

REPORTS OF CROPS.

ANNAPOLIS.

ROUND HILL, ANNAPOLIS,
July 10th, 1882.

On my arrival home on Saturday last from Halifax I was handed your letter of 3rd inst. asking information of present state and prospect of crops in this district. In consequence of the cold and wet weather during May and the early part of June, farmers were hindered in their spring work, but during the last three weeks vegetation has been rapid, and throughout the district as a whole there is every prospect of good crops. Hay, although light in some of the old fields, will I think prove a fair yield. Grain of all kinds looks well. A much larger area sown than usual. Some (and it would be better if all) farmers grow sufficient wheat to bread their families. Potatoes have come up well and promise a good yield. Turnips, mangolds and sugar-beets are more extensively grown than formerly, and when pulped and mixed with meal are found excellent for stock; farmers acquainted with their use say they would not be able to do without. Fruit: Apples—the trees gave promise when in blossom of an abundant crop, in many orchards the apple worm has injured the blossoms, and the crops will not be as large as in 1880, but much larger than in 1881; cherries and other small fruits a fair crop. The present prices of all kinds of farm products pay the industrious farmer a handsome return for his labor if properly applied.

GEO. WHITMAN.

MAPLE GROVE, PARADISE,
July, 11th, 1882.

Your circular soliciting information as to present and future prospect of the crops in this locality came duly to hand. Winter wheat was much injured during the winter and spring, and, in consequence, there will not be so large a quantity harvested as last year. Although the spring was cold and backward, and farmers were much later than usual in getting their crops in, more acres of potatoes have been planted and a greater breadth of grain sown than in any previous year and, with the warm weather and sunshine we are now having, our cultivated crops promise a good yield. The hay crop on rich up-lands as well as on the marshes will be a heavy one. The fruit trees blossomed full, but in some localities the Ribston Pippin, an early winter variety, and the Nonpareil, a long keeper, both highly prized in our home and foreign markets, will come under an average crop. I may state that the fruit crop as a whole, and which is considered a very important one in the

Annapolis valley, as it probably nets more to the farmer than any other farm product, will be a good average. The make of cheese will fall short of last year, —a larger number of calves are being raised, which gives a home market for the milk.

W. E. S.

ANTIGONISH.

ANTIGONISH, July 10th, 1882.

In reply to your note asking the state and prospects of the crops in this County, I beg to say that personal observation and inquiry have led me to the following conclusions:—First, the hay crop will be an average one if we have the ordinary July weather this month. It has suffered considerably, particularly in clayey lands, from excessive and generally cold rains. These cold rains retarded the growth of grass, but promoted that of different kinds of weeds. Secondly, it is impossible to make any reliable forecast of cereals yet, as so much depends on the weather. The blade looks healthy and strong, and though less advanced than it usually is at this date, still with favorable weather we may look forward with much hope to a good harvest. Early sown wheat looks very promising. I am informed that in wet lands a good deal of both early and late sowing is "water killed." Thirdly, the potato and root crops generally look very promising, though, on account of the lateness of the sowing season, they are not as forward as might otherwise be expected. Although the farmer has suffered, on the one hand, from the exceptional wetness of the season, which retarded farm work and growth, he has, on the other hand, escaped frost and its blighting influence.

Let me avail myself of the present to communicate to you a resolution passed by the Exhibition Committee of District No. 5, at a meeting held last week, as follows:—

Resolved, That the Secretary write to Prof. Lawson, asking him to deliver the Exhibition opening address.

I hope that you will kindly meet the wish of the Committee in this respect, and become thereby the means of opening auspiciously the second Government Exhibition known in the history of this County. Please send me your answer, which I hope will be in the affirmative, at your convenience.

A. G. MACDONALD.

COLCHESTER.

LOWER LONDONDERRY,
July 10th, 1882.

The prospects for the farmers at present are not flattering. Hay, though late will be good on dry, rich lands, while on damp soil, which constitutes a large part

of this district, the yield will be less than average. Wheat, on account of the failure last year, very little was sown this season, on dry land it is making a fair appearance. Oats, a larger quantity sown than for some years, but the cold, wet weather has retarded their growth very much, and the yield will probably be very light. Potatoes, the remunerative prices paid last year have had a tendency to induce our farmers to make greater preparations for this crop than heretofore; strange to say, they have "come" well and though late are looking healthy; should the remainder of the season prove favourable, we will likely have a fair return. We have had too much cold, wet weather for turnips and mangolds, which are in a backward state.

A. R. FULTON.

CUMBERLAND.

AMHERST, July 10th, 1882.

In reply to yours of the 3rd inst., I beg to say that the English grass on high, well drained marsh promises an excellent crop, the unusual wet has hurt it on poorly drained marsh. Uplands light, especially newly seeded land, which has been badly winter killed, and the cold, wet spring has not been favorable for grass on damp lands. Do not think hay will be more than a fair average crop. All grain crops put in with land in bad state, consequently weeds thick and grain thin. Buckwheat generally very late, and with early fall no expectation of a crop. All grain crops middling to poor, even allowing the season to be ten days late. Potatoes have suffered very severely with the wet weather; some have been ploughed up and turnips sown. Potatoes must be light. Turnips and mangolds late, with fair prospects. Even the little fruit here raised will probably be light.

HIRAM BLACK.

PARRSBORO, N. S., July 8th, 1882.

Yours of the 3rd just received on my return home from River Hebert. The crops around River Hebert, Minudie, Nappan, Maccan River and Amherst are not at all advanced. Potatoes more particularly, are very backward, and if the wet weather continues as h'to as it did last season, the potato crop all over the north, east and centre of the county will be light. The potatoes in Parrsboro district, where the soil (southern slope of the Cobequid Range) is very dry, and bears great precipitation without injury, look well. Grass at Maccan Mountain and all the hilly portion of Parrsboro looks pretty well, not however, so advanced as this time last year. Up the West Brook Valley it does not look so well. We had scarcely any rain during the early spring, and the grass did not