

have been improved so as to yield good wheat, that were previously considered not worth cultivating for it. We believe, however, that on very light and inferior soils, other crops will be more profitable to cultivate than wheat, as there are abundance of excellent wheat lands in the country, and of the best quality. Barley looks healthy, but is thin of plant in many places. We have never seen oats look better, where sown early, and it has been sown earlier than usual this spring. Peas have a good appearance, though the few cold days we have had in the first two weeks of June, changed the colour of peas and Indian corn, but the heat and moisture which succeeded the cold and harsh winds have completely recovered them, and they never looked better at this time of the year. We do not recollect a more windy season than this has been, but we do not see any ill effects it has produced, except to check vegetation a little, which has now recovered, by rain and warm sun. The orchards have suffered considerably by caterpillars, and the fruit trees of the garden have been ravaged by a different variety of these vermin. Considerable expense must be incurred in preventing such vermin from destroying the trees. The oaks, and some other forest trees, are also being stripped of their leaves. We hope farmers have exerted themselves to have their crops weeded where necessary. It must be a great drawback to the value of a crop, when weeds are allowed to occupy the soil with the crop cultivated. It is a great defect in Canadian farming, that so many weeds are suffered to grow with the crops. The rains in the latter part of June, were of great benefit to the crops, and we hope they were general, and did not fall in too great quantity in any place. The hay crop was improved by the rain, but will still be a deficient one. The pastures are now excellent, where not greatly overstocked. The butter market is well supplied, and prices fair for buyer and seller. The meat markets also are well supplied and prices not exorbitant. We have heard reports of great injury being done to the crops north

of the River St. Lawrence by grasshoppers. We hope it may not be so bad as reported. It would be a great disappointment to the poor farmers to have their crops destroyed by those vermin, and if as numerous as reported, there would not appear to be any remedy against them. The result of the ensuing harvest is looked forward to with great anxiety by the public at large. An abundant harvest would do much for the country, to relieve it from embarrassment, and place our trade and commerce in a healthy state. What a vast difference to a country having an abundant harvest, instead of a scanty one. No matter though the prices may not be so high in the former as in the latter case, still there is a much greater quantity created and brought into existence for the use of man, from an abundant harvest than from a deficient one. Every friend to the human race will rejoice to hear of an abundant harvest, there is so much more to be distributed amongst the human family, than from a poor and scanty one. Good crops and cattle, can alone place our trade and commerce, and every other interest in the province, in a healthy and prosperous condition. To expect these advantages from any other source is as great a mistake as we can entertain. There is nothing discouraging in the present prospect of the crops that we are aware of. There are many casualties to which they may be liable before they are gathered, but we should not anticipate any of these casualties as likely to occur, as perhaps they never may. We have many reasons for perfect reliance upon the Giver of all Good who has prospered the crops so far, that they will continue prosperous to the end, and fill our barns and storehouses with abundance. When man performs his part well, the soil and the seasons seldom disappoint his reasonable expectations.—

Cote St. Paul, 29th June, 1848.

All such plants as vegetate in any soil where it is not desirable they should exist are termed weeds, because they must injure the crops which are cultivated there, by usurping their