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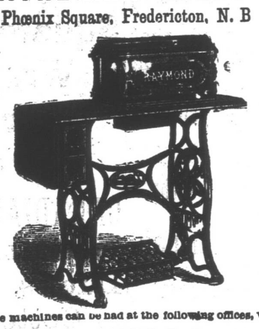

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Mr. Lugrin's introductory remarks to the following Summer Crop Report for New Brunswick will be found on our second page.

ALBERT COUNTY.

W. P. Robinson says of the Parish of Elgin:—Hay, 75 per cent., up to Aug. 6 the weather was favorable and the quality of the hay was good. Not very much had been done up to that date. Cattle were turned out to pasture about May 25, but the pasturage was not so good as last year. Grain and roots promise well; fruit fairly. Dairying is on the increase.

C. A. Bennett, Rosevale:—Hay 80; weather unfavorable and very little got as yet (Aug. 16). Wheat and oats very good; fruit average. Pasturage has been short; cattle were turned out from May 10 to May 15. Potatoes look very well; beetles are not numerous. Dairying is increasing. No more cattle are kept, but they are being better kept than formerly.

W. E. Bishop, Baltimore Valley:—Hay 90; quality average; weather very unfavorable. Grain above an average; fruit good; pasturage good; roots good. All crops except hay above average. About one third of the hay is made at this date (Aug 18).

Job Stiles, Hopewell Parish:—Hay 75; quality good; weather unfavorable; grain good; fruit above average; roots average; pasturage not good.

CARLETON COUNTY.

David Burtt, Parish of Wilmot:—The weather has been favorable for haying and the quality is up to the average. Cattle were turned out about May 25th and the pastures here are good. Dairying is not increasing to any great extent. Grain promises an average crop; roots fair; fruit very good.

M. C. Atkinson, M. D., M. P. P., lower part of the Parish of Kent:—Hay 80 per cent of an average; weather very favorable, and quality of hay excellent. Prospects of grain fair, but oats will hardly reach an average; roots above average; the potato beetle was less destructive than usual; fruit not equal at present to last year. Cattle were turned out to grass about May 20th and the feed has been good, If anything, dairying is decreasing, the practice of selling hay to the American market being on the increase to the detriment of the farms generally. The same is true of oats. Excessive cropping, excessive drainage of the resources of the farms and indefinite returns to the soil are characters of farming in this county, although I am glad, with some exceptions, to this general rule.

James Simonson, Wakefield and Jacksonville:—Hay 100, quality average, season good. Prospects of fruit good; of grain, very good; of roots, average. Our district is devoted largely to cheese making.

David Irvine, Carleton County, north of Centreville, and west of the St. John:—Hay slightly below the average. Prospects of grain very good; of fruit good; of roots, fair. The season has been dry for pasturing.

G. L. Cronkhite, Royalton:—Hay 75, weather very fine up to Aug. 5, quality excellent. Grain, good; roots, very good; fruit rather light. All crops are improving on account of the wet weather.

Robert Brown, Northampion:—Hay 95: quality an average; weather rather unfavorable. Grain looks well; also roots, especially carrots and turnips. Prospect of fruits quite favorable. Cattle were turned out between 20th and 24th of May. The season has been dry and cool.

R. T. Scholey, Centreville and vicinity:—Hay 100. The weather was very favorable in the early part of the season. Oats short in straw, but heavy in grain; wheat apparently light; buckwheat light; fruit and roots good. Pasturage rather poor. I believe the increased production and sale of hay from the farms and the general small return of manure will ultimately tell against us. Sheep buyers say our lambs are not as good as they used to be. There has not been much new blood introduced latterly. We hope to see a stimulating effect from the government importation of sheep.

G. R. Ketchum, Woodstock and Wakefield:—Hay 100, quality very fine; weather very favorable; the principal part of the crop was housed previous to August 3rd. Prospects of grain good; of fruit fair; of roots very fine indeed. Dairying is increasing.

E. M. Shaw, Wakefield front:—Hay 90; quality good, weather very favorable, Roots, fruit and grain all promise well. Harvesting is about ten days late on account of the cool season and late spring. Cattle were turned out from 10th to 15th May; pasturage was good. Dairying is slightly on the increase.

Hon. George W. White, Centreville and vicinity:—Hay 85; quality rather below the average. Weather to August 4th favorable, since then unfavorable. Grain looks well, but straw is short. Fruit about an average; roots good. Pasturage has been good. Cattle were turned out about the middle of May. Potato beetles have not been as numerous as they were last year.

Henry Lamont, Aberdeen:—Hay 95; quality good. The weather in the early part of the season was favorable. Grain promises well, also roots. Fruit about an average. Pasturage has been good; cattle were turned out about May 25th. There is a gradual increase in dairying.

James Good, western part of Wakefield; Hay 90; quality superior. First part of season favorable. Grains promise well; fruit fair; roots very well. Summer favorable for dairying, which is on the increase.

S. E. Campbell, Brighton, Peel and Simonds:—Hay 100; quality of that housed early in the season above an average. Grain below average; fruit good; roots good. Dairying increasing.

C. L. S. Raymond, Woodstock and Richmond;—Hay, 100, lowland hay is unusually good, that back from the river somewhat less than an average. About a fortnight of favorable weather. Many farmers had not finished haying by the last of August; quality average. Oats and wheat promise well; other grain fair. Apples late, but average. Red plums scarce, others abundant. Rather unfavorable for pasturage; cattle were turned out to grass about May 15. Prospects of roots good. Dairying is gradually increasing.

CHARLOTTE COUNTY.

Hon. James Mitchell, referring to the western part of Charlotte, says:—That the hay crop is about 75 per cent. of an average. The weather has been fine and the quality of the hay is good. Prospects of roots and fruit are good, and of grain very good. Cattle were turned out to grass about May 15. There is no material increase in dairying.

Wm. Douglas, M. P. P., referring to the parish of St. James, says:—Hay is about 75 per cent. of an average. The weather was fine until August 4th, but after that dull for some days. Grain and roots promise well. It is an off year for apples, but other fruits promise favorably. Cattle were turned out to grass about June 1st, and have had a fair run of pasturage. Dairying is on the increase in this parish, and I am glad to report a general increase in the wealth of the parish every year.

F. M. Murchie, speaking of the upper part of Charlotte, says:—That hay is about 80 per cent. of an average; the weather has been excellent, and the quality is above the average. Grain and roots promise an abundant yield. Fruit is about an average. Cattle were sent to pasture about June 1st. They have only had a fair run, as grass was much winter killed, and was late starting. This county is not as well adapted for farming as other parts of the Province. The best thing our farmers can do is to go into horse raising.

P. McLaughlan, southern part of St. Patrick:—Hay 90 per cent. of an average; the season was very favorable and the quality is excellent. Grain looks well and the rain since August 5th, will make oats and barley a good crop. Fruit will be an abundant crop. Potatoes look well, and turnips and carrots if the weather continues favorable, will be the largest crop ever raised in this section. Hay needs more attention from the farmers in this section. Top dressing with superphosphate or lime ashes is needed. Farmers can get Kiln ashes from Rockland, Maine, for about 40 cents per barrel, and by composting and top dressing after haying they would get good results. A good deal of superphosphate was used as a fertilizer on turnips this season.

H. E. Hill, western part of Charlotte:—The favorable weather since the middle of June has made hay a good average; the early cut hay was got in good condition, but farmers are not yet (Aug. 8) done. Prospects of grain, first class; of fruit fair; of roots good; Pasturage has been good. Cattle were turned out about June 20th. Dairying is about stationary. A large breed of cows with the best milking qualities is needed.

John L. Maxwell, western part of Charlotte:—Hay 75; quality excellent, and weather favorable. Grain never looked better; roots good; fruit rather light as to apples, but berries plentiful. Dairying is not increasing. It would be well if the farmers of Charlotte could be stimulated in regard to the importance of co-operative dairying.

G. D. Grimmer, St. Andrews, St. Croix and St. Patrick:—Hay 60; first of season favorable, and hay housed then was above average. Oats look well, and it is hoped will make up for the shortage in hay; other grains up to average; fruit average; potatoes promise unusually well; turnips, our main root crop, are inferior on the whole. Those away from the sea are almost a failure. It was nearly June 15th before cattle were turned out; pasturage has been poor.

W. Russell, Grand Manan:—Hay 80; quality fair; weather unfavorable; grain fair. Pasturage good; cattle were turned out from 5th to 10th May.

GLOUCESTER COUNTY.

John Hornibrook, western part of New Bandon:—Hay 100, the best for some years. The weather has not been very favorable and farmers have not generally begun haying. Grain looks well, also fruit. Potatoes promise an abundant yield, very little damage from the beetle. Pasturage good. Cattle were turned out about June 10th.

J. F. Foley, Pokeshaw and vicinity:—Hay 95, season favorable to date (Aug. 10), quality of hay very good. Oats short, but improving; other grains fairly good; roots very good. The ravages of the potato beetle are principally confined to the sandy soils of the back settlement.

W. Walsh, Inkerman:—Hay 60, weather unfavorable, quality, an average; grain fair; roots fair. The general crop will be equal to last year, if the autumn is favorable.

John Young, Saumerez:—Hay 70, weather unfavorable, quality below average; wheat fair; oats below average; barley fair; fruit below average; root crops fair; pasturage not good. Dairying is increasing.

William Archer, Saumerez:—Hay 80, season unfavorable. Prospects of grain, good; of roots fair. The season was not favorable to pasturage.

KENT COUNTY.

O. J. LeBlanc, M. P. P., St. Mary:—Hay 66; early part of season favorable; but very little cut then. Wheat good; oats and buckwheat short, but of good color; potatoes promising; turnips short; other roots look well; what fruit is grown looks well. Pasturage rather poor. Cattle were turned out about May 22. Dairying is on the increase. More fall ploughing is needed in this locality.

T. M. Therriault, St. Marys, No. 1:—Hay 75; weather very unfavorable. Wheat especially good. Rev. Jos. Ouillett has some wheat 4 ft. 11 in. in height. Other fields are equally good. Fruit promises well, as do roots also. Dairying is largely increasing. People are paying greater attention to farming than heretofore.

J. L. Richard, St. Louis:—Hay 70; weather favorable at first; quality good. Oats backward; wheat not so good as last year; apples good; potatoes good, but suffering from the beetle; turnips good; pasturage very poor; cattle were turned out about May 15. Dairying is increasing, and Jerseys are being introduced with good results.

Edward Walker, Weldford:—Hay 80; the early part of haying was favorable; grain improving and promises well; roots look well; very few potato beeles; what fruit is raised is above average. This season emphasizes the advisability of cutting hay early.

J. McG. Powell and Chas. T. Walker, Weldford:—Hay 85, quality average. The first of the season was favorable. Prospects of grain good; of fruit very fair; of roots very good. Pasturage was not good early in the season. Cattle were turned out about the middle of May.

KINGS COUNTY.

J. E. Fairweather, lower half of Norton and upper half of Hampton, 10 by 3 miles: Hay from 70 to 80. The season has not been favorable since August 1st. Grass is finer in stand than usual and apparently lacking in weight. Oats and buckwheat good average; perhaps the latter is the better of the two. Apples promise remarkably well, and the ravages of the Codling moth are not likely to do much damage. Moore's Arctic plums are promising. Potatoes promise exceedingly well. The beetle was not nearly so troublesome as usual, and was easily kept in check. The blight has not yet appeared, and if existing conditions continue a large crop is assured. Other roots, especially turnips, promise good returns. More attention is given to winter dairying, but there is no increase in summer butter making. Cattle were turned out from May 10th to 25th, pasturage was not up to the average, owing to the slight rainfall in June and July. The hay crop is the lightest harvested here in 20 years; but as an offset, all other crops promise good returns. The marshes and intervals promise well, and if no damage occurs from freshets this locality will be prepared to face the winter with but slightly diminished flocks and herds.

Thomas Roach, Roachville School District: Hay below average and season unfavorable. The old hay on hand will bring the supply up to the average. Grain extra; small fruit good; roots very good. Increased attention is given to winter dairying. A large increase in the amount of barley sown. It is used for feed in the place of "heavy feed" from Ontario. Pasturage not extra.

Thomas F. Barker:—Highland hay 65; intervals 85; the last two weeks have been unfavorable for making hay, but have greatly improved both the quantity and quality of the grass. Grain very good. Plums good; apples average. Potatoes very good; other roots an average. Pasturage very good.

W. E. Picket, upper part of Kingston:—Hay 80; quality good. First of season favorable. Grain good; fruit fair; potatoes very good; other roots fair. March hay will be heavy if the fall freshet does not spoil it. Late rains favorable for fall ploughing. Dairying increasing slightly.

A. M. Woodman, Weldford:—Highlands 50; marsh and lowlands 100; quality below average, season unfavorable. All grain looks well, oats especially; fruit prospects are good; potatoes promises well. The season was favorable for pasturage.

D. F. Wetmore, Kingston and Rothesay:—Hay 75; season unfavorable; grain good; roots good, especially potatoes. Small fruits did not yield well, not many apples grown here, but the yield is good. Cattle were not turned out before June 20. I think there is an increase in the acreage planted in potatoes. There was a little stir last spring in dairying and an unsuccessful attempt to start a butter factory. A large quantity of chemical fertilizer has been made here from the raw material with very satisfactory results.

G. I. Coulter White, Hampton and Norton:—Hay, upland 75, marsh and lowlands 110; season unfavorable. All kinds of grain promise a good yield. Prospects of the root crop are good.

MADAWASKA COUNTY.

P. O. Byram, St. Leonards:—Hay 75 to 100 according to the quality of the meadow. On the whole, a little short of last year. In the early part of the season the weather was very favorable, but much hay was injured in the latter part by bad management. Grain promises abundantly. Wild fruit is very plentiful. Roots look well. Cattle were very late in being sent to grass; not before the last of May. Pasturage was fair.

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY.

E. Hutchinson, M. P. P., central part of the Parish of Newcastle:—Hay about 90 per cent. of an average, quality is good. The season was unfavorable for pasturage, and cattle were turned out to grass late. There is no increase in dairying. Very little fruit is raised in the locality. Prospects of grain and roots are good.

J. B. Snowball, Chatham and Napan:—Hay 75 per cent. an average; quality weedy and below average. The early part of the season was favorable, but the latter part was wet. On August 6th, there was considerable hay yet to cut. Late rains have greatly helped oats, barley and wheat, which had been below an average. Potatoes are very good; other roots below average on account of seed missing through the drought in spring. The season has been too dry for pasture; cattle were turned out about the middle of May. Dairying is on the increase. People are taking more interest in their stock, and are improving the quality of their animals from year to year.

Rev. J. D. Murray, North and South Esk: Hay about 90. In some localities it is quite up to an average, but on poor land the dry season injured it. Grain, roots, fruit, in fact everything, will be an extra crop. Pasturage was not good. Cattle were turned out in some cases as early as May 1st, but those who had feed kept them in until June. There is no increase in dairying. Better breeds and a better system of feeding must be adopted before we can expect progress in this line.

George Jardine, Rogerville and Acadiaville;—Hay will be 100 if the weather proves favorable. Grain, very good; roots, good; pasturage has been very good; cattle were turned out about May 20. Dairying is increasing. The farmers are doing better as the lumber is being cut away.

Samuel Freeze, Blissville and Ludlow: Hay 50. Weather favorable. Oats are heading out short. Fruit fair. Pasturage poor because of the drought.

Thomas O. Newman, Derby and vicinity: Hay 90 to 95; quality better than average. Grain promises a full average. Fruit promises well but not much raised here. Roots appear very fine. Pasturage was poor; cattle were turned out about May 25th. A slight increase in dairying. Ensilage corn and field beans promise well.

B. Stapledon, Chatham:—Hay 65; quality good. Early part of season favorable. Grain and roots very good. Early pasturage was good; cattle were turned out about the middle of May.

D. G. Smith, Chatham and Lower Newcastle;—Hay 75; quality good; two-thirds of the crop was well housed. Grain very fair; roots good. Cattle were turned out about 15th May. Early part of the season was favorable for pasturage. Milk farming is increasing.

John Galloway, Napan:—Hay 60; quality below average; season unfavorable. Wheat light; oats fair; potatoes fair; turnips poor. Fruit excellent. Cattle were turned out about 15th May. Pastures were very poor.

J. F. Burchill, M. P. P., Nelson:—Hay 65; quality below average; weather fairly favorable. Grain about average. Fruit very fair. Roots good. Cattle were turned out about the middle of May. The season was not favorable to pasturage. Dairying is increasing.

QUEENS COUNTY.

S. L. Peters, river section of Hampstead: Upland hay 40 per cent. intervale hay 85 per cent. The weather has not been favorable, and the quality is not an average. The season was unfavorable for pasturage; Cattle went to grass about May 25th. The prospects of grain, roots and fruit are good. Dairying is a specialty in our localities, and is not on the decline. Our farms suffered greatly from the ice which formed on them last year and killed out the more valuable grasses. In most cases nothing but ploughing and reseeding will restore the fields, and this will entail considerable cost.

J. C. Burpee, Chipman:—Hay about 80 quality average, early part of season favorable. Prospects of grain very good; fruit good; roots fair at present. Cattle were turned out about the middle of May, but pasturage was short because of dry weather. Dairying is gradually increasing. Mr. Burpee adds, "enclosed is a specimen of oats raised this year, called Welcome Oats, which should be introduced more generally in the Province. I have raised them exclusively the last 4 years and find them the best known to me." (These oats were hard and plump, and were received August 15th.)

H. B. Hall, Gagetown:—Upland hay 75; intervale 100. Marsh hay will be 110 if the weather keeps dry and favorable; weather moderately favorable; quality average. Oats 91; buckwheat promising. Apples good, an average of bearing years; plums not so good; roots only fair, the season having been dry and great damage having been done by grubs. An excellent year for barley where conditions were favorable. Upland pasture was injured by drought, interval pasture splendid. Cattle were turned out June 1st, Dairying is not increasing. This is a remarkably good centre for a creamery and an enterprising man with the requisite education could do a splendid business here in making butter. He could easily get cream enough to start with and the business is capable of indefinite expansion.

F. J. Purdy, Parish of Jemseg:—Hay 75; quality rather below an average; weather up to August very favorable. The first ten days in August were dark but not very wet. Grain looks well; the acreage is more than usual and the crop will probably be above the average. Potatoes look well where the beetle has been kept down; turnips are good; mangols and carrots are short owing to the ravages of the land grub. Apples an average; plums and cherries the best for years; berries of all kinds good except cultivated strawberries, which were not half a crop owing to injury from ice during the winter. A late and unfavorable season for pasturage. I do not think as much butter and cheese will be made this year as usual. Garden produce, which when I last wrote was suffering from drought, is now the best grown for years.

G. L. Colwell, Lower Cambridge:—Hay 100; quality below average; weather favorable early in the season, but latterly very unfavorable. Grain, extra; potatoes, very good; turnips, carrots and mangolds, fair; cherries extra; plums good; apples fair. Cattle were turned out about May 20. The season was not favorable for pasture.

J. B. Barton, Armstrong's Corner:—Hay 80; quality average; season favorable at first, but latterly very wet. Grain excellent, especially oats and barley; fruit fair; roots excellent. Cattle were turned out about June 1st. The season was not favorable for pasture. Dairying is increasing.

RESTIGOUCHE COUNTY.

W. Murray, M. P. P., Restigouche generally:—Hay 65 per cent of an average; quality, good. Cattle were turned out late to grass and the pasturage was poor. Prospects of grain and roots good; of fruit fair.

W. H. Phillips, Restigouche:—Hay 66; quality fair; weather not favorable. Grain good; fruit, good; roots, promise well. Pasturage, good. Dairying slightly increasing.

W. Ferguson, northern part of Restigouche:—Hay 66; quality good; but latter part of season unfavorable. Grain and roots very good. Cattle were turned out during the last week in May. Dairying is slowly increasing. Wild fruit is abundant; but cultivated fruit is very poor.

ST. JOHN COUNTY.

James H. Bowes, Golden Grove:—Hay 75. First of season was favorable, but after the first few days in August, unfavorable. Grain never looked better; roots better than for many years past; fruit not extra. Very good pasturage. Cattle were turned out about June 1st. Dairying is slightly on the increase.

J. Donovan, District No. 1, Simonds:—Hay 75. We began haying July 30th, and up to date, August 14th, we have had six favorable days. Quality of hay very fair. Prospects of grain good; of fruit good; of roots very good. Season unfavorable for pasturage. Farm help is very scarce, wages ranging from $24 to $30 per month.

S. J. Shanklin, western part of St. Martins and eastern part of Simonds:—Hay 100; quality average. Weather favorable up to August 4th. Oats good; buckwheat good; roots good; fruit promises well. A slight increase is noted in dairying. With the abundance of straw and the old hay on hand there will be more feed on hand than usual.

J. T. Steeves, M. D., Lancaster:—Hay 100; quality slightly below average.—Weather unfavorable. Grain prospects excellent; potatoes good; other roots fair. It would be interesting to know how to prevent the ravage of the little black fly which destroyed turnips, mangolds and carrots this year.

SUNBURY COUNTY.

C. B. Harrison, M. P. P., lower part of Maugerville:—Hay about 80 per cent. of an average, the quality is below average and very uneven. Favorable weather up to August 4th, Prospects of grain fair; much buckwheat destroyed by a black grub; also many roots. Potatoes are thrifty, but the plants are small. I think dairying is increasing. Sweet corn is backward, but is growing well, with prospects of a fair crop. A greater breadth has been planted in corn this year than in any previous year.

T. L. Alexander, Parish of Gladstone:—Hay, uplands, 65, lowlands, 100; quality fair; grain A 1; fruit very poor; roots never better. Cattle were turned out late, not till June 1st. Pasturage was well saved. Grain very good; fruit below average; roots promise well. Dairying is increasing.

W. D. Smith, Blissville:—Hay 70; except on low meadows where it will be 100; quality above average; the weather early in the season was very unfavorable. Grain, promises well; apples an average, much better than last year. Roots look finely. Pasturage was good; cattle were turned out about May 15. A butter and cheese factory is needed here. The shortage in the hay crop emphasizes the necessity of top dressing after haying and the stopping of the practice of pasturing the hay land.

W. W. Hubbard, Upper Burton and Lincoln:—Hay, upland 60, Interval 100. Weather favorable up to August 4, and the quality of hay housed up to that date was very good. Grains promise well, wheat particularly so; roots about an average; apples abundant; plums better than for some years. The season was too dry for pasturage. Cattle were turned out to grass the first week in June. We need constant warm weather and an absence of frost till after September 20th to make our sweet corn a success.

Henry Wilmot, Burton:—Hay 100; quality better than last year; only one week of favorable weather. Early grain at least average; apples more abundant than last year; roots abundant. Pasturage was late coming on, but was fairly good.

W. Barker, Sheffield,—Hay 95; quality average; weather unfavorable; grain only fair; fruit good; roots less than average. Cattle were turned out to grass about June 20th.

John Wilmot, Lincoln Front:—Upland, hay 75; lowland 125; all round 85; first of the season favorable; the rest wet; grain promises well; fruit not favorable; roots well.

VICTORIA COUNTY.

J. McNichol, Perth:—Hay 75; quality average, season very unfavorable; grain good; roots good; dairying slightly increasing.

H. T. L. Peterson, New Denmark and part of Drummond:—Hay 90; season favorable and quality good. Grain good, especially oats; fruit very good; roots fair. Pasturage was quite favorable; but cattle were turned out later than usual, not much before June 1st. Dairying is increasing.

B. F. Crawford, Andover:—Hay 90; quality good; weather unfavorable. Grain good; fruit not very good; roots poor. Dairying increasing. More barley sown than usual. It looks well. Pasturage good in the early part of season; dry in the latter part.

James A. Manzer, Aroostook;—Hay 95; quality extra; early part of season favorable. Grain good; fruit fair; roots fair; pasturage inferior.

Robert Watson, Upper Kintore and the lower part of Tobique river. Hay 105; quality average; early part of season very favorable. Grain looks well; fruit as plentiful as far as grown; roots splendid. More wheat is raised than formerly, and increased attention is payed to stock, horses particularly. Cattle were turned out about the middle of May and the season was generally favorable for pasturage.

G. W. Day, New Denmark and upper part of Drummond:—Hay 80; quality average; only one week favorable weather. All grains except buckwheat promises well; roots not good at present. Cattle were turned out about June 1st and the season has been favorable for pasture. Dairying is increasing and a great deal of butter is shipped to St. John.

A. J. Beveridge, Andover:—Season unfavorable for haying; quality average. Prospects of grain good; of roots good. Cattle turned out about May 10. Dairying is increasing.

J. W. Bedell, Andover:—Hay 80; quality average; early part of season very favorable; wheat very promising; oats, straw light but grain heavy; fruit a good average; roots very good.

George E. Baxter, Perth Centre:—Hay 95; quality average; last part of season very unfavorable. Grain, fruit and roots, very good.

WESTMORLAND COUNTY.

J. J. Evans, Shediac:—Hay 65; weather unfavorable, greatly below average; grain very promising; fruit an average; roots fair, especially potatoes. Pasturage was poor, and cattle were not turned out until the second week in June.

F. A. Dixon, Sackville:—English hay 100; broadleaf, 75. Weather since August 4, unfavorable. Grain and roots promise well. Cattle were turned out about June 1st. Pasturage has not been good.

Howard Trueman, Parish of Westmorland: English hay, 95; broadleaf, 85; quality average; weather unfavorable. Prospects of grain and roots good.

W. Avard, Great Shemogue:—Hay 100; quality below average; weather unfavorable. Prospects of grain and roots good.

J. J. Anderson, Sackville:—Hay 85; quality below average; weather remarkably bad. Oats look uncommonly well; other grain an average: roots look well. Pasturage has not been as good as usual. Cattle were turned out about June 1st.

A. Tait, Shediac:—Hay 60; weather unfavorable, and crop much damaged. Grain and roots promise very well. Pasturage was poor.

J. H. Morton, Salisbury and Havelock:—Hay 75; early part of season favorable, latter part wet and quality of hay got then inferior. Grain is very good, wheat and oats especially. Roots good, but potatoes not equal to last year. Fruit very fair. Pasturage inferior. Cattle turned out about May 24th. Dairying increasing slightly, and an increase in top dressing and summer ploughing.

James Barry, Emigrant Settlement:—Hay 80; quality inferior; season very unfavorable. Grain, roots and fruit promise well. Pasturage inferior. Cattle were turned out about 15th June.

Alfred Raworth, Upper Cape and Shore Road:—Hay 100; quality about average; weather unfavorable. Grain extra good; fruit good; roots extra good; pasturage fair. Cattle were turned out about June 15th. I think there is a general improvement in agriculture.

Bill C. Raworth, Emigrant Settlement:—Hay 85; weather unfavorable, quality 20 per cent. below average. Grain, roots and fruit promise well. Spring was late and cattle were not turned out until 5th of June, but pasturage was poor.

YORK COUNTY.

G. A. Lounsbury, Upper Queensbury and Lower Southampton:—Hay 75 per cent. of an average; quality above average, the weather up to August 3rd was very fine. Grain is short, oats in sod land especially so. The season was too dry for pasturage. Cattle were not turned out until the last of May. Prospect for roots and fruit is good. Dairying is increasing. I do not think our farmers as a general rule clear enough new land, but keep tilling their old land over and over with small returns.

A. W. Coburn, Harvey Station, Manners Sutton:—Hay 75 per cent. of an average; quality, first class; weather favorable. Pasturage has not been good. Cattle were turned out the last week in May. Grain an average; fruit below average; potatoes above average. Dairying about holds its own.

J. M. Lindsay, New Maryland:—Hay 95 per cent. of an average; quality very fair, and the hay has been well got. The season was very fav