

## OUR FARMERS' CLUB

## PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Hay and pastures have been excellent during the past season, clover being abundant. The quality of hay and clover is represented by the high prices, 10 to 15 cents or 10 points above the average for Canada. Other crops of excellent quality are corn and potatoes. The average yield of corn is 25 bushels, the principal crop of the island. The satisfactory quality with an average yield estimated at 25 bushels per acre indicating a total production of 6,124,000 bushels. Live stock are in excellent condition and all descriptions have greatly improved since last month. Prices for hogs continue to rule high—October Census and Statistics Monthly.

## NOVA SCOTIA

Threshing operations were not general at the end of September but the grain crop promise well with respect to yield and quality, and they were harvested under very favorable weather conditions. Five or six weeks of dry weather have however in many places reduced the pastures, and in some cases tolling has been resorted to against the growing crops has been hindered. Potatoes are generally sound, live stock are in good condition—October Census and Statistics Monthly.

## CARLETON CO., ONT.

MERIVALE—As the grain is now about threshed the yield per acre is far below the average. There is not much wheat now but what is a fair crop. Oats will not yield much over 25 bushels per acre. Barley was a fair crop, peas were an average crop. Potatoes were not half a crop. While turnips promised well, the long spell of dry weather stopped their growth and the return will be poor. Corn for ensilage is good, being above the average of the last year. Cattle will be thin. As there is practically nothing on the pastures or fields for them, they will be fed almost all winter. The long continued drought has stopped all growth. Even now, if rain did it is too little to assist as the frost is at night retards any growth. Water is scarce. A great number of the wells are dry. It will be a great problem for the farmers to bring their stock through the winter owing to the scarcity of fodder and the long time to feed—G. B.

## NORTHUMBERLAND CO., ONT.

WICKLOW—The last silo is filled. On the whole, the corn has been extra good, especially that which was planted early. Mr. John Usher has just completed a new silo on the most improved plan at a cost of about \$300. It is about 12 feet high, 20 feet above the ground, of cement, and 25 feet above of pine planks, tongue and grooved and hooped with iron. It is 14 feet deep and covered with a round concrete roof, which gives it a fine appearance. The planks are covered inside and out with paraffin to preserve it. He has filled it with a fine quality of corn. The apples are nearly all picked, there being a much smaller crop than last year. The root crop, owing to the continued dry weather, will be a small crop—R. E. H.

## PETERBORO CO., ONT.

LASSWADE—All grain turned out well, and up to the average except buckwheat. Potatoes were a little better than was expected. Although there were not many in a hill they were of an excellent quality with scarcely any small ones. They are a fair average. The root crop is very good considering the dry weather in September and the first part of October. We have had a few showers of late but not enough. The cheese factories are closing owing to the dry weather, which has caused a scarcity of milk—H. E. W.

## HALIBURTON CO., ONT.

IRONDALE—Stumping and plowing are the order of the day. Farmers are repairing the machinery and clearing their farms of stumps in order that they may make use of larger machinery and increase their profits at the same time their land area. Plowing is progressing very favorably in most places. We have had a good shower of rain through the week but the water has increased the flow of milk to some extent. The root crop is scarcely worth mentioning—R. E. H.

## WELLAND CO., ONT.

STONE QUARRY—Comparatively dry weather continues although there have

been occasional showers which improved very much the condition of the fall wheat. Fall wheat which was sown early upon a somewhat fallow, but sufficient moisture was present to ensure immediate and uniform germination of the seed. The looking somewhat of some of the corn is very poor and uneven and is highly probable that some of this will later sown wheat will be in the spring. The drought and though small it looks very dry and the corn has been cut out of crop of clover has been cut out of crop not sufficiently well filled was cured and the seed has just commenced. The yield of seed reported is 25 bushels a load. Fruit has been very cheap, largely accounted for by the fact that the dry weather caused varieties to ripen practically at the same time. Apples, though not a large crop were bought from 75c to \$1 a barrel. Peaches, 25c to \$1.50 a bushel, pears, 50c to 75c a bushel, quinces a lb. Potatoes are rather scarce selling very readily at \$1 a bushel—J. E. J.

## WENTWORTH CO., ONT.

TEG—The chilly nights of the last week have done all around damage to stable their milk cows. On account of the prolonged drought, the pastures are practically devoid of feed. The scarcity of winter rations has to be resorted to if we would keep up the milk supply. The manure, which was not put out, is now housed. Owing to inferior seed and unfavorable weather the mangels got a poor start. The corn that was put out has been severely attacked by the house. Some patches now give off a most offensive odor. Notwithstanding the inferior root crop the past season has been a good one. Corn was an excellent crop and all grain is turning out well. There will be lots of feed this coming winter—A. H.

## BRANT CO., ONT.

ST. GEORGE—Threshing is about over. Grain has turned out well. Barley ran 40 bushels to the acre, wheat \$2 all round, the better fields going up to \$2.50. A special strain of No. 1 Mandshuri barley, which was sown to 25 in a bushel, came out very well. The average acreage, rolled out of the machine in three days. Two men could not empty the combine. The best of the strain of barley is going to be away ahead of the common variety. We threshed 90 bushels of barley in seven hours and 4 minutes 2,200 bushels in two days and two hours. In the balance of the third day, at a neighbor's, we put through 500 bushels. The next day the same threshers put through 1,050 bushels, making a grand total of 4,000 bushels in four days—R. H. FALKLAND—Since last writing there has been no rain. Days are fine and nights are very cold. The ground is very dry. Some fall plowing has been done but many of the farmers are waiting for rain before beginning to plow. The fall wheat is in the best of shape. The fall wheat is working on the early sown wheat. There is very little pasture now, and this cattle are being fed extra they will go into the winter in good shape. There is very good fall pasture but it has not made much good growth to the continued drought. Potatoes and corn are better and have yielded well. Mangels are being gathered now and are a light crop. Some grow sugar better than was expected. Although there were not many in a hill they were of an excellent quality with scarcely any small ones. They are a fair average. The root crop is very good considering the dry weather in September and the first part of October. We have had a few showers of late but not enough. The cheese factories are closing owing to the dry weather, which has caused a scarcity of milk—H. E. W.

## WATERLOO CO., ONT.

AYR—The dry weather was broken by a shower or two which was very welcome. But we need considerable more rain to make the plow go anyway good. The fall that is making a good growth will have plenty of top for the winter. Pastures are rather short and I am afraid the young clover and meadows will be short. The corn is close for their good. Potato digging is over and the majority of the farmers report a good crop. Though a few crops of small spuds the mangel harvest is over and the farmers report a better crop than last year. The dry weather and the loss of the dry weather seem to be favorable for the live

and whole patches are practically denuded of leaves. Farmers are shipping what they can for fear they will not keep, the dealer saying at present 10 cents a bushel.—G. C. R.

## WELLINGTON CO., ONT.

ELORA—The subject of most interest present seems to be the weather which suppresses anything remembered by the oldest inhabitant, being so very fine, dry and warm. Plowing is almost impossible except where cultivation began early in the season. Pastures are being used up very fast and prospects indicate the early equipment of winter feed. Quite a few of the farmers have their roots harvested. The crop is good considering the continued drought. Shipping demand is poor for turnips, and a great number of cars are leaving the stations. The price at present, only 10c, looks cheap considering the prospects for a scarcity of winter feed. Cattle are in fairly good condition. Feeders are selling around 6c. The prices in spring must not be less than 25c, cattle to realize market prices for the feed consumed and the small number being put in the stables should consider this possible—G. W.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA

The returns from this province indicate satisfactory results. No records as to yield are available, but the quality of the principal agricultural crops is represented by the following averages: Wheat 77; oats and barley 74; rye, 70; peas, 73; hay and clover, 81; other roots, 85; live stock, 85. Live stock are doing well though swine show a falling off condition—October Census and Statistics Monthly.

## GOSSIP

We have just finished shipping our stock that has been sold all around the province," writes J. Bowman, Guelph, the noted Angus breeder. "Since writing your last we have delivered our second prize bull calf at London and Toronto, along with a useful two year old heifer, to General Robertson, Winnipeg. We have a prize two year old heifer to Harry W. Fuller of Peapack, Ont., and our third prize cow to Mr. Richardson, Petrolia. In our shipment last week to Manitoba and Alberta, we have a prize yearling bull, a prize aged bull at Toronto, to Hon. W. Clifford, Austin, Manitoba; twenty-seven Suffolk

sheep to George Patterson of Brandon; five Suffolk to H. W. Watkins, Okla. Alberta. Mr. Watkins won 1st prize for carload of mutton sheep at Dominion Exhibition, Calgary, last summer. Mr. Watkins has a useful pair of Maudsells. Jas. Rye & Son of Edmonton, Alta., got one imp. ram, Dorset 711, and four good ewes. Mr. Chas. Rye a useful pair of Maudsells. Mr. C. C. Elliott of Sandy Lake, Alta., the first prize bull calf at Edmonton. Mr. Elliott's bull calf, a prize heifer, Mr. Jonathan Bull of Sandy Lake, Alta., a ram lamb and pair of barred Hampshire pigs. Mr. Elliott's sheep for Suffolk sheep in the West. We have good faith in the men who are taking hold of these Angus cattle are a really increasing in demand both in east and west. We have some cows and heifers to sell that can be bred to our imp. champion bull Magnificent. We are much encouraged by the increased interest this year. I am pleased to see the move to breed rural free delivery of our mail, which will be a great help to live stock breeders. Keep the good work moving along."

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