

interests of Canada now amount to something : by this means the fertility of the soil is kept up, by the judicious saving and handling of manure the farm can be gradually enriched by means of the cow ; so that taken all in all the corn crop is an important one. This year, as I said in my last notes, corn in some sections had not done well, but during the month of July we had genuine corn weather ; heat ; it has done remarkably well, while the frost on the 10th July did some damage, take the south western portion of the province it did not do much harm. I should say that corn on the whole will be a fair crop.

*Potatoes.* Early planted have done exceedingly well while later planting got too much rain in many sections, the timely showers we have had during the last week will help to increase the size of the tubers.

*Other roots* have done well ; in fact, all sorts of garden stuff such as onions, cabbage, tomatoes, &c are doing well.

*Hay and clover.* The crop of hay and clover has been abundant, and the greater portion has been well saved. The weather was, generally speaking, ideal weather for saving it. I have not known of such a crop as this one, for many years, indeed I am not positive if ever there was as much hay saved in Canada as this year. The reports from most sections of Ontario are very good also. The people in Canada ought to be able this year on Thanksgiving day with a full heart to thank the Giver of all good gifts, for the bountiful harvest. We certainly have plenty for both man and beast, and some to spare to others also. The second crop of clover has already come out in blossom, I have seen a few fields only, lately, that had not been cut yet the first time, what a loss, when will farmers learn to begin in time ? Last year it was the wet weather, this year, well, it was, what ? perhaps the dry hot weather that prevented them from finishing in time.

*Pastures* were good through June and an immense flow of milk, but now the cry is on that the cows are drying up. How many are feeding green fodder to their cows just now ? Not more than one tenth that should do so. Some say that cheese and butter are so cheap it won't pay to feed the cows ; I can assure all such that it certainly won't pay to starve the cows, when there is such an abundance to feed them on. Those who cut their crops of clover early in July should now have a good second

crop to cut for the cows, some, no doubt, will turn the cows on to save the trouble of cutting, but in that way lots will be wasted, I feel satisfied it would pay better to cut and feed in to the cows, than to allow the cows to feed it down.

*Butter and Cheese.* The receipts of butter still keep away ahead of last year, and so far the creameries have paid a fraction more for milk than cheese factories have done. The price lately has been rather dull after the reaction of the June speculation, our June butter is nearly all here still in Canada ; a bad state of affairs, as it will have a tendency to keep future prices down below where they should be.

*Cheese.* The receipts from the first of May to date, are some 130,000 boxes less than last year, this shortage is principally in fodder cheese, not a very desirable article. In the province of Quebec we have made less cheese than last year, even in June and July, and we made no foddors at all. Ontario made few foddors, but the make in June and July in that province has been enormous. Should our factories here in Quebec continue to make butter ; and there are some 400 that can make either butter or cheese at will ; cheese should be good property during the next month. The price of both butter and cheese at present writing is rather firm. The farmers in this Dominion have no great reason to grumble.

*Fruits.* The crop of small fruit, while not abundant, has been good, those who took care of the bushes, such as currants and gooseberries, will have fair yields. Cherries and plums are better than for many years.

*Apples* will not be so plentiful as at first anticipated. They blossomed well but the cold damp weather affected them. There will not be near the crop we had two years ago, but I believe a fair average one with it is hoped more profit than that one gave us. In some parts the caterpillar has eaten all the foliage from the fruit trees, and in some cases, attacked other trees, where the spraying was attended to there are no caterpillars.

*Bad weeds.* In my last note, I mentioned Chateauguay, Terrebonne and Assomption as having a good crop of weeds, I must now add the counties of Rouville and St Hyacinthe. What a rank growth there is this year of bad weeds. Near where I live, the sweet clover grew to between 7 and 8 feet high ! A friend said to me the other day,