OUR FARMERS' CLUB

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MISSISQUOI CO., QUE.

FRELIGHSBURG. — The drought which prevailed for nearly two months was broken during the latter part of August, and since then frequent rains have furnished plenty of water for all purposes, and have started the grass in meadows and pastures. Silo filling has been the order of the past few weeks, but all the corn is now cut. The yield has been below the average in both quantity and quality. Husking corn is very poor, most of it being immature at time of cutting, after a slight frost had touched it. Since most of it was cut, the weather has been exceptionally warm and sunny. Potatoes generally are yielding heavy crops, and generally free from rot. Live hogs have been very high but prices have dropped from 25c to 50c per cwt., selects now selling at $8.50 to $8.75 a cwt. Quite a number of creameries along the United states border are shipping cream to the United States, and are getting from 2c to 2½c above the highest board prices for butter. This has caused quite a scarcity of butter and the home dairymen find a ready market locally for all they make.—C. A. W.

ONTARIO

HASTINGS CO., ONT.

SIDNEY CROSSING. — The crop generally has been a very good one. Grain has turned out fairly well. Canning corn is averaging from one to four tons an acre. It has a remarkable growth of stalk, which will help the feed wonderfully. People are taking good care of the straw, hay and stalks, and will have an abundance for stock this winter. For the last few years there have not been many stacks around the barns, but this fall there are quite a number. Of course the most of these will be moved in as soon as the ground is frozen up, and people have time to do the work. Pastures are very dry. A new pest has appeared in the potatoes, a long white grub, which eats the potatoes in the hills. Only a few patches around here are bothered, but west of us reports come of whole fields of potatoes being worthless when dug. Very little plowing has been done yet, but the recent rains will help on light land. The gang plowing is a serious question, as the sow thistle is making its appearance here for the first time, mostly in corn fields after the cultivation is stopped. Alfalfa is fast gaining a foothold among the farmers. Nearly every one has a few acres seeded this year, and it is looking very well. Apple packing is now in full swing. They are dropping fast. In some orchards they are nearly all on the ground. As a general rule they are a fair size and free from scabs and worms.. Hay is selling for $15 a ton; oats, 35c to 40c a bush; barley, 70c; corn, 90c; wheat bran, $21 to $22 a ton; eggs, 30c a doz; butter, 30c a lb; cheese, 12½c a lb; potatoes, 60c to 70c a bag; milch cows, $30 to $50; beef, 5c to 6c a lb; hogs, $8.10 a cwt; chickens, 15c a lb.—J. K.

THE RIDGE.—Harvest is all over. Corn cutting is also done. Grain was a good crop. One field of about eight acres on Wm. Bird's farm on "The Ridge," yielded 526 bushels of oats. Peas were a good crop. Not much wheat was sown. Corn was a grand crop. Potatoes are not out of the ground yet but appear to be extra good, so is the turnip crop. Farmers are just starting to plow, and find the ground in excellent shape for fall plowing. —A. B. C.

VICTORIA CO., ONT.

BURY'S GREEN. — Threshing is in full swing. Grain is of a good sample and turning out well. Considerable late grain went into the barns too soon and is tough to thresh. Second crop of clover is extra good in many places, and much good fodder has been added to the supply. Some have left good fields of clover for seed, but not in large quantities. It is feared the frost has injured it considerably. Large cuts of second and third crops of alfalfa have been taken off, and it is a well settled conclusion the farmers have come to that the future clover crop is to be alfalfa. Corn was a heavy crop. Very few have silos but many are thinking more seriously about the matter of erecting them. Roots are a fairly good crop. Turnips are not as yet a bumper yield. Potatoes are fine. Rot has made its appearance in some localities. Apples are not very heavy but sufficient for home supply. Very little fall wheat has been sown, and fall rye is not in the list any more. Fat stock are scarce, and stockers sell well. Porkers are being used well. Some think they are not such bad animals after all.—G. B.

HARTLEY. — The farmers are still on the move. Threshing, filling silos, getting together their fall crop, is still the order of the day. The grain is yielding above the average. Corn for ensilage is extra, which is a good outlook for the dairy. The potato crop is better than we have had for many years, although the potatoes do not seem to ripen. The mangolds and turnips are still looking well. The apple crop is fair, not as large a crop as we have had but will have plenty for using. On this farm we have had the second crop of peas nearly fit for using. If the weather is favorable, we will be able to harvest the same, which is promising to be a fair crop. With plenty of feed and a few more weeks of fine weather, we will be able to welcome winter.—W.M.

NORTHUMBERLAND CO., ONT.

EDVILLE.—Large quantities of tomatoes are coming into the canning factory in Brighton. Owing to the cool season they are much later in ripening than usual, and probably many of them will not ripen at all. It is very fortunate for the growers of this fruit that there has been no serious frost yet. The Colborne exhibition held last week was a great success, both in its exhibits and attendance. Silos are coming into use in this part of the country to help tide over the winter season. Those who have them seem to be well pleased. Mr. George Gunme: has two of them in use upon his farm, and Mr. Ed. Hinman has just been fitting a new silo upon his farm, which is about 10 feet in diameter and 22 feet high. He uses green corn cut with an engine, which is blown into the top of the silo through a six inch pipe.—S. H.

HALIBURTON CO., ONT.

KINMOUNT. — Minden held their 45th annual fair on October 5th, a glorious autumn day. A large crowd showed that a thoroughly agricultural show was appreciated. There was no horse racing or side shows. The money all goes in prizes for products of the farm. All classes were well represented. The poultry and exhibits in the hall would make the larger farmer envious. This north country is hard to beat in grain, roots and vegetables. The flowers showed what pride Minden people take in their gardens. Threshing is in full swing, the grain turning out well. Potatoes are mostly all dug. They are an excellent crop. Cattle are about all picked up. Small pigs are in good demand, $3 a pair being the price paid for four weeks' old. Plowing is being pushed forward. Potatoes sell for 50c a bag; oats, 45c a bush; chickens, 10c a lb, live weight; 12½c dressed; butter, 20c; eggs, 25c a doz; beef, 10c to 15c a lb; pork, 12c a lb.—L. T.

MIDDLESEX CO., ONT.

PUTMAN. — This is the regular dairy part of Middlesex. Putman is surrounded by six cheese factories, and all doing a first class business. The river flats and some of the higher land afford abundance of succulent pasture, from which the cows milk very freely. Most of the dairy men keep Holsteins; some are pure bred, others high grade, but all noble milkers. Passengers from the car windows have seen from 20 to 60 black and white cows pasturing in some of the big ranges. To supplement the grass, corn is grown in large quantities; this is fed from the fields, and also put into the silos for winter feeding. Some of the milk from this district is also sent to the condenser at Ingersoll. This pays about as well as the cheese factories do. Not much wheat is grown, but on the acreage sown the yield this year was splendid; 40 and 45 bushels to an acre was quite common. The sample also was first class, testing 3 or 4 lbs. above the standard weight. Spring grain is not very good but better than was at one time expected. The sample is bright and good. There is no scarcity of water, as many springs afford an inexhaustible supply for man and beast. Apples and potatoes are only about half a crop, although the latter cook nicely.—J. E. O.

ELGIN CO., ONT.

SOUTHWOLD.—At one time this district was covered with an immense growth of timber, elms predominating. Sawmill's and stave factories in years past have made great inroads on the forest, and now the land is under cultivation. The soil is a clay loam, producing fine crops in suitable seasons. The hay was splendid, and the wheat will average 30 bush. an acre this year. The late sown spring grain is not very good, but what was sown before the snowstorm last spring has done much better, some oats turning out 47 bush. an acre. Cattle, wood, brick, wheat, hogs, apples and other farm produce is shipped in carloads from this little station. Many a Toronto table receives a part of its supply from the good things shipped from this well-tilled section. The apple packers are now on their rounds, the crop being above what was at one time expected. A nearby farmer delivered some hogs to the buyers here, and received nearly $19 each for them; the price then was $8.25. This farmer told the writer that these hogs had not cost him much to produce. They lived in his orchard and on grass and whey most of the summer, and were finished off for about three weeks on a more substantial ration. Much wheat has been delivered. The price paid was $1 and under a bush. Most all the threshing is finished.—J. E. O.

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JACKSONVILLE.—After the recent rains the marshes in the lower part of the province were flooded and hundreds of tons of hay which had not been gathered in were ruined. The majority of farmers were done harvesting their grain, but some were not. Grain that was lying cut in the fields sprouted so as to be almost useless. Potato digging is the order of the day. This week will see the potatoes nearly all out of the ground. They are rotting very fast. The writer recently saw one field being dug that turned out about 8 per cent. bad, but when the field was finished they were fully 65 per cent. bad. Some report them to be rotting in the cellars. In Aroostook Co., State of Maine, which adjoins us, they are going bad even worse than here.—W. R. McC.

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