

seemed to fail to prevent its ravages. It is thought that the season for the fly has passed away, and that turnips may now be sown with safety. Turnips sown on the first of June came up in an unusual way. After a few days a small crop of them were up. A fortnight later after we had showers another crop from the same sowing made its appearance. Those that came up last it is thought were too lightly covered, and could not vegetate until there was rain. Where the land was high and dry, both crops were swept off by the fly, and another had to be put in. The sowing of Swedish turnips may be continued for a fortnight yet, and white turnips for a month or more.

Several small fields of wheat have been put in here this spring, and they all look well. Large quantities of buckwheat have been sown and the crop now promises well. The danger to it is, too hot a sun when in blossom and too early frosts in the Fall. Should it escape these two difficulties, there will be quite a large supply of bread stuff from this resource here this year. Barley, oats, corn and garden vegetables all look well, grubs in gardens have been very destructive, cutting off peas, beans, potatoes, cabbages, beets, cucumbers and onions. Apple trees have been in blossom about three weeks and promise a good crop. Strawberries are now plentiful and there is a fair prospect of a good crop of all the other small fruits usually grown here.

I am glad to be able to make so favorable a report of the prospect of the crops and trust our husbandmen may not be disappointed at the harvest.

FROM A. A. MACGILLIVARY, ESQ.,
ANTIGONISH COUNTY.

Antigonish, July 25th, 1877.

In answer to your request respecting the state of the Crops in the County of Antigonish, I consider that they look as promising as ever they did at this season of the year, and if warm weather will follow the last rains, as good crops as the county ever produced may be relied on. The Hay crop is now as far advanced as ever it has been at this season of the year.

Yours truly,
ARCH'D A. MACGILLIVARY.

FROM GEORGE WHITMAN, ESQ.,
ROUND HILL, CO. ANNAPOLIS.

*Round Hill, Annapolis, }
June 25th, 1877.*

DEAR SIR,—Your letter of the 22nd inst. was duly received. Crops in this district look well, except fruit. Many of the orchards have been injured by caterpillar and canker-worm, and, in some, the blossoms and leaves have been destroyed, leaving the trees as bare as in winter. Apples will not be more than half an average crop. The currant worm has so injured the bushes that there will be few currants. Strawberries, Gooseberries, Quinces and Pears, look well. Plums—not many grown in this district. Cherries abundant. Grass looks well, and, since the late rains, promises an abundant hay crop. Potatoes—a larger area planted this year than usual—look well. Corn—but little planted—the cold and wet the past fortnight has hindered the growth. Oats—more than usual sown—look well, except some fields

hindered by the wireworm. Barley and Buckwheat look well. Wheat and Rye but little sown; some fields of Winter Wheat promise an abundant yield. If the farmers would turn their attention to raising more Wheat (as the weevil is not so destructive as formerly) they would find it more to their interest than to depend on imported flour at war and famine prices that occasionally turn up.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE WHITMAN.

FROM JOHN ROSS, ESQ.,
BOULARDERIE.

Little Bras d'Or, June 27th, 1877.

MR. EDITOR,—It is not very easy to say what the Crops may be, but they are not up to expectation at date. The latter part of April has been very fine and promising, but with May the weather got very cold; we had not a warm day up to the 28th, and even in June we had very cold days, the 19th being uncommonly cold, but I did not hear of any frost over night.

I may safely say our Hay crop is going to be very light. Wheat would have been more extensively sown than usual only for the scarcity of seed, and as the enquiry commenced after the rise in flour, it was too late to import seed. What has been sown looks promising. Oats we never expect to be much until the nights begin to lengthen. Barley very little sown. Potatoes very backward and in some cases come up very irregular. Turnips are only sown and we cannot accuse or abuse the fly as yet. On the whole the prospects of the farmer at present are not such as we might have expected on or about the last of April.

Yours truly,
JOHN ROSS.

P. S.—We have a kind of grass that started here three or four years ago and is very likely to be very injurious to our Hay crop. It springs up early, and by the time other grass is fit to cut it is bleached white and spoils the quality of the hay. I find cattle don't like it even when green. I enclose you a stalk of it to see if you understand what kind of grass it is, and what will kill it.

J. R.
[The grass sent is the Sweet Scented Vernal Grass, which forms a close sward, and is better suited for ornamental lawns than for hay. However, it gives a very early bite. The only way to get rid of it is to break up the pasture or field and enrich the soil by heavy manuring; then the Timothy and Clover will kill it out.]

FROM H. DAVENPORT ESQ., SYD-
NEY, C. B.

Ashby, 25th June, 1877.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your circular received this morning, the season has been favorable for out-door work. Want of employment on public works has driven many farmers back to their old homesteads, and no doubt the acreage under crop, particularly of Potatoes, is unusually large. A cold dry June somewhat retarded vegetation, and Grass is spoken of as light. All the other crops look promising. There is an indication to-day of warmth and sunshine. I think we may anticipate a good return.

Yours very truly,
H. DAVENPORT.

FROM JOHN DAKIN, ESQ., DIGBY.

Digby, June 29th, 1877.

DEAR SIR.—Agreeable to request, I send you a short report of the state of the crops in this locality. In the first place I may say they are generally good. The hay crop will be fully an average one; potatoes so far very promising; oats good; barley a fair crop; beets and carrots have suffered some from the grubs.

The fruit trees are much injured by immense swarms of caterpillars. The yield of both apples and cherries will be small in our neighbourhood. The currant worm not very destructive here as yet. It is too early in the season to judge what the buckwheat and turnip crops will be. Wheat not much sown, but the lookout at present is very promising.

Yours respectfully,
JOHN DAKIN.

FROM STEPHEN PUTNAM, ESQ.,
MAITLAND.

Maitland, 28th June, 1877.

SIR,—In reply to yours of 22nd inst., the prospects of a good crop for the farmer are very promising. Hay is unusually forward, and, if it keeps wet weather, will be a large crop. A much larger breadth has been sown and planted this year in this section of the country than in former years. Wheat, Oats and Barley are looking finely, especially on good land. Potatoes, too, are looking well, those planted early being well advanced; other roots are fair, the dry weather in the early part of the month being rather against their coming up well. Agriculture as a business is rapidly coming into favor, and if pushed with energy may be made one of the most successful branches of industry in our midst.

Yours truly,
STEPHEN PUTNAM.

FROM FRANCIS R. PARKER, ESQ.,
SHUBENACADIE.

Shubenacadie, June 28th, 1877.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your circular concerning the Crops, owing to a fine season the farmers have been enabled to put their Crops in in better order than usual, and a larger area of ground has been cultivated than has been for years past; at the same time we have not done one-third as much as we ought to have done, both for ourselves and country. There is only a very little Wheat sown; all other Grains and Roots more than usual, as I have said before. All is looking very well, Grass appears ten days earlier than usual, and looks like to be an abundant crop.

Farmers are taking more interest in housing their manures and making their barns comfortable, and keeping more pure and graded stock. At the same time there is room for great improvement, as in all other parts of our great country.

Yours truly,
F. R. PARKER.