

OUR FARMERS' CLUB

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NOVA SCOTIA

KING'S CO., N. S.

During the latter part of August and the beginning of September, heavy rains came to freshen the pastures, which were crisp and brown. The apple crop has been seriously affected by the very weather, also raspberries, but the showers came in time to help the black-berry crop. Fall plowing has commenced here and rough meadow is being plowed. Corn being brought into shape with the aid of oats. The principal grain crop, is now being harvested. Here and there one sees a patch of wheat or barley, but the farmers of Annapolis Valley better try to raise apples and corn, as the soil is not heavy enough for wheat. The root crop was excellent. Root crops are being stored where the grasshoppers have not destroyed them. Corn and tomatoes have yielded abundantly and potatoes promise well. A number of young men have left the country in order to join the harvesters' excursions bound for the western prairie fields. On the lands of the Annapolis River, hay is still being harvested. All kinds of feed are high and the cost of living is still on the rise. Tomatoes being sold in the Halifax market at \$1.25 per bushel during the glut at the beginning of September they dropped to 75c. The canning factories do not like to handle them as they claim that they cannot compete with Ontario canners; they prefer to can strawberries, apples. Apples are making from \$1 to \$2 a bushel; corn, 12c a dozen—Ennisette, Wata.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

KING'S CO., P.E.I.

CARDIGAN BRIDGE—Farmers are busy with the harvest, which is very backward on account of the heavy rain storms we have had lately. There is quite a lot of grain cut and in stock but very little hay, especially the turnips. Grain is ripening very slowly owing to wet weather. There is a slight show of rust on the straw, and some home fields have lodged badly. The late wheat is looking fine and promises to be a good crop.—H. W. P.

NEW BRUNSWICK

CARLETON CO., N. B.

JACKSONVILLE—Harvesting is well under way. There is a considerable amount of grain which is hardly fit to cut yet. Rain has hindered harvesting operations somewhat. There has been a good deal of rain since having been finished. Oats, wheat and buckwheat are the principal crops raised. All will yield well unless the frost kills the buckwheat, which is hardly ripe yet. It has already been slightly touched by a light frost. Barley is not raised except mixed with other grain; it does not pay to raise it alone. We cannot get more than 20 or 25 bus. per acre. Some are putting in their early potatoes. Irish Cobblers are planted for early, and Delaware and Green Mountains for main crop. Cobblers are yielding very well and bringing in at 12c (120 lbs). Oats are 6c a bush, and will likely drop as soon as threshing begins. No hay moving yet. Live hogs 8c a cwt.—W. R. McQUE

QUEBEC

COMPTON CO., QUE.

COMPTON CENTRE—Harvesting is almost all done. Grain was a fair crop, although grasshoppers caused it a lot. The shrikebark has just closed after a most successful week. Much good stock was shown in both horses and cattle. Al-

though rain interfered the average crowd attended. Feed is very short in the pastures and cattle are looking poor. Cows are giving very little milk on account of short feed. It has been a bad year for dairymen. Pork continues high, being 25c a lb, butter from 25c to 27c; eggs, 25c; potatoes, 45c and 50c a bush.—H. O.

ONTARIO

HASTINGS CO., ONT.

THE RIDGE—Harvest is all out with the exception of a few ears of wheat and corn. Hay was a little better than half a crop. Oats were thin but well loaded while late corn showed good average. Wheat is looking well. Corn is a grand crop, also potatoes and turnips. We are having lots of rain which makes good for the grain for the fall pasture.—A.B.C.

DURHAM CO., ONT.

BETHANY—The harvest is pretty much all cut and mostly all in the barn in good condition. Crops, taken on the whole are a fair average, and may yield well to the amount of straw. Fall wheat was rather thin, but will bring into the barn and other grains are thin. The corn crop is fairly good and will balance for the lack in other fodders. Roots are looking more favorable to an average crop than they have for some time past, due to the frequent showers. Stock is somewhat thin owing to the pasture being seriously injured by excessive drought.—W. M.

NORTHUMBERLAND CO., ONT.

EDVILLE—The white grain has been somewhat destructive to the growing crops. Mr. W. E. Cochrane, who has about five acres of corn, complains of the damage done by them to his tomatoes. Mr. C. S. Hinman lost about three acres of buckwheat and a large field owing to this grain, of which every young plant was eaten off. The same result was witnessed where wheat was reown, and to-day this spot of land is entirely bare of any living plant. We had quite a sharp wind from the west last night, which is looking well to hurt buckwheat, which is now grown quite extensively, and which is looking well.—S. H.

HALIBURTON CO., ONT.

KINMOUNT—Harvest is about over. The heavy frost which occurred on the night of Aug. 25th followed by heavy rain on the 26th, and a general shower on Sept. 1st, has damaged the corn, destroyed the late rain, also potatoes and buckwheat. Late rain has ruined the pastures, so the cattle will be in good shape for the winter. Threshing will be general this week, as well as all the farms. Roots have come on wonderfully during the last two weeks. The butter market is still poor—12c a lb. for the best. A load of grain and sheep and a few hogs, 10c a lb. for lambs. Apples are plentiful at 25c a bush.—S. T.

OXFORD CO., ONT.

BRIGHT—Oat harvest is just about completed. Peas are ready to harvest. We are having a very dry spell. A number of wells are going dry. Pasture is done. We are handling out green corn to the cows.—W. C. S.

MIDDLESEX CO., ONT.

THORNDALE—Alfalfa is nearly up to our knees again. It has been very dry for late—only a couple of small showers. Pastures are all very dry.—R. H. H.

MELROSE—Through this village flows a beautiful spring creek; along its banks the pasture is always green and healthy. Many large elms and other wood-land afford an ideal place for all kinds of stock, where the animals are safe, water and the richest of herbage. About a mile south of the village on the farm of Mr. Alway, the nearest approach to re-foresting that we have yet seen. Here a grove of perhaps an acre has trees have attained a height of about 25 feet, and form a shady retreat already. The corn and potatoes look very good. Some fine fields of alfalfa are seen. The oats in many places looked O.K., the straw is tall, and has the goose-neck bend that denotes a heavy crop. The apples are already weighing in bushels downward and appear sound and free from blight. Well kept hedges are seen in several places, and flowers glare are everywhere.—H. E. O.

HURON CO., ONT.

GODERICH—Grain crops are nearly all harvested and threshed. The corn, Fall wheat, which had a rather poor start last fall, and was retarded in growth in the spring, has yielded well, ranging from 15 to 40 bush. an acre, an average of about 25. Oats (though late, were a fair

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crop, with good clean straw and well-filled grain. They averaged about 35 bus. an acre. Barley, though short in the straw, yielded about 30 bus. No. 2, although only a small acreage is yet grown here, has shown a marked superiority over the Manchurian. Roots and corn are in the very best condition for a heavy crop. The corn is now cutting nicely.—D. G. R.

BRUCE CO., ONT.

HEPWORTH—We had the first frost on the night of September 1st but it was very light and did but little harm. Corn is shorter than usual and later in heading out. Pasture is still quite bare; those that have corn to feed their cows are keeping their milk flow, but with those that have no corn their cows are failing rapidly. Harvesting is very late. The (Sept. 6th). Other grain is all cut—J.K.L.

MANITOBA

MARQUETTE CO., MAN.

KELLOE—Crops in Southern Manitoba and in the district south of here, have been cleaned out pretty well with hail. Some of the crops here were touched a little, but not enough to do much harm. The average crop, speaking generally, is higher this year, except that on freshly broken land, our farmers grow very little wheat. Most of them go in for oats in this district. One farmer only living in this district has wheat; his is of good quality. A light frost the night of Aug. 25th "cooked" cucumbers and tomato plants, though it did not damage the grain.—L. N.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

NEW WESTMINSTER CO., B. C.

MUNRO—The crops are excellent. Many people have threshed; the grain went from a ton to two tons an acre. Live stock looks well on account of the recent rains freshening the grass. The fruit crop is poor on account of the ice storm last winter breaking the trees down—J. M.

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