Agriculture.

THE CROPS.—The Editor of the Journal of Agriculture writes July 26 :-

Through the kindness of our correspondents we are enabled this month to present our readers with a series of Reports on the State and Prospects of the Crops throughout the various counties of the Province.'

"It will be observed from these Reports that our Hay Crop is to be unusually light, partly from injury to the marshes by the Saxby storm of last year, and partly on account of the drought of May and June burning up the poorer class of upland fields. Land well worked and well manured,—that is, land "in good heart"—can withstand a severe drought; but this season some of the best lands seem to have a short crop.

The whole of the Returns may be summarised as follows:—Hay, average 4, over average 1, under average 14. Potatoes, average 3, over average 11, under average 1. Spring Wheat, average 1, over average 5, under average 1. Winter Wheat, over average 2. Oats, average 2, over average 4. Apples, average 2, over average 1, under average 3. Turnips, average 4, over average 2, under average 1. Cherries, plums, and small fruits are decidedly under an average crop. There is a great increase in the extent of Wheat, Oats, Barley, Roots, and especially Potatoes, grown by our farmers this season. The Pastures are mostly in good condition, and Dairy Produce is, with one exception favorably reported.

Annapolis County.—Avard Longley, Esq., writes July 8th to the Journal of Agriculture as follows:

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 back-

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

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 current bush.

YARMOUTH COUNTY .- Mr Charles E.

Brown writes July 7th.

The hay crop is fully 25 per cent. above the average, and there is promise of its being secured in good condition, the cutting having commenced a fortnight since. Potatoes have made an unusually vigorous

With good pasturage the product of the dairy should be in excess, except that a much larger number of young stock is being raised from the imported stock.

THINGS NOT TO DO.

Dont't turn cattle into the highways to feed, at least without a keeper. It is annoying to women and children, often dangerous, to have to encounter unruly animals, in passing on the sidewalks. A small boy a long way off, set to take care of such animals, is just no keeper at all.

Don't throw cold water, in large quantities, on swine in hot weather to cool them. It is well to have in their pen a puddle to wallow in, but dashing cold water on their! backs is a very dangerous operation.

Don't hoe potatoes after they have blossomed and the stalks have fallen over. It hurts the growth of the potatoes more than do the few weeds that have escaped the previous hocing.

Don't brag too largely of the crops you are going to make, before they are harvested. It is far better to let the crops tell their own story, as they always will to intelligent, observing men, who will give you full credit for them.

HORSE'S FEET.

Nine-tenths of the diseases which happen to the hoofs and ankles of the horse are occasioned by standing on the dry plank floors of the stable. Many persons seem to think, from the way they keep their horses, that the foot of a horse was never made for moisture, and that, if possible, it would be beneficial, if they had cow-hide boots to put on every time they went out. Nature designed the foot for moist ground, -the earth of the woods and valleys,-at the same time that a covering was given to protect it from stones and stumps.

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