

take a start till the middle of May. On the whole, however, I think the hay crop in this district will be good. Garden stuff looks well generally. Wheat begins to look pretty well. The partial failure last year deterred a good many of our farmers from trying it this year. Oats promise to be a good crop. Corn (only grown here for table use) has made no growth yet on account of continued cold. Carrots, beets, &c., look fairly well. None of our crops show an advancement proportionate to the season.

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DIGBY.

DIGBY, July 10th, 1882.

On arriving at home last Saturday evening from the Anglican Synod in Halifax, I found your favor of 3rd inst., requiring an answer on or before the 12th July. So I hastened to make the necessary enquiries, and now send the result, with my own observations, as soon as possible.

The crops in a general way look well and promise a good yield. Notwithstanding the extraordinary lateness of the spring and the subsequent cold wind and rains, vegetation seems to be making up for lost time.

Hay will be, I think, above the average. Some of the old fields, too closely grazed in the autumn and insufficiently manured, appeared at first to be extensively winter-killed; but now those fields are largely recovering, and lands in anything like fair condition will turn out well. Salt grass is good, for the season.

Wheat was not quite so extensively sown in some parts of this county this spring as in the two years immediately preceding, and the cold and cloudy weather, so far, has had a depressing effect upon it. Oats and barley look well.

Potatoes promised well, and judging by the gardens, this year gives token of good root-crops generally.

Fruit of all sorts looks well.

On the whole, it may be said that the lateness of the spring is likely to be quite compensated by the succeeding uncommon rapidity of vegetation.

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HALIFAX.

UPPER MUSQUODOBIT,

July 11th, 1882.

The crop prospects in our district are as follows:—The appearance and prospects for Hay on dry and well cultivated soils are very good—much ahead of the two last years; on low and wet lands not so good—too much rain and cold weather. Wheat, more sown. Barley, on dry land,

good; on wet lands, poor, and in some places dying out. Oats, early sown, good; late sown, poor and backward for the season. Buckwheat, in consequence of so much wet weather, was sown late, and is far behind for the season of the year. Potatoes, where the lands would admit of them being planted early, look very promising, but a large part of the potato crop could not be got into the ground early, consequently is backward. Turnips, late sown, have been destroyed in many places by the fly; early sown, look well.

The spring with us has been extremely cold, wet and late, and therefore considerable parts of the crops had to be sown and planted when the soil was not in proper condition to receive them.

DAVID ARCHIBALD.

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LOWER CANARD, N. S.,

July 10th, 1882.

In reply to your favor of the 3rd, making enquiry about the crops in this district, I have to say: the season was at first very backward, but the fine, warm weather toward the last of June, with occasional showers, has caused a very rapid growth of the vegetation generally, and at present the crops, with a few exceptions, are but little if any behind the average season. The hay crop, though very large last year, is but little if any smaller this, certainly it will be above an average. Wheat and oats are looking fairly, but the spring sowing having been later than usual, it is rather soon to give a correct idea about the prospect for these crops. I think the acreage sown is less than that of other years; very little of other grains sown. Potatoes, the quantity planted is above the average. Farmers in this district finding this the most profitable crop, as a rule, but especially so the last year, have been encouraged to plant very extensively. The crop is looking unusually well, though some fields were not planted until late in June, owing to heavy rains during the planting season. The "Berbank Seedling," a new variety, was introduced two or three years ago, and this season has been much inquired after. This is a white potato, and being very smooth, handsome and healthy, as well as a good yielder, bids fair to take the place of all other varieties for shipping purposes. Other vegetables are doing well, but few are grown, however, except what are required for home use. Fruit:—the apple crop promises to be abundant. Pears blossomed well, but there appears to be very little fruit set. Plums, a light crop. Cherries plentiful. The country is looking very beautiful. The three principal crops of this district, viz.: Hay, apples

and potatoes, are giving ample signs of an abundant reward to the labours of the husbandman.

C. F. EATON.

STARBUCK'S POINT, July 6th, 1882.

Yours of the 3rd, asking for a report of the crops came duly to hand, and, as I have a few spare moments to-day, I devote them to reply. First—grass, altho' late in starting, is thick, strong and luxuriant in pastures, meadows, and dyked marshes; clovers rapidly coming into bloom; red top and timothy commencing to show head, and, if the weather, which is now, and has been for several days, cold and wet, should turn warm and dry, haying would be on hand as early as usual, and the crops very heavy. Grain—winter wheat badly killed during the winter, some few patches that escaped are looking fairly; spring wheat on dry and well-drained land looking well and promising good returns; quite a large breadth has been sown this year, enough, if fairly successful, to make a decided difference in the importation of flour into this County next season. Barley, early sown on dry land looking well, late sown on wet soils in some instances looking rather yellow. Oats, for the most part looking very well, quite a large acreage sown. Buckwheat—on account of the lateness of the season there has been a greater breadth of this useful farmer's grain sown this year than usual; it is too early to speak of its prospects now, but it is coming quickly and strong. Corn is not much planted for grain in this section, the little there is, is looking stunted and yellow, on account of the weather being so cold; strange to say, the white southern corn, of which quite a large breadth has been planted for soiling and ensilage purposes, is holding its own and is looking better than the native yellow. Potatoes, our staple field crop, although later than usual, are looking well for the most part, and I hear very few complaints of failure or rotting of seed. We are now in the midst of "hoeing," and the weather is so favorable to the growth of weeds and so unfavorable to the killing of them, that those farmers who have been careless in past years are now having more than their hands full to keep up to their work. The breadth planted is large, the extremely high prices of the past season is doubtless the main reason for the increase of acreage. Turnips have been planted much more freely this year than usual, the high price in the New York and Boston markets last year, and the call for northern grown turnips, now that they know the difference in quality, it is supposed will continue to give us a paying market there in the future; but, if our neighbors across the line do not want