

of the last few weeks it has been remarkably rapid, so that now the promise far exceeds what might have been expected. Turnips, carrots, and mangold wurtzel are not cultivated to any considerable extent. This doubtless is a great oversight, as these roots are well known to be far more valuable than hay for feeding and fattening stock. Of the three, the mangold wurtzel is probably the best, and yet it is the least grown, though much less exposed to the attacks of insects, which are so injurious to the turnip. Potatoes are far more cultivated than any other of the root crops. This year they came up very well; and, if we are to judge by the display of leaves and by the flowers, which in some cases are already to be seen, then assuredly there will be an abundant return. Altogether, so far as I have observed, the root crops look well. The apple, as it is one of the principal products of the County, deserves special mention. The crop of last year was unusually fine, but as might be supposed that of this season is not nearly so great. Yet some orchards are quite loaded, and generally there will be a fair yield. Cherries are not cultivated extensively except at Bear River. They are said to be very abundant.

Considering the Field Crops generally, there is no reason for complaint; the labor of the cultivator will probably be bountifully repaid, and every industrious farmer made to feel that the hand of the diligent maketh rich, when he sees that his calling ensures him both profit and independence.

Yours respectfully,

CHAS. B. WHITMAN.

FROM A. C. A. DOANE, ESQ.

BARRINGTON, 12th July, 1873.

Dear Sir,—In compliance with your request respecting the condition of the Field Crops in this section of the country, I beg to state that owing to the cold and dry weather in May and June, vegetation was considerably retarded. Many of the smaller seeds, as beets, carrots, parsnips, turnips, cabbage, &c., did not vegetate well, and to the few that sprouted, the insects proved very destructive, particularly to turnips and cabbage. Several plots of ground had to be resown. The indications now are somewhat better, but on the whole the root crops and garden vegetables are not so promising as usual. Potatoes are generally looking well, and there is a prospect, unless disease ensues, of a plentiful yield. The kind mostly planted is the Rose.

Recent rains have tended greatly to promote the growth of grass. Clover is vigorous and in full bloom. Timothy and other grasses are heading out well. Except in high or sandy lands, the crop seems as good as usual, and it is believed the haying, which is just being commenced,

will show a favorable result. White clover is abundant on the pasture lands. Wheat is seldom sown. Barley, oats and Indian corn are growing finely. We regret these cereals are not more generally sown, as good crops are frequently obtained.

This is an auspicious season for fruit. Apple trees bloomed exuberantly, and they are now well-filled with young apples. Plum trees also give promise of being productive, and oven berries are abundant. It is gratifying to know that considerable interest is being taken in fruit culture, and that the prospects of success are encouraging.

Yours respectfully,

A. C. A. DOANE.

FROM BENJAMIN ZWICKER, ESQ.,
MAHONE BAY.

Dear Sir,—In reply to yours of the 3rd inst., I beg to say that I can give you a very favorable report of the prospects of the crops of every kind in this County. I have been to Kingsburg through South, and I have also been to Chester, and have seen people from New Germany, and received the same answer from all that the crops of every kind look very favorable. I never saw them look better. The country really looks cheering to the farmer. Last year we had an abundant crop of hay, and from what I can hear my own opinion is, that the crop this year will be fully equal to last year. The weather was all that the farmer could desire to make the crops good. We have had such beautiful rains lately, excellent for the growing of cabbage and turnips, as they are all done setting out the plants. It is the French Turnip that we generally grow. The farmers have now fairly commenced haying this week; some have cut some last week. Although the Spring was about twelve days earlier than last year, yet the grass retained its freshness longer this year than last. I have kept a regular journal of the weather for the last twenty years, so that I can tell how the wind and weather was every day this year. The farmers were blessed with fine weather for farming operations, and we ought to be very thankful to the Giver of all good. The apple and plum crops are also very promising.

I shall be most happy to give you information at any time on the crops of this County. Yours, very truly,

B. ZWICKER.

MAHONE BAY, July 14th 1873.

FROM CHARLES ALLISON, ESQ.

KEMPT, QUEENS CO., July 14, 1873.

Dear Sir,—In reply to your favor of the 8th inst., respecting the prospects and present state of the crops in this locality, I would say that hay, which is our principal crop, is likely to be an

average one, although, owing to the dry cold weather in May and the early part of June, fears were entertained that the crop would be a failure. Potatoes in general look well, and promise to be a good crop. The grain of different kinds so far promises well, but it is too soon to form an estimate of what the crop is likely to be. Turnips and other roots, so far, look well and promise to be an average crop. Apples which thrive well here, and are being cultivated to a considerable extent, are likely to be a failure, owing to a heavy frost which occurred while the trees were in blossom.

The weather is now very dry, and crops of all kinds are suffering for want of rain, having had none of any consequence for about four weeks.

Yours, very truly,

CHARLES ALLISON.

FROM J. J. O'BRIEN, ESQ.

NOEL, 12th July, 1873.

Dear Sir,—Agreeably to your request of the 8th inst., I beg to state for your information that the crops in this part of the County, on the whole have a favorable appearance. The Spring was dry and cold, the chance for getting in a large crop was good and well improved, but the growth was slow until the showers in June, which brought the crops of all kinds on rapidly. As far as my information and observation go, the hay on rich land will be above an average, but on the old meadows and high, dry uplands a light crop. The rain was rather late coming. Recent showers have been favorable. The grain promises well. Wheat is rather thin, but the oats and barley look well. Potatoes have come up very well and if the blight does not prevent we may expect a good crop. Turnips, beans, and other roots and vegetable crops are doing well for this season of the year. I may mention that the Alsike clover seed, obtained from Mr. Saunders' Seed Store, Argyle Street, has proved a success wherever it has been tried, a very important supplement to the hay crop. It makes a heavy, nutritious and palatable hay, comes to maturity just in time for the timothy hay, and as far as has been tried stands the winter better than the red clover.

The fruit crop promises pretty well but not so large as we were led to hope for by the blossoms which were uncommonly plenty of all sorts, strawberries especially—a frost about the middle of June caused, it is said, a serious deficiency.

The above has reference more particularly to East Hants. I hope, however to have information from West Hants in a few days, which I intend to forward to you. Yours respectfully,

J. J. O'BRIEN.