

hay in the country. In the Maitland district, S. Putnam, Esq., says the grass has seldom looked so well at this season of the year. J. J. O'Brien, Esq., Noel, reports that the hay crop has made remarkable progress. At Nine Mile River, (J. Graham) Esq., the grass promises to be an abundant crop, and at Newport, (Edward Allison, Esq.,) the prospect for hay is very good. In King's County, Dr. Hamilton reports of Cornwallis that the grass looks exceedingly well, and the recent rains have placed it beyond any effects of even a drought, so that alike on upland, intervals and dyked marsh the crop will be heavy. H. Lovett, Esq., Kentville, writes: The grass everywhere is very good, and is now so far advanced as to secure the certainty of a good crop. M. Fisher, Esq., Somerset, reports grass thickly set and short, probably above average. George Hamilton, Esq., Grand Pre, says: grass on good lands very promising, except on a portion of the Grand Pre which was flooded in 1869. In Annapolis, Avar Longley, Esq., Paradise, speaks of the hay crop as unusually promising, pastures good, and dairy products likely to reach the average standard. The Rev. W. M. Godfrey, Clementsvalle, also says the grass promises well. At Middleton, (O. M. Taylor, Esq.,) farmers think the late rains will ensure a good crop of hay. Geo. Whitman, Esq., writes from Roundhill that grass is more forward than at this time last year, and promises an abundant yield, and C. B. Whitman, Esq., Bridgetown, that the hay crop promises to be above an average. In Digby J. S. M. Jones, Esq., Weymouth, says the hay crop now looks very promising where it was not winter killed through neglect of drainage or top-dressing, and John Dakin, Esq., Digby, reports that the hay crop promises an abundant yield.

From the analytical sketch we have given, commencing with Yarmouth, taking the Counties in geographical succession, and ending with Digby, it will be seen that there is great promise of hay in every part of the Province except some of the extreme eastern Counties, especially those of Cape Breton, where there has not been heat enough. Interval grass all over the Province must be suffering from continued excess of wet.

It should be borne in mind that a juicy June makes juicy grass, and that, in order to secure the hay crop of the present year in even fair condition, it will be necessary for the farmer to take unusual pains to dry it thoroughly before putting it into the barn; in fact, promising as present appearances are, continued wet weather and carelessness may still reduce our hay crop to a poor average.

#### POTATOES.

The potato and all other crops that require a dry soil and heat, are suffering

severely wherever the land is heavy or lies low, or is imperfectly drained. Many fields have been completely flooded after planting, and only on the drier knolls is there much appearance of plants. On warm, sandy soils, however, the potatoes are making rapid growth. The following synopsis will indicate the present state of this crop throughout the Province:—

Yarmouth—looking very strong and healthy.

Shelburne—not so far forward as usual, but promising.

Queen's—so far favorable—starting finely.

Lunenburg—came up well and thrifty.

Halifax—promising on dry soils, but have rotted in the ground in wet lands.

Guysborough—partial failure.

Richmond—too wet and cold.

Cape Breton—improving.

Victoria—present appearances very gloomy.

Antigonish—coming up strong and vigorous.

Colchester—season too wet.

Cumberland—dry soils promise rich returns, wet lands not promising—planted early and came up well.

Hants—appear to be doing well, but rotting in wet lands, and in some places not all planted.

King's—coming strong and well, and look very promising.

Annapolis—more planted than last year, and look well and promising, except in wet lands.

Digby—look very fine.

#### GRAIN.

Yarmouth.—Grains of all kinds have obtained a good start and are looking well.

Queen's.—Grain looks very well—oats barley and rye looking well.

Lunenburg.—Barley looks well, but beginning to suffer from want of sun.

Halifax.—Oats and barley backward.

Guysborough—poor.

Richmond—too wet and cold.

Cape Breton—improving.

Victoria—grain looks well, but slow.

Antigonish—early sown grain look well.

Colchester—the season injurious to grain, less wheat sown than formerly, but much barley.

Cumberland.—Wheat and oats were got in early, and look promising.

Hants.—Grains appear to be doing well, oats in some places stunted from wetness, barley and wheat coming well, too cool for corn.

King's.—Indian corn rather backward, oats strong and healthy, more thrifty than usual; at Kentville all grain crops look uncommonly well.

Annapolis.—Indian corn backward and somewhat unpromising, barley somewhat injured.

Digby.—Oats and barley growing rapidly.

#### FRUIT.

In Annapolis the apple crop promises to be an abundant one—the largest ever witnessed in the history of the County.

In King's County, fruit trees of all kinds have blossomed very fully and the fruit set likewise looks very promising. An exception is to be made in the case of plums, which will be scarce. The Bear River cherries promise well. In other parts of the Province the fruit crop is less important, and is not so promising.

### CENTRAL BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

EXHIBITION OFFICE, PROVINCE BUILDING,  
25th June, 1874, 10 o'clock, a.m.

The Central Board of Agricultural held an adjourned meeting this morning.

Present:—Hon. R. A. McIlleffey, President; Colonel Laurie, V. P.; David Matheson, Esq., Mayor of Pictou; John Dakin, Esq., Digby; Israel Longworth, Esq., Truro; Professor Lawson, Secretary.

Letters of apology for unavoidable absence were read from George S. Brown, Esq., Yarmouth, and John Ross, Esq., M. P. P., Ingonish, C. B.

The Secretary read minutes of March meetings. Whereupon it was moved by Colonel Laurie, seconded by Mr. Matheson, and passed:—With reference to resolution passed at previous meeting, permitting exhibitors to label their animals with owner's names, breed, &c.,—Resolved, that labels are not to be placed upon the animals until after the judges have made their awards.

Mr. Matheson then moved the approval of the minutes as amended by the preceding resolution. Mr. Matheson's motion was seconded by Mr. Dakin and passed.

Applications for recognition by the Board were read from the Hardwoodland and Nine Mile River and the Enfield Agricultural Societies, both in the County of Hants; also, a letter from James Graham, Esq., Nine Mile River, in reference to the operations of Societies in his district.

Moved by Mr. Longworth, seconded by Mr. Dakin, and

Resolved,—That the Hardwoodland and Nine Mile River Agricultural Society be allowed to reorganize in terms of the resolution passed at last meeting of the Board.

Moved by Mr. Longworth, seconded by Colonel Laurie, and

Resolved,—That the Enfield Society be recognized as a new Society.

A letter was read from William Mc-