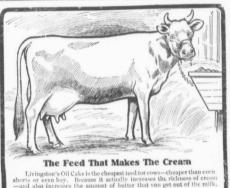
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## THE POTATO CROP IN A SERIOUS CONDITION

POTATO rot is general from one potatoes. The total yield is well up to toes we are a set of the other. Pota-toes we are a set of the average."-R. R. Slown, Huron toes were scarce enough in price last year, but if rot is as sericus as the reports that Farm and Dairy has the reports that Farm and Dairy has received from numerous correspond-ents all over the country would seem to indicate, potatoes will be almost, if not altegother, as scarce this year. The crop in the first place was well The erop in the first place was we have up to the average; in some sections a bumper crop. But with 20 to 70 per cent, infected with rot and still rotting, even when dug, many districts will have a very small surplus available for the market. In fact, many of our correspondents predict that farmers will themselves have to buy potatoes even as they did last year. This is the condition of affairs that

we might expect when we take into consideration the rainy season that we have experienced. Rainy weather is most favorable to the development of petato blight, which is the cause of all rot. On sandy land rot is not so prevalent as on heavier soil, but so prevaient as on neavier son, but even here the crop has not altogether escaped. The biggest difference is be-tween early and late varieties, the early being harvested in fairly good condition; some of our correspondents report that these early varieties have started to rot in the cellar. A LOSS OF 30 TO 50 PER CENT

It is yet too early to predict with any degree of certainty just what the total loss through rot will be. Retotal loss through rot will be. Re-ports received by the Department of Agriculture at Tcronto place the loss at about 10 per cent of the whole crop. Farm and Dairy correspondents, however, give estimates all the way from no rot at all to 90 per cent, and an average would be from 30 to 50 per cent. The bad condition of the crop at present is having a de

the crop at present is having a de-pressing effect on prices, but we pre-dict higher prices later on, if the crop in the rest of Canada is as serious as it is in Ontario. "Potatoes are the heaviest crop in many years. Early in the season there was no rot, but now rot is fre-quently heard of."-John Davidson, Carleton Co.

"Potato rot is serious. Nearly every one complains cf it. We will not have more than half a crop on account of rot."—J. Kelly, Hastings

'In some cases farmers report a los of cne-half the crop through rot, and the best tubers are the ones affected. Rot is most serious on heavy land. The yield will be larger than last year, with a greater surplus available for market."-H. S. Tucker, Hastings

Co. "I secured 150 bushels of potatoes with very little dry from one-half acre with very little dry 

"Early maturing potatoes seemed alright when harvested, but are now affected more or less. Those yet in affected more or less. Those yet in the ground are fully 50 per cent spoil-ed."-Geo. Wright, Wellington Co. NO ROT IN NEW ONTARIO

"Potato crop is not as large as last year; about 75 per cent. Rot is practically nill." — E. E. Shovell,

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dug, but have rotted since. I left half of my late cness on the ground." -A. M. McDonald, Oxford Co. "The crop is good, but some report that half is rotten at digging and con-tinne to rot in the cellar." - S. J. Heidt, Elgin Co.

"Ret is not general and the crop is abundant."-Wm. Lockhart, Simcoe

Co. "The potato crop is in bad condition. In many places the crop is all rotten. By spring the rot will have a most decided effect on the price of

"Potatoes vary from 75 bushels an acre on heavy land to 300 bushels on sandy land. Farmers find 50 per cent of the tubers rotten. Should these conditions be general petatoes will be much scarcer than last year .--- D. G. Salkeld, Huron Co. 20 TO 50 PER CENT ROTTEN

20 to 50 PER CENT BOTTES "From 20 to 50 per cent of our potatoes have rotted more or less, and more will probably be affected when picked over later on. There is little or no demand for our crop en science of rot."—Jas. A. Lamb, Deman C. Bruce Co.

'Potatees are good and quite free from rot. Our land is sandy. Four or five miles from here, on the clay land, potatoes are rotting badly. erop will average 100 bushels an acre. -J. K. Livingstone, Bruce Co. "The potato crop is almost a fai

a failure through rot and grubs. Potatoes will be scarcer than last year. Many are not harvesting as the crop is not worth the labor."-Jas. E. Orr, Middlesex Co.

"The potato crop is a failure except for a few early varie-ties. They are still rotting whether dug or not."-D. N. Anderson, Lamb-

aug or not. — D. A. Anderson, tanno-ton Co. "Potatoes are a good crcp as our land is high and sandy. On the Peelee Marsh it is said the crop is heavy and no rot."—C. B. Palmer, Essex Co.

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