

Prince Edward Island Crops

The August crop report of the Prince Edward Island Department of Agriculture gives particulars regarding the crops of that province as follows: There will be a shortage of about 40 per cent. in the hay and clover crop owing to excessive drought. From 85 to 95 per cent. of an average crop of wheat may be expected. There will be a shortage in oats, not more than 70 per cent. of an average crop will be realized. Barley is very little grown. The acreage sown to peas is small and a small crop is looked for. Farmers seem to be giving up sowing corn. During the past few years, the early part of the season has been unfavorable for germination, and has prevented the seed being planted early enough to mature before the fall frosts. As a consequence, farmers are giving up planting corn. Potatoes will be a good crop. About 65 per cent. of a full root crop may be expected. In the early spring pastures were good, but the drought of June and July was disastrous. Though pastures are short the condition of live stock is generally good. The prospects for winter feed are not encouraging. There has been a falling off in the make of cheese and butter. The reports of the fruit crop are fairly uniform. An average crop of apples may be expected. Plums are a fair crop. Pears and cherries suffered from the late spring frosts. Berries are abundant.

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Cool weather. Some of our farmers finished harvesting on Sept. 1st. The bulk of the grain was saved in good condition. In Millcove and vicinity the grain is said to be the light-

est crop in 50 years. Many fields of wheat were almost totally destroyed by rust. The turnip crop is pronounced a total failure in some localities. As the horn-fly has been very troublesome and the pastures dry, cattle are rather thin. Farm laborers are reported scarce. Wholesale men report trade fully up to the standard of the same period of last year.

CHARLOTTETOWN MARKETS

Beef qr. per lb., 6 to 7c, small, 8 to 12c; mutton carcass, 6 to 7c; fowl per lb., 9 to 10c; butter, fresh, per lb., 20 to 22c; eggs, 16 to 18c. per doz.; blueberries, 5 to 6c. per qt.; apples, 15 to 16c. per peck; rhubarb, 3c. per lb.; fowl, 50 to 60c. per pr; hay, 70 to 80c.; oats, 36c.; potatoes, 40c.; pork, 5½ to 6c.; flour per bbl., imp., \$5.50.

SUMMERSIDE MARKETS

Beef carcass, per lb., 5½ to 6c.; butter per lb., 16 to 17c.; eggs per doz., 12c.; hay, loose, per ton, \$12.; pressed, \$10; oatmeal per 100 lbs., \$2.25; oats, black, 35c. per bush, white, 34c.; wheat, 75 to 80c. per bush; flour per cwt., \$1.50 to \$1.60.

There is very little demand for dairy butter. Creamery is preferred. The quality of Island potatoes is said to be excellent this year.

Mr. Inman, of Hampton, is the owner of twelve fine milch cattle. He has also six good calves. He has two apple orchards and the trees are fairly bending under the weight of apples. The Hampton farmers raise nearly all their calves. They send their milk to the factory as a general rule, and buy butter for their own use. Some of the wheat in this section of the country is a little rusty, and the oat crop is very light, indeed. Fodder will be very scarce during the coming winter. One farmer sold four cattle for the sum of \$44 for the lot.

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