

results of our crops in general, but hay must be light unless under some very favourable circumstances. Turnips are not sown to any great extent here, but what I have seen are looking very well for the season. L.

PARRSBORO', July 11th, 1870.

In reply to your letter of the 5th inst., I have to state that the different crops in this district are looking well. Great fears were entertained of the hay crop on account of the two severe drouths we have had; but the later rains have so improved it that there is now a fair prospect of an average crop. Potatoes planted early rotted in a great many instances, especially the earlier kinds; the ground had become too dry and heated for them to vegetate, no rain having fallen for five or six weeks, from the middle of April until the 24th of May, when we had an afternoon of snow and rain. In many places they were replanted, and the fields now generally have a promising appearance. If there should be no blight, no doubt there will be a fair crop of potatoes. Grains of all kind promise well, although oats sown early and up were checked in their growth by the heavy frost of 22nd May.

Apple trees everywhere were white with blossoms in May, promising a large crop; but a heavy frost that occurred here on the night of 22nd May, it is feared destroyed the blossoms on young fruit to a considerable extent. Frost also destroyed, the same night, the strawberry blossoms, which at that time was mostly out and very plentiful in our fields, so that now we are gathering but a light crop of this favourite berry.

T. D. DICKSON.

YARMOUTH, July 7th, 1870.

Circular respecting crops received this morning. In this County the season has been very favourable up to date, for all kinds of crops; warm, mild weather with timely rains to keep vegetation growing; the open winter allowed daily working of the soil and getting in of crops, so that we seem to be a fortnight earlier in potatoes and most vegetables than last year. The hay crop is fully 25 per cent. above the average, and there is promise of its being secured in good condition, the cutting having commenced a fortnight since. Potatoes have made an unusually vigorous growth, are now in bloom, and will be matured before there is any danger of blight: the Early Rose look even finer than last year, and are being exhibited now in small lots large enough for the table.

With good pasturage the product of the dairy should be in excess, except that a much larger number of young stock is being raised from the imported stock.

Grain is also growing well, small fruits in abundance, and exempt from enemies in the shape of slugs, borers, &c. Strawberries from my garden (Wilson's Albany) first gathered for the table, July 2nd, since then daily.

Much complaint of loss of plants while young from the turnip flea, which completely destroyed successive sowings of cabbages, cauliflowers, turnips, &c. A remedy in next April's Journal would be useful.

Fruit trees are also doing well; with absence of gales of wind it will be a most favorable season.

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UPPER STEWACKE, }  
11th July, 1870. }

Our crops have a very fair appearance, especially the grain and potatoes. The month of May was most remarkably favourable for farming operations. Owing to the dryness of the soil the harrow performed its work admirably, and so completely pulverized the ground as to enable it to stand the severe drought which continued until the 20th June, and which so stunted the grass as to occasion great fears of a failure of the hay crop. The rain however which commenced on the evening of that day and continued until the earth was completely mollified and moist, and the seasonable showers with which we have since been favoured, have greatly dissipated the fears that were entertained in regard to the grass, and there is now a fair prospect of an average crop, although it must fall considerably short of that of last year.

The pastures have been excellent, and the yield of the dairy was probably never better in this township. S. C.

MERIGOMISH, July 12, 1870.

I am in receipt of yours of the 5th inst., and have to apologize for not answering it sooner.

I now herewith give you a brief statement of the prospects and condition of the crops in this district.

The long drought throughout the greater part of May and June has had a very injurious effect on the hay crop, although of late there have been some very fine rains, which will be of great benefit, nevertheless I do not think it will be an average crop.

Wheat that was sown in the latter part of April and beginning of May looks remarkably well, and promises to be good; but what was sown in the latter part of May and beginning of June is thin and not very promising, but late rains have improved it very much, as likewise all other crops. It has been a practice among our farmers here for some time back when they cannot sow wheat the

latter part of April, to put it off until the first week of June. This is done to avoid the ravages of the weevil or midge, and has generally been successful.

The Barley and Oats are doing well, and are, from all appearances, likely to be a fair crop.

Potatoes are also looking well, and promise to be good.

It is too early in the season yet to say what the Turnips may be, but the late rains are very favorable for them. Within the last week or two the season has been most favourable, and vegetation looks remarkably vigorous.

R. S. COPELAND.

ANTIGONISH, 11th July, 1870.

Your note of the 5th came to hand. I would have answered it before now but was from home. I have been on a visit to Inverness County, C. B., where the crop is very backward owing to the great drought in the first part of June. The prospect there is, it may be a fair crop if not a good one, owing to the heavy rains of late.

The prospect of the crop in our county is greatly brightened by the late rains. The hay crop is very forward owing to the great heat in June. The Red Clover is so abundant that an early cutting of it will be unavoidable, which will render the crop light in some of our best meadows. The late growth will be (if these rains continue) more abundant. Our wheat crop, the early sowing of which was much, will be light in straw; its productiveness in grain depends on its escaping the weevil. The late sowings suffered from the heat and dry weather when sown, but hid to do well in many localities, though in many other parts the injury is serious. The oat crop promises to be a large crop in straw. The potato crop in many districts failed by the rot, or by the heat destroying the seed in the ground before it came up. In most places it looks well, and bids to be a large crop, as there were more than usual of them planted, owing to the abundant crop last year. The other crops, such as barley and buckwheat, are not in such a forward condition as to judge of them as yet. The same can be said of the other green crops, but owing to the timely and abundant rains of late we may fairly infer that the crop in general will be a fair, if not an abundant one.

JOHN MCKINNON.

Your note of the 5th inst., came to my house in my absence in Halifax, asking for a statement of the crops in this district. I will now endeavour to do so as correctly I think as it can be given. I have seen people from different parts of the county, and all give the same answer when the question is asked.