

## OUR FARMERS' CLUB

Correspondence Invited

### PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND PRINCE CO., P. E. I.

**RICHMOND, Oct. 3.**—The continued wet weather leaves many of the farmers with some of their grain still on the farm. It is very backward. Some threshing is being done. Wheat is below the average on account of rust. Oats are good and well filled. Potatoes and turnips are fair. The milk supply at the factories keeps up well as the pastures are good. Oats are selling for 40c and 45c; butter, 25c; eggs, 25c; J. D. McL.

### KING'S CO., P. E. I.

**LOWER MONTAGUE, Sept. 27.**—The week just ended has been very fine. Most of the grain is harvested. Those that threshed report grain a heavy yield. Our exhibition will be held Oct. 1st, and if the weather is good, will be the far ahead of any held in King's county. Milk is getting scarce owing to no after grass. Butter is going up; eggs, 25c; potatoes, 25c a sack; oats, 40c.

### ONTARIO

#### HASTINGS CO., ONT.

**SIDNEY CROSSING, Oct. 7.**—Pasture in the stock are looking well. Harvesting is complete, some few pieces of hay yet to get in. Crops on these farms are very light; others, fairly good. Corn is a very good crop, but late. Potatoes are looking better, but are a good crop generally. Prices remain high for all kinds of feed—J. K.

#### WELLINGTON CO., ONT.

**PERDUE, Oct. 5.**—A number of the farmers in this district have reported that some are only finishing their harvest. Some who have buckwheat had to cut it with the mower, while others could not cut it and get a mower on the land, and had to grade it. The fine weather of the past two days has helped to dry the land, and the mowing is going on with the potatoes and mangel. A great many are complaining of their potatoes being from a single to two-thirds rotten. Pastures are good. Prices are: Oats, 40c; barley, 30c; peas, 80c; buckwheat, 55c; butter, 30c; eggs, 25c; hogs, 85c; lambs, 85c; potatoes, 50c a bag—W. B.

#### BRUCE CO., ONT.

**HERWORTH, Oct. 4.**—This has been one of the worst years we have ever experienced to get grain dry in the field. All grain but fall wheat has been harvested in damp. The root crop is good. A few are complaining of rot in potatoes. Plums are a good crop. Apples almost a failure. No live stock is in good condition, as there is abundance of pasture. Young cattle are very scarce and high in price. A person can get as much for a calf now as they could for a yearling a few years ago. The trouble is that the farmers are not keeping as many cows as they used to. Where, a few years ago, you could find eight and ten cows on each farm, it is now only four or five. Labor is too high to keep more, and it is quite sure the only thing that will induce a farmer to keep more will be cheaper labor. Until the price of labor is lower, the price of cattle is going to be high—J. K. L.

#### MIDDLESEX CO., ONT.

**HOWITZ, Oct. 11.**—The weather has been very nice for some days lately. When the writer visited this place the farmers were just in the midst of their corn harvest. The hindlers were going in all directions, and the corn for the silos appeared to be a grand crop; 12 feet, and in some places still higher. The husking corn is so good, in all places it is rather poor. The farmers had difficulty in getting their fall seedling done, and while many farms no wheat will be sown, and many are waiting it on October 2. One farmer told the writer that he had lived on his farm for 60 years, and this was the first year they had ever missed a crop of wheat. This farm has been noted for its good crops of wheat, but this August and September was too wet to do any work in preparing the land. The wheat that is up looks rather patchy. The potatoes are poor; the root and grubs have about finished the tubers. The rural mail route comes through here, and at the corner, where Delaware Cheese Factory is situated, seven boxes are in evidence—J. E. O.

**TEMPO, Oct. 12.**—Silos filling, cutting corn, threshing, attending the fair and sales are principally before the farmers at present. A great many sales are going on. A number of changes will be made in the occupants of the farms this fall and winter. Not as much wheat was sown as usual, as the ground was too wet for seeding. The grubs have done much damage to clover, potatoes, corn, and now they are thinning the wheat. We used to hear it said that the grubs would be a work in wet seasons, especially when it was cold. This theory will not stand good after this experience. As one person says, "They must have this fall and on this year." The bean harvest is now on, and the weather is ideal for its sowing. The output will be about half the crop, with price very high. Pastures are good, and all kinds of stock look well.—J. E. O.

#### ESSEX CO., ONT.

**ARNER, Oct. 5.**—The threshing season is over and farmers' bins are well filled. Oats were an abundant crop; barley was also good, but wheat was practically a failure. The tobacco crop is all harvested and corn cutting is general. Fall wheat is looking well; about the usual acreage has been sown. Oats have been scarce, but are picking up some now. The price has dropped from \$5.00 to \$3.25 a cwt. Wheat, 35c; oats, 35c; barley, 35c—A. L. A.

### ALBERTA

#### EDMONTON DIST., ALTA.

**EDMONTON, Oct. 15.**—Hon. Duncan Marshall, Minister of Agriculture for the Province of Alberta, has gone east to purchase live stock for the demonstration farms at Medicine Hat, Glauco, Olds, Stony Plain, Vermilion and Sedgewick. Since last March the department has brought into the province 150 cows, which 100 have since been sold to farmers at cost landed, the price running from \$45 for grades to \$175 for registered animals. On arriving at the demonstration farms at Medicine Hat, Glauco, Olds, Stony Plain, Vermilion and Sedgewick, the price took the cows One car of cows was sold to the town of Macleod, on arrival of the cows to the farm. The department is especially interested in the milking strains. At Medicine Hat farm is a herd of 12 registered cows. Cows, and registered bull, at Glaucoholm is a herd of 15 Ayrshire cows, 14 of which are registered. At Olds there are 21 Holsteins, of which eight are registered. At Vermilion 22 Holsteins, of which 10 are registered. The cows are milked and a record kept of the milk, so that from time to time the better ones can be selected. On his present visit, Mr. Marshall will, if possible, secure registered Shorthorns of milking strains, as being most suitable for farm use. Of these 28 will be placed on the Sedgewick farm and 12 at Glaucoholm. He will also bring a car of Shorthorn, beef strains, for a farmer at Killam, and a car of grade Shorthorn heifers and registered bull for Colonel Newcomen, of Agriola, who recently purchased the Hugh Irwin farm there.

#### HOLSTEIN OFFICIAL TESTS FOR SEPTEMBER

Five official tests were reported during the month of September. The most creditable of these is the junior three-year-old record of De Kol Mutual Countess, 24.31 lbs. of butter. The mature cow, Cherryvale Winner, also makes a good showing with 23.18 lbs. in seven days and 94.12 lbs. in 30 days.

#### Full Age Form

1. Cherryvale Winner, 7778, at 7y. 4m. 24; milk, 63.5 lbs.; fat, 18.95 lbs., equal to 21.12 lbs. butter.  
2. Thirty-day record: Milk, 2,605.5 lbs.; fat, 75.29 lbs., equal to 94.12 lbs. butter. Owned by Lakeview Farm, Bronte, Ont.  
3. Ranswater, 12,042, at 6y. 5m. 21d.; milk, 421.2 lbs.; fat, 18.14 lbs., equal to 22.62 lbs. butter. Owned by G. A. Brethen, Norwood, Ont.  
4. Junior record: Milk, 2,605.5 lbs.; fat, 75.29 lbs., equal to 94.12 lbs. butter. Owned by G. A. Brethen, Norwood, Ont.  
5. De Kol Mutual Countess, 12,664, at 3y. 3m. 22d.; milk, 590.35 lbs.; fat, 19.43 lbs., equal to 24.31 lbs. butter. Owned by G. A. Brethen, Norwood, Ont.  
6. De Kol Pieterpij, 13,566, at 3y. 1m. 14d.; milk, 352.02 lbs.; fat, 12.35 lbs., equal to 15.44 lbs. butter. Owned by G. A. Brethen, Norwood, Ont.

#### Junior Two-Year-Old Form

1. Aaglie Pouch Hermes, 15,480, at 2y. 55d.; milk, 550.70 lbs.; fat, 8.94 lbs., equal to 11.17 lbs. butter. Owned by G. A. Brethen, Norwood, Ont.  
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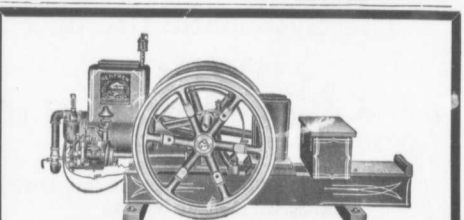
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