

be some damage sustained by the grass becoming scalded. A large area was planted and sown, which, on dry soils, promises rich returns; but those who have cultivated wet land this year may fear that the potatoes will not realize their expectations. The land about Amherst is generally dry, and I think there is every reason to hope for an abundant harvest.

I remain, &c.,
HIRAM BLACK.

FROM M. G. HENRY, ESQ., CLYDE RIVER.
Clyde River, June 25th, 1874.

DEAR SIR,—In answer to your enquiry about the prospect of crops in this district, I reply:—

The *Hay Crop* is very promising. The grass looking well—the bottom is thick, and if we continue to have ordinary growing weather, there will be more than an average crop of hay.

Potatoes are not so far forward as usual at this time of year; but they are coming up well and look healthy.

I can scarcely say any thing about *Apples*. It is rather early to be able to judge of the prospects of this crop. But so far as we can judge, these promise to be just a middling crop.

Small fruits promise to be quite abundant. Vegetables came up quite well.

The spring was very late—everything was behind its usual time for starting in growth. The winter was severe on shrubs and trees on account of the open winter months followed by cold. But June has made up for all the backwardness of the spring. We could not have had a finer growing month for grass. It may have been rather wet for small seeds. There were no spring frosts to destroy bloom or tender vegetables, so that upon the whole it promises to be a fruitful season.

Agricultural products, as you know, are not very large in this County. Lumbering and fishing are the most important industrial pursuits. Yet the fruits of the earth, are precious high in price, and have their interest even in this County.

Yours, &c.,
M. G. HENRY.

FROM A. C. A. DOANE, ESQ., BARRINGTON.
Barrington, June 19th, 1874.

DEAR SIR,—Your favor of June 10th is at hand. In reference to the crops, the prospects are generally considered favorable. Owing to the cold weather in April, the sowing of seeds was retarded, and it may be that some of the crops are a little late, but most sown vegetables are up and looking vigorous. We have had abundant rains, which have tended to bring the grass forward with unusual

rapidity. The probability is the hay crop will be very abundant. Cereals are looking well; potatoes are promising.

Fruit trees have not bloomed so profusely as last year, yet sufficient to indicate a medium yield if not injured.

On the whole we see no reason to doubt that the hopeful anticipations of farmers will be fully realized.

I am, dear sir,
Your obedient servant,
A. C. A. DOANE.

FROM BENJAMIN ZWICKER, ESQ., MAHONE BAY, CO. LUNenburg.

DEAR SIR,—I am in receipt of yours of the tenth June, and, in reply to your request, will endeavor to give you as full a statement of the prospects of the crops in this County as I can. The spring came very late. April was the coldest I remember; the 13th I drove with horse and sleigh fifteen miles in the country over a very good road. The first of May we had 29 inches snow in some places in the woods, and to take a glance over the country now, you can scarcely realize the wonderful change which has taken place in so short a time. The prospects are very promising. The Hay crop is all that the Farmers could wish, viz., the appearance of a very good crop. The Potatoes came up well and thrifty, and some Farmers are now hoeing them. The Barley is likewise looking well, wheat there is very little sown. Winter-rye is very little sown here, and have not heard of its prospects. The last two or three days have been rainy, and no appearance of a change. It is rather too wet for heavy soil. The Barley is apt to turn yellow and grow too rich and tender for the want of more sun, and will lodge before it is well headed out. The apple crop is promising; but the plums will be short, our trees are dying, there is a black lump grows on the branches and deforms them, it grows very rapidly, and kills old and young without distinction. I wish some of the numerous readers of your *Journal* could give me some receipt for the cure, they would confer a great favour on a humble Dutchman.

Most respectfully, yours,
B. ZWICKER.
Mahone Bay, June 19th, 1874.

FROM CHARLES ALLISON, ESQ., KEMPT, QUEEN'S COUNTY.

Kempt, Queen's Co., June 17th, 1874.

DEAR SIR,—I received yours of the 10th inst., requesting me to send you a statement of the prospects of the crops in this section of the Province, and I take the earliest opportunity of complying with your request.

The season up to the 1st May was extremely backward, April being more

like a winter month than March. About the 1st May the weather changed for the better, and the whole month was favorable for farming operations, and enabled the farmers to get in their crops in good season. June, so far, has been favorable. The crops of all kinds seem to be coming up well. Grass and grain look very well. The fruit trees of all kinds are full of blossoms, and promise an abundance of fruit. Should the weather prove favorable during the ensuing month, we may safely predict an abundance of all kinds of crops.

Yours truly,
CHARLES ALLISON.

FROM J. M. FREEMAN, ESQ., PLEASANT RIVER.

Pleasant River, June 18th, 1874.

DEAR SIR,—Yours of the 10th inst. has only just come to hand, and if this is as long reaching you as yours was in coming to me, it will barely be in time.

The prospect for a large hay crop has not been so good for several years in this part of Queen's County. Potatoes are starting finely, and the grains principally raised here, oats, barley and rye, are looking well. Fruits, judging from the blossoms, will be of a fair yield. The weather upon the whole has been favourable for early planting, but latterly we have had frequent rains, although no great rainfall at one time. The small field and garden seeds have come up quickly. The weather has been so favorable for germination that there is no complaint about poor seed made.

Your truly,
J. M. FREEMAN,
Secy. M. A. Ag. S.

FROM DAVID ARCHIBALD, ESQ., UPPER MUSQUODOBOIT

Upper Musquodoboit, June 19th, 1874.

DEAR SIR,—In answer to your favor of the 10th inst., I would beg to state respecting crop prospects in this locality, that in consequence of the lateness of spring season, oats and barley were in many cases sown late, and the continuation of cold weather has caused these crops to appear backward for the season of the year. Potatoes, where planted early on dry soil, look well and promising. But the principal part of this crop was planted late, and is now just coming up; excepting in low and wet soils, the potatoes planted have rotted in the ground, and in some instances, farmers are planting over a second time. Wheat with us is cultivated on a small scale, but where cultivated looks extremely well.

Hay is our most important crop; it gives promise of a good yield. The grass lands look uncommonly well for the season. The frequent showers during the latter