

Early planted Potatoes have come up healthy and are looking well, but many of our farmers have not finished planting yet. Hay is our staple, and, except on undrained low lands, or wet springy upland, the crop this season bids fair to be very heavy. The good dyke lands are making a splendid show and from all the information I can gather, I am led to believe, that this year, the crop will be considerably over the average. The advantages of tile draining are plainly evident this season.

Yours, &c.,
W. H. BLANCHARD.

Maitland, June 22nd, 1876.

SIR,—In answer to your letter asking an account of the state of the Crops here, I would say: Owing to the wet weather in May and early part of June, a smaller breadth was sown than would have been if there had been more dry weather. Those who were fortunate enough to have dry land, and were able to get their crop in early, report both Potatoes and Grain looking exceedingly well. Of what has been planted and sown later we cannot speak positively. Hay has the appearance of being an abundant crop, and as all fear of a drought is now past we can speak confidently of the success of that portion of the crop.

Yours truly,
STEPHEN PUTNAM.

Newport, June 20th, 1876.

DEAR SIR,—Yours of the 15th received and contents noted. The grass looks well and the hay crop will be good if weather continues favorable. The month of May was wet and cold and retarded the seeding. Grain makes a good appearance. Potatoes coming well. Apples plenty but overcome with caterpillars in some localities. Plums and cherries poor. Planting not finished in some parts of County on account of rain.

Yours, &c.,
EDWARD ALLISON.

Shubenacadie, June 24th, 1876.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to yours of this month, owing to such a wet season the Farmers are only just finishing putting in their Potatoes, Turnips, Barley and Buckwheat. There has scarcely been so much put under crop this year as last. The growth is greater than we are in the habit of seeing generally. Very little wheat is sown at all, and other crops are too small for good farming, the Farmers having turned their attention more to Hay raising. Grass looks pretty well, but is not going to be so great a crop as was expected; the belief is that it will be much less than last year.

Our Farmers are turning their attention more to Pure Breeds than formerly, therefore in a few years we may expect many full-bred animals.

Yours truly,
F. R. PARKER.

Parrsboro', 17th June, 1876.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your circular of the 15th inst, I have to say that the prospect of good crops in this section of the country this year is very favorable. A good deal of the planting and sowing was delayed by a succession of rains in May and in this month; but much of the Spring work was done before and during the rains on gravelly land, and the grain and potatoes put in at the usual early part of the season now make a good appearance. On clay land and on low lying land the putting in of the crops was delayed two weeks, in some places three weeks and is still unfinished. The moist weather was, however, favorable to the growth of the grass and it now looks more promising than it probably ever did before in this place at this season. When sowing and planting are done late the ground becomes dry and warm and the crop comes up more quickly. Oats sown here on the 9th inst. were well up in five days. Potatoes, too, planted at this time come up in less than half the time they do when planted on the 1st May. There is no report of failure in the potatoes coming up this Spring. Since the era of the blight in 1845, potatoes have never failed to come up well as they did for several years previously with *dry rot*. It is a good time yet for putting in potatoes. Fields in former years planted on the 1st July in this place produced excellent crops. The planting of potatoes, turnips and buckwheat will be nearly all over next week. Apple trees are now in blossom and from their present appearance promise a heavy crop this year. All the small fruits, too, have blossomed most abundantly. The most favorable reports come from all the sections of this District. We are all interested in the success of the crops and from present appearances we may promise ourselves that the year will be one of plenty.

Yours truly, T. D. DICKSON.

Pugwash, June 22nd, 1876.

MR. EDITOR,—At this season of the year it is not easy to say what the Crops will be. The Hay is the only crop that we can say much for and it promises to be below an average. The Grain crops are not far enough advanced to say much about them, but so far they look well. Potatoes have not made their appearance through the ground yet; we say nothing for them, only hope. The weather all through the month of May was very wet, as a consequence the crops were late in. So we may expect a late harvest. The maturing of the crops in good condition depends on the weather that is yet to come; but, as a whole, the prospects are encouraging enough so far.

THOS. A. FRAZER,

Malagash, June 24th, 1876.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your enquiry concerning the state of the Crops in this part of the County, I would just say that everything looks well. Although the season was quite backward and farmers were late in getting in the seed the growth is rapid and there has been quite as much sown as usual. The Grass looks very well, indeed and wherever there are fruit trees there appears to be every prospect of an abundant harvest. Hoping that the husbandman's labours will be blessed this season,

I remain, Sir, &c.,
LEANDER TREEN.

Digby, June 23rd, 1876.

DEAR SIR,—From observation and enquiries made I send you a short report of the state of the Crops in this locality. The Hay yield at present promises to be a heavy one. Potatoes are looking finely. Barley and Oats very promising. It is too early in the season to say much about Buckwheat and Turnips. Wheat not much sown. The Fruit crop is not quite so promising as last year. The caterpillars have made their appearance in vast numbers. The Currant worm not quite so destructive as usual. A few more showers will secure the growth of the Hay crop. Upon the whole we have, I think, every reason to be grateful to a kind Providence for the prospect of an abundant harvest.

Respectfully yours,
JOHN DAKIN.

Kentville, June 21st, 1876.

DEAR SIR,—Your esteemed favor at hand. In reply I beg to say I have visited several parts of this County in my township, and am happy to report that the prospects of our agriculturists in this County were never more promising. The hay crops are splendid—the best I ever remember. So I may say of the grain, potatoes and all root crops also. There is a splendid show for fruit. Every kind of fruit is forward and well filled. Wild or uncultivated fruit promises likewise an abundant crop. (We may truly say *every prospect pleases and only man is vile*.)

Yours truly,
HENRY LOVETT.

East Cornwallis, June 16th, 1876.

THE weather has been very variable. Opening Spring came pleasant with indications of an early season, but cloudy days and cold storms often set in tending to make the season backward. The fine weather was very precious indeed and the long days appeared to be made up of very short hours. The crops were generally later in than usual. April—the month for grain sowing—passed with very little grain sown. Potatoes—the principal crop—have the month of May in general as their allotted time for planting; but this year the April work had to be done in May and May work