fruit trees were fully two weeks later than usual in leafing and blossoming, which has proved for the best, they having escaped the early frosts; the

bloom was unusually full and healthy, being the admiration of all, and with the present favorable weather more than an average crop is expected.

The Grain crops present a beautiful appearance and the indications are that we will have a heavy yield.

The Hay crop has not been so encouraging, but the recent warm weather with occasional showers has forced it along very rapidly, so that a better feeling is now being manifested among the farmers than was a few weeks previous.

I must not forget to mention about the horse-beans. I planted mine in drills; they came up well and have grown very rapidly—standing at the present writing about two feet. I hope to have them ripen that I may test their quality as a feed for cattle and horses.

Very truly yours,  
W. E. STARRATT.

## COLCHESTER COUNTY.

*Lower Stewiacke, July 12, '84.*

All crops promise an abundant yield. *Gratitude to the Giver.* Grass at present growing well,—a little late in flower. Cereals full and strong; a good breadth sown. Fruit good. Potatoes do. Farming operations much extended lately.

SAMUEL KELLEY.

*Lower Londonderry, 12th July, '84.*

DEAR SIR,—Your favor of the 8th inst. requesting information in reference to present condition and prospects of crops in this district to hand.

Hay which was an abundant crop here last year will be far short the present season. There seems to be a great amount of winter killing,—this was not a little augmented by the cold wet weather that prevailed during May. Oats are making a fine appearance. Barley—a larger quantity sown than for many years past, looking fair, except the early, which seem to have been injured by the heavy rains. Buckwheat promises well. Potatoes though late are looking splendidly, notwithstanding many fields were planted when the land was quite too wet. The present indications are that we will have an excellent yield. Turnips, etc., are making a good show.

Yours, etc.,  
A. R. FULTON.

## CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

*Amherst, July 12th, '84.*

Great general alarm was manifested respecting hay crop before late warm and wet weather. Grass on dry lands growing very rapidly and will be good. Unusually heavy rains have overflowed hundreds of acres of grass land and must injure it, and the extremely short growth on damp and poorly drained marsh and

uplands must certainly cause a light crop. Large areas of grain and potatoes sown and planted, but owing to lateness and wet of spring a large proportion was put in late and in land unfit to work, and the crop must suffer from it and from excess of rain since. Where not too wet vegetation very rapid now; but still I think persons working wet land this year must suffer materially from rains, and the crops will be light. We grow so little fruit, not worth while remarking about it.

HIRAM BLACK.

## HALIFAX COUNTY.

*Middle Musquodoboit, July 11, '84.*

The season was very cold up till the last of June. The prospect of a hay crop never was worse up to that time. Lately we have had warm showers and heat; there is now a prospect of a fair hay crop, though it will be a fortnight later than usual.

Very little wheat sown. Oats are coming on rapidly and look well, also buckwheat. Potatoes are strong and healthy. Turnips and mangolds have got a fair start. We had a visit from a hail storm, the most severe one we have had for 50 years; it destroyed a great deal of glass. As it was early in the season it did not do much damage to the crops, excepting the crop of chickens and turkeys which it slew right and left.

C. N. SERROR.

*Upper Musquodoboit, July 10, '84.*

DEAR SIR,—Wheat, early sown, looks beautiful. Hay prospects in many localities poor, particularly on lands not well cultivated. The warm weather with showers of the past eight or ten days will doubtless work wonders for the hay crop, and may on well cultivated lands bring the crop up to an average. Oats backward for the season, but color good, and standing close on the ground. Buckwheat—appearance just now indicate a full average. Potatoes in appearance give promise of a large yield. Prospects for the season never better. Mangels, not many sown, good. Turnips coming up well, growing strong, and but little damaged by the fly. The weather is everything that the farmer could wish for in forwarding the interests of agriculture in this locality.

Your humble servant,  
DAVID ARCHIBALD.

## HANTS COUNTY

*Maitland, July 12, '84.*

The spring being cold and wet, there was but little farming done in wet land during May; farmers who had dry land did better, a proof of the benefit of underdraining, which benefit our farmers are slow to take advantage of. During