

FROM HENRY DAVENPORT, ESQ.,
SYDNEY, C. B.

Dear Sir,—The early season was both very dry and very cold, but favorable for farming purpose, more than an average amount of Spring work was got through earlier than usual here. Complaints have been made that drouth has affected grains and grass, but I cannot think to any serious extent. However, we have recently had no want of heat and some rains, within the last twenty-four hours, a little deluge, and things now look promising. The hay crop will be better than last year, and at least an average. As far as I have seen, grains, extensively sown this year, look promising. Potatoes every where luxuriant, and a large breadth planted. Culinary vegetables of all kinds doing well, and the prospect for fruits very good. In fact I may sum up by saying everything looks well.

Very truly I am yours,

H. DAVENPORT,

Sydney, 10th July, 1873.

FROM AVARD LONGLEY, ESQ.,
PARADISE, ANNAPOLIS CO.

PARADISE, July 12th, 1873.

Dear Sir,—In reply to your favour of the 8th inst., requesting information concerning the crops in this district, I beg to hand you the following:—

Hay—an average yield, and excellent quality.

Cereals—wheat looking well, yet but little sown; barley, oats and buckwheat, also, looking well. Rye, very little sown in this place. Indian corn, backward and unpromising. Potatoes promise very well, and fully an average breadth planted. Fair prospect for turnips, mangolds, &c. Beans and peas promise well. The prospect for the products of the Kitchen Garden is not very encouraging, seeds generally not coming up well.

Fruit—the apple crop will probably be far below the average. The trees blossomed full, and about the time the apples were setting, there was a prospect of an abundant yield, but there are now but few apples to be seen where there was a promise of many. The probability is that the yield of cherries, plums, and pears will be below the average.

Yours,

A. LONGLEY.

FROM DAVID ARCHIBALD, ESQ.,
UPPER MUSQUODOBOIT.

Dear Sir,—Allow a correspondent, through the medium of your valuable journal, to give briefly, some hints respecting the present appearance and future prospects of crops generally in this locality. The Spring and sowing season was dry, giving a favourable opportunity to the

farmer to plough, to plant, and sow, and in consequence a much larger breadth of land has been sown and planted than there was in either of the two preceding years. Although the weather was dry and very favourable for tilling the soil, yet it remained cold, uncommonly so for the season of the year, and until near the last of June, but little warmth was felt. The hay crop, it is supposed, will not be up to the average of former years. June being dry and cold, has told largely against it up to the present. But, as we are now being blessed with frequent showers, the lowland hay crop may far exceed our expectations. The oat crop, although behind the season in growth, stands thick upon the ground, and shows a rich green colour. Potatoes uncommonly beautiful, a dry season seems always to suit the potato crop, its present appearance, particularly on warm dry soils, indicates a yield above an average. Buckwheat looks vigorous and good, late frosts have not left their mark upon it, and late frosts we had, yet through the influence of moisture in the morning atmosphere, our crops have escaped its blighting influence.

Wheat where sown looks very promising, its growth is forward, and if weevil spare it, will reward our toil. Barley stands close upon the ground, is good in colour, but short in growth. Peas and beans look very forward for the season. Early sown turnips suffered from the ravages of the turnip fly, but those sown later look vigorous and healthy. The fruit crop, with us, is a matter of small moment; yet, where the crop is cultivated, gives promise of a fair yield, and, upon the whole the crop prospects in this vicinity are pretty encouraging. The high price obtained (within the last few years,) for all kinds of farm produce, has given a healthy impulse to the farming interests throughout our country. We trust that our Legislature will increase their interest in the agricultural welfare of this Province, and that the day is not far distant when our country will take a creditable stand as a largely producing Agricultural one.

Upper Musquodoboit, July 11th, 1873.

FROM HIRAM BLACK, ESQ.

AMHERST, July 14th, 1873.

Dear Sir,—In answer to your inquiry respecting the crops, I would say that although the grass in the early part of June looked very badly, the frequent showers and the warm weather have so improved it that there will be one of the best upland hay crops ever harvested. The same will apply to the best English marsh, but there will be a light crop on the middling and poor soils. Taken as a whole, the English hay crop promises a much better yield than last year, decidedly more than an average crop. The later grasses give every promise of yielding fully

an ordinary return. The Spring was so dry that an unusual opportunity was afforded the farmers to get the crop in early in splendid condition; consequently an increased area of oats was sown, which look finely. The same may be said about the buckwheat, though this crop will depend largely on the absence of early frosts. Twice as much barley as usual was sown. The area under wheat is probably less than in former years; but this crop looks well, though the returns from the latter will depend on the ravages of rust and weevil. Potatoes were got in early in land beautifully fitted, and promise a heavy yield. Turnips average in prospects and extent.

Altogether the prospects of the husbandman are very encouraging; but the blight, the frost, and the insect may greatly change them.

Yours truly,

HIRAM BLACK.

FROM JOHN DAKIN, ESQ.

DIOBY, July 14th, 1873.

Dear Sir,—I send you a short report of the present condition and prospects of the field crops in this locality.

As regards the potato crop, the quantity planted is much larger than last year; the sorts mostly cultivated are the Early Rose, Blue Nose, and Carter's. Oats, barley and buckwheat are all looking well. Quite large quantities of roots have been planted, and promise to yield well. Hay will prove a fair average crop.

Our Agricultural Society is gaining the confidence of our people, the number of members at present is one hundred.

We are to have an Exhibition in October.

Respectfully yours,

JOHN DAKIN.

FROM CHARLES B. WHITMAN, ESQ.

BRIDGETOWN, 12th July, 1873.

Dear Sir,—Your letter was duly received, and agreeable to its request, I proceed to give a brief statement of the condition of the crops in the County of Annapolis.

The fields now present a very flourishing appearance, and promise in general an abundant yield. The grass lands look well, and though the crop is not equal to the unusual abundance of last year, nevertheless it will be at least an average. There is not much cut yet, but a commencement has been made and preparations for general haying are making their appearance. The grain fields give good promise. The quantity of wheat sown in this county is very limited, owing principally to the losses in late years caused by weevil. The Indian Corn is somewhat backward. The early part of the season being cold and wet, its growth was considerably retarded; but under the influence