

CORRESPONDENCE.

Compton, P.Q., June 4th, 1901.

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Dear M. Gigault,

I have your favor of yesterday, and in reply "re" state of crops, etc., would say that the pastures and hay have a very fine appearance, especially the latter which will be a fine crop.

Pasturage was very early this year, some farmers turned out their cattle during the last days of April, it was fully two to three weeks earlier than usual.

Early sown grain is looking well, especially on the high lands, on low places it is turning a little yellow from the continued wet weather.

A great deal of silage-corn was planted this year in May, we finished our eight acres on 24th May, earlier than I ever did before, it is just coming through the ground, the wet cold weather has been much against it.

Potatoes are just coming up and look healthy, also mangels.

Several farmers were foolish enough to sow their turnips some 10 days ago, and the result was that they were badly eaten by the little black fly. We have not sown ours, here yet, and I don't care to do so before the 7th June.

Currant bushes are loaded and the fruit well formed, also gooseberries.

The fields were white with wild strawberry blossoms. Our garden ones are now in bloom and show every appearance of a splendid crop.

Apples will be a good crop, if nothing happens; but nothing like last year.

I have not for many years seen the clover so far advanced at this time of year. I have some 16 in. long, and have to cut it, it is lodging down with the rain. On May 31st, I pulled a clover blossom. For the last 10 days we have had a nasty cold east wind and showery weather, it has been impossible to do any hoeing, etc.

Our young orchard looks very well, and several of the apple trees had blossoms on

them this year. I used the Bordeaux mixture on the currant and gooseberry bushes for the little green worm; it was most effective and does not harm fruit or bush.

Yours faithfully,

JOHN M. LeMOYNE.

STATE OF THE CROPS.

To the Editor of the "Journal of Agriculture."

Dear Sir,—The season is now sufficiently advanced to allow of my giving you a report on the crops, though some cases cannot be reported on at present.

There was a great depth of snow the past winter, and although we had a great deal of cold weather, there was very little frost in the ground. The seeding in the upper portions of the province was done in good season, while those countries east of Quebec city are just now busy sowing.

Usually, when we have had great falls of snow, they have been followed by good crops of both hay and grain. The hay crop at present indicates an unusual yield, and grain is looking fairly well.

Wheat.—Early sown wheat is looking well. I should suppose there is fully as much sown as usual.

Oats.—In some sections the wire worm or grub has been injuring the young plants; perhaps on sod-land the worst; early sown is looking well.

Barley.—Looking fairly well, not a great deal sown.

Pease.—Have been rather a failure, the past year or two. If the farmers would take your advice—and mine too—and plough this seed in with a light furrow, they would stand a better chance of succeeding with this legume.

Rye.—Very little sown; an odd field, here and there.

Buckwheat.—It is too early in the season to report on this crop; many farmers not liking to sow this kind of grain as it is so apt to fall off and grow the following year. It is a very valuable crop for clearing the soil of mustard, couch-grass