

run far into June. Some potatoes even at present date are not planted. In June the gardens are made, other vegetables are put in and any late grain that is to be sown. It is an old saying, "A wet May plenty of hay." Winter grain, either wheat or rye, though but little sown, is proved to be a sure crop when got in early the previous Autumn. The fruit trees are fairly covered with a most beautiful display of blossoms. Beecher, in his "Life Thoughts," says the superfluous blossoms on a fruit tree are meant to symbolize the large way in which God loves to do pleasant things.

E. C.

Lower Canard, June 24th, 1876.

MY DEAR SIR,—In reply to your note of the 15th inst., I beg to say that as far as I have been able to judge, the Crop prospects on the whole are very promising.

The continued showers in May prevented the Farmers in many sections of the County from putting in their crops as early as was desirable, but the weather has been very favorable for their growth and they now look well.

I do not think the usual quantity of land has been planted with Potatoes, but the acreage of Wheat and other grains is much greater.

I never saw the grass more forward nor looking better at this season of the year. On early uplands the Clover is in blossom, and within a fortnight will require harvesting. There is every prospect of an abundant crop of Hay.

It is quite too early to speak definitely in reference to the Apple crop. The orchards blossomed very full, and as far as I can see Apples are setting well; but there are so many things to affect the crop before it matures that our fair prospects may be blighted.

Cherries, Plums, and Pears, as a general thing, will be a very light crop.

Your obedient servant,

C. C. HAMILTON.

Truro, June 26th, 1876.

DEAR SIR,—It is supposed by several farmers that the Potato crop of Colchester this year will be under the average, owing to showery weather the early part of the season, which prevented large and timely planting in several localities. Nor do all expect that upland Hay will be as good as it was last year—the Clovers having been reduced from winter-kill—but the Hay will be of a more marketable quality. Notwithstanding the drawback from rainy weather, the enterprise of our farmers has enabled them to sow good patches of Barley and Oats, and several tried Wheat imported from Ontario by Mr. McKay, M. P., but its success is in the future. Smaller seeds have also received due attention, and Root growers of other Counties may expect keen competition in this line, at the Provincial Exhibition here in October.

This month has been unusually warm, and it would seem that a wise Providence has given July weather, to mature crops that in ordinary seasons could not ripen. The heat has made everything grow with rapidity, and haying will be early. Yesterday's rain was much needed and will do great good. Permit me to add that the Exhibition Building Committee are progressing with their work. What was very recently a spruce grove is now a clear field half enclosed by Exhibition fence, sheds, pens and stalls. The spot begins to look one that may prove memorable in the future history of Nova Scotian agriculture, and, if I am not mistaken will rob the Common of a name handed down from the settlement of the Town: "Truro's lively Green."

Yours &c.,

I. L.

Lower Stewiacke, June 26th, 1876.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to yours of the 15th inst., I may say that, owing to the lateness of the season, the cultivated land in this section of Colchester being mostly heavy and wet, the crops generally, excepting Grass, look backward. Our seed time this season has been much like those of '72 and '74—rather discouraging for those having wet land. In the early part of May the weather was wet and cold; toward the last of the month there were some hot and dry days; but there were several sharp frosts that kept down the grass and retarded vegetation, so that there was not good pasturage until about the 10th of June, since that time the grass has been abundant. Throughout June the weather has been especially favorable for growth, but rains and frequent showers have made it very difficult to get the seed in the ground. Much of the Potatoes, most of the Barley, and some Oats have been put in within the last ten days, but the farmers generally now are about done; there are some that have Turnips and Buckwheat yet to sow. Extremely wet ground has not been dry enough to work this Spring. On warm, dry ground early Potatoes and early sown Grain look very promising. Hay, which is by far the most important crop with us, looks well, and on rich ground an abundant crop is now insured. Fruit trees have been covered with blossoms, but what the fruit will be cannot yet be told.

Yours truly,

W. W. PICKINGS.

New Annan, June 22nd, 1876.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to yours of the 15th (which I do at my earliest convenience) the season has been so late that we can scarce hazard an opinion about our Crop prospects. The greater part of May was cold and wet, with frequent falls of snow towards the latter end. We had a few good days, when those who had dry land got something done in the way of sowing and planting. That was succeeded by a week of wet weather—from the 5th to the 12th of June. Since the 12th the weather was such as to satisfy the most chronic grumbler. Our Haycrop looked very poor during the early part of Spring, but a vast improvement has taken place, and with suitable wea-

ther after this we are likely to have good crops. The Grain brains are looking uncommonly well for the time that has elapsed since sown; but down on the Shore last week, and in a great many cases even yet, they have not finished sowing, so that a great deal depends upon the latter end of the season if the crop matures. Later in the season, if you think it necessary, I may write to you, when a more certain account could be given.

Yours truly,

JOHN. PORTEOUS.

P. S.—I entirely forgot to say that our orchards give great promise of fruit. I have seldom or never seen such a fine blow, and as there was no frost to hurt the blossom they are appearing to set well.

J. P.

Muhone Bay, June 21st, 1876.

DEAR SIR,—I suppose you are looking to me for a Report of the State of the Crops in this County. I am pleased to inform you that the weather was all that could be desired. I never saw finer growing weather, and the crops of every kind look very promising. There is also every prospect of a good Apple crop, the weather was so very favorable while the trees were in bloom. They were two days' later than last year. Last year the weather was dry and smoky the first part of June. Since the weather has changed we have had seasonable rains, and for some days very warm and foggy mornings. The fog then moves some distance outside the harbor, and there it remains stationary all day, for the last ten days. The season is favored. Many people have done setting out Cabbage and Turnip plants, which is earlier than usual, and some are hoeing Potatoes—some have been hoed for some time.

Truly yours,

B. ZWICKER.

Glenely, June 21st, 1876.

DEAR SIR,—I duly received your favor of the 15th inst., requesting a statement of the condition and prospects of Farm Crops in this locality.

As in other parts of the Province the Spring was unusually late, and exceedingly cold and wet, so much so that farming operations were prosecuted slowly and with difficulty; seed was consequently late being put in and it is too soon to predict what may be the result of the harvest. The last fortnight the weather has been beautiful and warm with sunshine and occasional showers, which is bringing crops of all kinds on rapidly. Potatoes, considering the wet cold weather in which they were planted, are looking well, so are Wheat and Oats—of which there has been quite a large breadth sown.