

growing rapidly, but far behind for the season of the year. Very wet spring caused late sowing. Buckwheat,—increased acreage, but late and backward; crop don't give good promise. Barley late; stands thin on the ground, particularly on low lands. The crop will be below an average. Potatoes, in consequence of late planting, are in many places far behind former seasons; the plants have come up well, colour good, stocks free from bugs and other vermin, and the crop in growth advancing rapidly. Turnips late, and not at all promising; continued wet weather in spring caused the soil to become hard and baked; the Turnip crop cannot flourish under such circumstances, consequently the crop here will be below the average. Mangolds are not sown extensively in this place, but where they have been sown, particularly the early sown, look vigorous and promising. The Hay, Oat and Potato crops are the three on which our farmers largely depend for their prosperity, and, although the Oat and Potato crops should not come up to the mark, yet the promising Hay harvest will more than counterbalance the deficiency. Hay lands prepared with lime as a top-dressing give promise of an uncommon yield. When our farmers wake up to the importance of using lime on our lands then will agriculture flourish in our midst.

Your humble servant,
DAVID ARCHIBALD.

HANTS COUNTY.

MILFORD, July 16th, 1883.

The grass crop in Shubenacadie and vicinity will be rather below the average, but not to say a short crop. On account of the wet spring the acreage in grain is much less than the average, and with the exception of some fields of early grain, is now suffering from want of rain. The same may be said of roots, but there is yet time for Turnips to make a good crop if seasonable showers set in soon. The Hay in this locality will be much earlier than usual, both Timothy and Clover being much ahead of last year in maturity.

Yours truly,
G. W. WALKER.

MAITLAND, July 16th, 1883.

Dear Sir,—Owing to the very wet weather during the greater part of the month of May, the getting in of crops, except in dry ground, was much delayed, yet the appearance at present is very good. Hay promises an abundant crop. Potatoes and other root crops are looking well and growing fast. In grain the ravages of rust and weevil, the former in oats and both in wheat, have almost stopped their cultivation; the principal grain crop being barley, with a little

buckwheat, both of which at present are doing well and with seasonable showers will yield a good return.

Yours truly,
STEPHEN POTNAM.

INVERNESS COUNTY.

WHYCOCOMAGH, C. B. }
July 13th, 1883. }

Dear Sir,—In reply to your favor of the 9th inst., prospects for the husbandman are in every way most encouraging. The wet season in early spring reduced the acreage sown, but the quality promises to make up for quantity lacking. With us grass is above the average. Wheat is looking well, and a considerable breadth sown. Potatoes very good as yet, but it is rather early to anticipate results. Oats and Buckwheat apparently doing well. Root crops are not extensively sown here; what is sown is doing well. Small fruits are in abundance, and apples and plums give promise of an excellent crop. On the whole our farmers have every reason to be hopeful and grateful.

Very truly yours,
LAUCHLIN J. HART.

KING'S COUNTY.

WOLFVILLE, July 11th, 1883.

Dear Sir,—The present condition of the crops is flattering in this district. Grass on Beckwith Dyke abundant, quality good. Potatoes are very promising. If there is any one thing the farmers of Kings know, and know thoroughly, it is the art of growing potatoes. They have reduced it to a science. The Colorado Beetle has put in an appearance for certain; we have it in the various stages, from the egg to the perfect insect. The insect tribes are more numerous each succeeding year. The apple crop will be in some sections a failure. Reports are conflicting.

Yours,
W. H. O. HALIBURTON.

LOWER CANARD, CORNWALLIS, }
July 18, 1883. }

Dear Sir,—On my return home after a few days absence, I received yours of the 12th inst., and in compliance with your request I give the following as the general opinion upon the state of the crops in this part of the County:—Hay. Our farmers are in the midst of this harvest. The crop is probably an average one, being large on good lands, both uplands and dyke, while it is considered below the usual yield on the poorer and late lands. So far it is being housed without rain. Grain.—Oats look very promising, and a good many sown. Wheat and other cereals but little sown, but are looking unusually well. Fruit, the general opinion is that apples, pears and

plums will be below an average crop in this County, but it is yet too early to decide, particularly in reference to apples, as they do not make much show upon the trees before August. We still look for a fair crop both of apples and pears, while plums will probably be scarce. The plum trees are fast dying out with the "Black Knot," for which there appears to be no remedy. Small fruits are fairly good. Potatoes are looking well, especially where planted in May and early part of June; those planted on late or wet lands are not doing so well, and are not likely to stand the dry weather as well as those earlier planted. The much dreaded "Colorado Beetle" has at last made its appearance in this township in several places, and on one or two farms has fairly commenced its ravages. The general opinion prevails that they have been imported in the roots of young trees brought from the United States the last spring. As a proof of this young trees have been planted in the vicinity where over the potato bug has been found. Garden vegetables are looking well. Last year some of our enterprising farmers built Silos and filled them with feeding corn, the results of which, so far as we can learn, have been very satisfactory, and they have again planted the corn which is looking well and promises a large yield. The County generally is looking finely.

I am, yours truly,
C. F. EATON.

PICTOU COUNTY.

NEW GLASGOW, N. S., }
July 16th, 1883. }

Sir,—The prospects of the farmer in this district are not very encouraging. We had a cold, wet spring, which made seed-time very late, except where farms were naturally dry. We have now a long spell of drought. From the first of June we had only a few local showers, and it tells on all the crops, potatoes in particular. We expected a heavy crop of hay up to the middle of June, but the dry weather put a stop to its growth, and it will only turn out a light crop. Some farmers took advantage of a fine spell of weather early in April and sowed their wheat, which now looks very promising. Mr. James MacKay, of Riverton, has five acres under winter wheat, which promises a large yield, and is now beyond the reach of weevil.

JOHN ROSS.

YARMOUTH COUNTY.

The abundant rain encouraged most to look for a larger than average hay crop, but so far as I have observed, except in well cultivated fields, and recently laid down or top dressed, the crop will be