

I should like to report the success of the hemp seed imported by our Board of Agriculture. Some of our farmers have been persuaded to try it, but as I am not yet sufficiently informed as to its present appearance I shall defer any remarks about it, other than that I believe this County has the right soil, and the right manure is on our shores and beaches, to make it a profitable branch of industry, giving as it would profitable employment during the winter months to hands then comparatively idle in our fishing settlements.

H. A. N. K.

Inverburg, 10th July, 1870.

GLENELG, CO. GUYSBORO', }
July 15, 1870. }

In reply to your note of the 5th inst., requesting a statement of the condition and prospects of crops in our district, permit me briefly to state that, as far as my knowledge goes—and I have travelled over the principal portion of the farming districts of this County within four weeks, and can therefore speak pretty correctly in regard to the crops—generally speaking crops look well, and we have no reason at all to be discouraged. Wherever land is in a good state of cultivation they have withstood the drouth of spring and the early part of summer well; and encouraged by the frequent rains of the last few weeks, crops on such land promise an abundant harvest. On dry, light soil, and where land is not so well cultivated, grass is thin and tending to ripen too early, which, with other crops, except perhaps potatoes, which look well on all land—will be light. On the whole, in this county the harvest promises to be about the average, in the vicinity of Glenelg above the average. Absence from home prevented me from replying sooner.

JOHN A. KIRK.

SYDNEY, July 9, 1870.

The season has been very cold and dry, one or two days in June and July only approaching seasonable weather. We have had as many wet days—and flying showers—so that except in favorable situations and where well top-dressed, grass is very light—on many uplands may be cut with a razor—let the future be what it may hay will be a very short crop. Grain of all kinds has, within a few days, improved in appearance, and may be yet a fair average crop. Potatoes look very promising, except Blacks, which are the popular sort,—these have suffered materially from dry weather, and in many instances have been ploughed up. All the new varieties look remarkably well—we have now 10 or 12 of them—by-and-bye they will be better appreciated. Some of the Gooderich Seedlings are a sight worth looking at. Turnips do not look

well and the same may be said of carrots (a very bad crop), beets and parsnips; in fact all vegetables require rain. I hardly know what to say about fruit, the early indications were favourable, but want of moisture, so far as I have seen, has prevented the fruit setting—or it has fallen very much from the trees; insects of every conceivable kind are abundant. I think apples will be plenty; plums short, and most small fruits light. If we have rain soon it may alter the face of things; if we haven't, the crops will be light.

H. DAVENPORT.

PARADISE, July 8th, 1870.

In reply to your letter of the 5th inst., requesting a statement of the condition and prospects of the farm crops in this district. I beg to hand you the following summary:

1. The hay crop will scarcely be an average one in bulk, but the quality will be unusually good.

2. Grain crops generally promise well, although the Indian corn is somewhat backward.

3. The apple crop will probably be much above the average. Pears and plums will probably be only a medium crop.

4. But little flax is sown in this locality, indeed I do not know of any having been sown, and therefore cannot speak of it. No hemp has been sown.

5. The produce of the dairy promises to be large.

6. Small fruits, such as strawberries, blueberries, gooseberries, and currants promise to be pretty abundant. The currants however, have been quite generally injured by the little green worm peculiar to the currant bush.

A. LONGLEY.

BRIDGEWATER, LA HAVÉ, }
July 9th. 1870. }

Mr. Editor.—In reply to a letter from the Secretary of the Provincial Board of Agriculture, asking for "a brief statement of the present condition and prospects of farm crops," I beg to state as follows:

The mildness of the past winter, and the comparatively small quantity of frost in the ground on the approach of spring, enabled farmers to prepare the ground for planting at a date somewhat earlier than usual. The season, up to the middle of June, was very favourable, and the grass and other crops gave promise of good returns. In many districts the want of rain has been much felt, especially those away from the sea coast, where fog lessened the dryness which elsewhere prevailed. It was thought that the hay crop would be very light, but when farmers were most despondent on this account, refreshing showers were bestowed, and it

is believed that though the crop will be less than the average, it will much exceed the quantity previously expected.

The grain and root crops look well. A greater breadth of land has been sown this year than in other seasons, and more attention is being given to agricultural pursuits.

Altogether, there seems to be good reason to hope that the labours of the husbandmen will be amply rewarded, and that the contents of their barns and cellars will, in the coming autumn, give them cause for much thankfulness, and furnish suitable provision for them and their families.

The thirsty earth is to-day drinking in copious showers.

M. B. DESBRISAY.

WINDSOR, July 13th, 1870.

I did not receive your letter until my return from Halifax last evening, where I had been for several days.

In reply I may say that the green crops in Hants generally look well, with the exception of the hay crop. Wheat, barley, oats and buckwheat never within my remembrance looked better. Hay will be under an average, although the late rains have improved it a little. Potatoes, turnips and mangolds look well. The present crop bids fair to be an average one.

Very truly yours.

R. A. McHEFFEY.

INVERNESS, July 8th, 1870.

Having had occasion to visit a considerable portion of this County during the week, I am sorry to observe that the crops are in general very backward. Hay will be very light; potatoes have failed in a good many places; some persons are ploughing them up and sowing buckwheat. In consequence of the long continuation of dry weather, the whole of the crops throughout the County, with few exceptions, are very late, and many of the fields even now look very red, and are only beginning to start. Pastures are bare, and the farmers are receiving very little benefit from their dairies. Besides the want of rain, we have had a long continuance of cold winds from the north and east. Within the last fortnight we have had some very refreshing showers of rain which is increasing vegetation, and will increase the bulk of straw, but too late to secure the hay crop. The Norway Oats being sown when the ground was very dry, are only now beginning to gain headway. The new potatoes that came this way are growing very well, so far as I have learned; in those I planted, I find a good many sets did not come up, those that did look very well. It is too early yet to speak with certainty of the