

a good crop this season. Potatoes have come up well and look very promising. All grain crops are looking uncommonly well. Fruit trees of all kinds have blossomed very full, and the fruit set and likewise looks very promising. Although the spring was late, yet the season is now as far advanced and the crops as far advanced as usual at this season of the year. Large quantities of potatoes and other vegetables are planted in this country, also large quantities of grain sown, and generally the country is in a prosperous condition.

I am, &c.
H. LOVETT.

FROM GEORGE HAMILTON, ESQ., GRAND PRE.

Grand Pre, June 26th, 1874.

The weather during the month of April was cold and backward, May was very fine, a large breath of land has been cultivated, and the different kinds of crops are looking remarkably well with the exception of Indian Corn, which, from the wet and cold during the last ten days, is backward. The grass on good lands is very promising and there is every appearance of an abundant crop, except on a portion of the Grand Pre, which was flooded in 1869. There is prospect of a good crop of Apples and Pears, a middling crop of Cherries, but the Plums appear to be a partial failure.

GEORGE HAMILTON,
Secy. of K. C. Agr. Society.

FROM MATTHEW FISHER, ESQ., CORNWALLIS.

Somerset, King's, June 24th, 1874.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your note of June 10th, requesting information with reference to prospects of crops in this district, I beg leave to submit the following, viz:—The potatoes have come up strong and healthy, and bid fair to yield at least a good average crop. Oats are looking more thrifty than usual; wheat looks promising, but has ceased to be a general crop; rye is not sown to any great extent; corn is rather backward and but little planted; peas look well and bid fair to give good returns; barley not much sown.

The grass is thickly set and short, but from the effects of the late rains, will probably be above the average crop.

Apple trees blossomed very fully, and the fruit appears to be setting well, and will likely be an average if not a bountiful crop. Pears and smaller fruits not much grown in this section of the country.

From the prospects the Agriculturist in this section has reason to look forward

to an average if not a bountiful ingathering.

Yours truly,

MATTHEW FISHER,
Secretary, West Cornwallis Agricultural Society.

FROM THOMAS A. FRASER, ESQ., PUGWASH, CO: CUMBERLAND.

Pugwash River, 25th June, 1873.

DEAR SIR,—In answer to yours of the 10th, I may say that the prospect of the crops is good. Hay in particular promises to be abundant, more so than for some years past. Other crops are not far enough advanced yet to predict much, but so far they look well.

The season was everything that Farmers could desire for getting in the seed, consequently there has been more sown than for some years past; and if nothing prevents it from maturing well, there will be abundance for man and beast in this part of the country for the coming year.

Yours truly,

THOS. A. FRASER, Secy.
of Union Agric. So. of Pugwash.

FROM T. D. DICKSON, ESQ., PARRSBOROUGH, CO. CUMBERLAND.

Parrsborough, 18th June, 1874.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your circular of the 10th inst., I have to say that the prospects of the crops in this district are good. Reports come from all directions of the excellent appearance of the hayfields. Hay is generally allowed to be much better than at this time last year. The spring was cold and backward, but there were plenty of seasonable showers, and its growth has consequently steadily advanced. We may now confidently look for a heavy crop of this staple article this year. Wheat and oats were got in early. They came up well and now look promising. No heavy frost, as some years happens, has discolored the oats and retarded their growth. Potatoes were planted early as the season was favorable, they came up well. Many fields of the early kinds are now ready for hoeing. Part of the buckwheat crop has been put in and is now coming up. Much of it has yet to be sown, the time for sowing this grain and Swedish turnips extending to the last of this month, or even a week or ten days later. All the smaller crops, such as peas, beans, beets, carrots and cabbages, are doing well for the season, so far as heard from. Apple and cherry trees are only coming into blossom in this locality. Strawberry blossoms have been and are still very plentiful. No damage is feared to this crop from the light frosts we had on several nights during the last week in May, and the first week in June. Gooseberry bushes now make a great

show of blossoms, and if no heavy frosts occur, we may expect this year an abundant crop of this useful fruit. It is provided for us, like the other small fruits, in this section of country without any cultivation. I imagine that if sheep are allowed to feed in the early spring in the pastures where the bushes grow that they crop off the tender branches and new growth, and thus damage the crop, and sometimes cause the failure which is charged to frost, blight, or insects. Some house-keepers here say that gooseberries are the best of our fruits for preserves.

T. D. DICKSON.

FROM JOHN ROBERTSON, ESQ., WALLACE, CUMBERLAND.

Wallace, June 24th, 1874.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your note of the 10th inst., I would beg to state that the prospect of the crops in this district is most encouraging. The spring has been earlier than usual, and the weather remarkably favourable for farming, so that a much larger breadth has been got under crop than in any year previous; and the very seasonable showers, with moderately warm weather, have produced in the grain crop rapid vegetation and a healthy appearance.

Seed Oats were somewhat scarce, and the price more than ordinarily high, but notwithstanding a fair quantity has been sown and looks promising.

Potatoes have only lately been planted, consequently cannot say much in regard of the prospects. Buckwheat and Turnips have not yet been sown.

We have now over a week of rainy weather, and still it is showery, so that all farming operations are suspended; and it is feared that the surplus of moisture may prove injurious to Potatoes planted on low grounds; with that exception all crops look very promising.

The recent rain has so far improved the grass, that I think we may safely calculate upon an abundant crop of Hay this season.

Yours truly,
JOHN ROBERTSON.

FROM HIRAM BLACK, ESQ., AMHERST, CO. CUMBERLAND.

Amherst, June 24th, 1874.

DEAR SIR,—The Spring, though nearly ten days later than usual, was very propitious for the farmer in enabling him to get the crop in early, and with land in good condition to receive the seed.

From all that I can gather, and from personal observation, I am led to conclude the hay crop looks exceedingly well. I think the crop so far advanced, and the ground so damp, that an ordinary drought will not seriously affect it, though on damp and badly drained lands there may