

greatly against the late grain and root crops, and if not succeeded speedily by showers, will result in a light growth of straw. Hay is being cut about ten days earlier than usual, and will be about an average crop. Frequent showers would change matters materially in the interests of the farmers of this county.

C. B. WHIDDEN.

ANTIGONISH, July 16.

Since writing on the 14th we have had eight hours' constant rain; still dull and looks like a continuance of the same. This change will add materially to the crops in the county, and tend to gladden the hearts of farmers generally.

C. B. W.

COLCHESTER COUNTY.

LOWER LONDONDERRY, }
July 12th, 1883. }

Your favor of 9th inst., requesting information in reference to present state of crops duly received, and I hasten to reply thereto. I am pleased to be able to send a more favorable report than last year. Hay, which made a splendid appearance the first of June, will be good, although perhaps not such a heavy crop as contemplated some two or three weeks ago. It has evidently been injured by the great drought of last summer, otherwise the yield would have been unusually heavy. It is very early; some have already commenced to cut. Wheat, very little sown on account of the failure the past two years, caused by the weevil. Oats,—those sown early are looking simply splendid; unless the remainder of the season is very favorable, the late ones will be light. Potatoes are making a fair show; many fields were planted when the land was quite too wet; the present indications are that we will have an average yield. The Colorado Beetle is again visiting his favourite haunts, although not as yet in alarming numbers. The season so far has been favorable for Turnips, Mangolds, &c. The southern slope of the Cobequid Mountains is not a fruit district. Will some of your readers tell us in the JOURNAL OF AGRICULTURE the reason? Generally speaking, the present prospects of the farmers are much more cheering than at this date last year.

A. R. FULTON.

LOWER STEWIAOKE, }
July 16, 1883. }

All the field crops in this section as good as perhaps ever known. These include grass, grain and potatoes. People commencing to cut grass earlier than common, it being a good burden. Potatoes a little late, but coming on finely. Grain, a good breadth sown, and all doing well. Pastures keep up well, but

the drouth is now telling on them. Apples, but a limited crop.

SAMUEL KELLY.

TRURO, July 16th, 1883.

Sir.—Considering the large amount of wet weather which prevailed in this section of the Province during seed time, and retarded planting and sowing, and also taking into account the almost entire absence of rain since the middle of June, at about which date the most of the crops were committed to the soil in Truro and Onslow, it is pleasing to be able to report, in answer to your card, that in every direction the crops are looking remarkably well, though, for the reasons stated, it is believed that potato digging will be later than usual, and that the straw of the grain will not be long. The hay on the marshes, for the most part, is good, though somewhat light on the uplands. A fair average crop may be expected. There is no doubt, however, that a certain diminution in every crop has taken place for lack of moisture, in which respect, it is said, Halifax has fared differently. In Truro Mr. Brown's fears about individual exhibitors of roots at the "Dominion and Centennial Exhibition" being obliged to take 750 lbs. of mangold wurtzel, in the shape of 25 roots, so long a distance, will not likely be realized. Without particularizing the crops further, allow me to add that in many directions large areas in potatoes are noticeable, and that with several farmers barley is taking the place of wheat. The best field of wheat the writer has seen is one of 27 acres at Oakfield, in your rainy county. It is a grand sight, but is only in keeping with General Laurie's 22 acres of fodder corn, and large fields of cereals.

Yours, etc., I. L.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

AMHERST, July 13th, 1883.

In reply I would say,—Hay light, below an average crop; never saw so much winter-killed marsh; spring cold and backward. Wheat and Oats, where got in early, look generally well; late poorly. Many potato fields planted very late, but are coming on well. Bug in most of the fields, but I think and hope will not inflict great injury. Mangolds and Turnips came badly; some fields ploughed up and reseeded. Our small orchards seem well loaded, and Cherries promise a bountiful crop. Streams very low, land dry, and rain needed.

HIRAM BLACK.

MINUDIE, July 12th, 1883.

Dear Sir,—Your postal dated the 9th to hand, and have to say in reply that the crops are as follows:—English Hay,

our principal crop, not as good as last year; on low marshes good deal winter killed; Broadleaf every sign of a heavy yield. Oats that were sown on the frosty poor; those that were in later look well. Very little Wheat sown in this district. Potatoes, very few planted, people afraid of the bug; those that are in look well, and no signs of the bug as yet. Barley looking well.

I remain, yours truly,

AMOS VERNON,
Minudie and Barronsfield Agricultural Society.

DIGBY COUNTY.

WEYMOUTH, July 12th, 1883.

Dear Sir,—The Spring was so cold and wet that it was with difficulty crops were got in; but they have come on remarkably well. Potatoes and Grain are looking splendidly now; Hay, I think, will be rather above an average crop. Roots are all up and healthy, but depend yet upon further state of weather. Fruit of all kinds will be light, owing to heavy rains during the flowering period, the pollen of the flowers being washed away, preventing fertilization of germs. Of grain the largest quantity sown are Oats. Very little Wheat sown this season, partially owing to the wet spring.

Yours truly,

N. E. BUTLER.

HALIFAX COUNTY.

MUSQUODOBOIT, July 13, 1883.

The spring, owing to so much rain, was the latest that has been for years; very little of the grain and potatoes were in the ground before the first of June, and in wet land before the last. It has had the effect of causing some of the neighbours to commence tile draining. A few hints on draining in the JOURNAL would be a benefit. The Hay crop, now about ready to cut, is a very fair crop, both upland and intervale; it will be above the average. Wheat,—little or none sown, owing to the weevil. Oats, though late, look exceedingly well. Buckwheat,—a great quantity sown with Super Phosphate looks well. Potatoes look well. Turnips and Mangolds looking well; very little of the turnip beetle to be seen. We have had a beautiful growing season, heat and plenty of show. With a fine autumn, there is the chance of an abundant crop.

C. N. SPROTT.

UPPER MUSQUODOBOIT, }
July 12th, 1883. }

Dear Sir,—Hay.—Farmers commencing hay harvest; hay crop early and very good, above an average. Wheat but little sown, but where said little was sown it looks promising and good. Oats