

Ontario Crop Prospects.

The Hon. S. C. Wood, ex-Provincial Treasurer and manager of the Freehold Loan and Savings Company, has just returned from a somewhat leisurely trip through the "burnt district" of the province—a title fairly applicable to the drought-scorched counties of Prince Edward, Lennox, Addington, Fontenac and southern Hastings. In conversation Mr. Wood said that the advices of local correspondents were not too darkly colored, and told in regretful tones of the sad and almost unprecedented damage done through this district by the lack of rain. The northern portion of Hastings county has fortunately received a fair amount of rain and consequently bore promise of generally good crops, but throughout the southern townships the yield will be unusually short. Prince Edward and Lennox are notoriously our greatest barley growing counties, and judging from present appearances, the barley crop this year will not anywhere upon their exceptionally rich farms reach nearly one-half its usual quantity, while the hay crop, another old standby, will barely pass "the quarter post." As a result of this wholesale shrinkage of hay stuffs, the farmers state that they will be simply unable to keep their cattle until spring for sheer want of food, and are now selling fine cows at prices fluctuating about the ridiculously low figure of \$15 a head. The peas—a crop that is shooting rapidly into favor among the farmers, and more especially in Prince Edward—are already booked as a complete failure, and this is the most unfortunate as the peninsular county is fast becoming the depot from which the best seed peas are distributed over the entire continent. This distressing failure of crops is entirely due, in Mr. Wood's opinion, to the extraordinary scarcity of rain. Up until ten days ago there has been hardly any rain in these districts for two and even three months. Personally, he could not recall ever having seen any portion of Ontario so thoroughly dried up as the counties of Prince Edward, Lennox and Addington are this year. The drought appears, however, to have been confined to the Bay of Quinte region. East of Prescott the crops are in excellent condition, and coming west from Trenton there is marked improvement all along the line; while through Kent, Essex and Lambton the farmers are rejoicing in the prospects of a bountiful harvest. —Globe.

The Aberdeen arrived at Vancouver from Yokohama on July 26th, with a large cargo of tea, in addition to other merchandise and passengers.

Mr. McLagan, late of the Victoria Times, and formerly of Winnipeg, intends starting a new evening paper at Vancouver, to be called "The World."

Donald Truth. The men employed on the dump at the Lanark mine struck for higher pay on Thursday. They were immediately paid off and discharged, their places being filled by men from the railroad. The Selkirk Mining Company shipped two car-loads of high grade ore to San Francisco this week. The mines referred to are at Illecillewaet.



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