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Agricultural.

The N. S. Journal of Agriculture for July gives a comprehensive summary of the present state of Farm Crops through the Province, which will interest our readers. As we suppose there are a large number of them who do not see that useful monthly, we transfer the substance of the article to our Agricultural Department:

HALIFAX, JULY 6, 1874.—We are enabled, through the kindness of numerous correspondents, to place before our readers an unusually full statement of the present condition and prospects of the Farm Crops through. out the whole Province. The communications are so numerous, that we shall endeavour to give a brief analysis; this is the more necessary since, to those who are only partially acquainted with the Province, it might appear impossible, or at least unlikely, that such differences of climate should exist in localities not very remote from each other, as are indicated by the present mosth's reports.

The season may be characterised generally as remarkable for its cold and wet June. Along the Atlantic seaboard, wherever the soil is clayey or loamy, the wet has retarded farming operations, especially towards the eastward, but on the light sandy soils of the interior and western counties, sowing and planting progressed rapidly, and the crops have made satisfactory progress. The trim smiling gardens of Kentville and Wolfville present a striking contrast to those on heavy soils in other parts of the Province.

Hay .- Hay is our most important crop in Nova Scotia, and the reports in regard to it are remarkably favourable. It is evident that we only need a good having season to bring in one of the heaviest and best crops of hay that have ever been obtained in Nova Scotia. We have a favourable report from Thomas E. Corning, Esq., Yarmouth, who says: Grass in bloom, looking well, with good bottom, good hay erop may with certainty be predi ted, In Shelburne County, A. C. A. Doane, Esq., writes from Barrington; in Queen's, Charles Allison, Esq., from Kempt; J. M. Freeman, Esq., from Pleasant River; B. Zwicker, Esq, from Mahone Bay; and C Archibald, Esq., Upper Musquodoboit, all agree that the grass looks uncom monly well for the season, and gives promise of a good yield. In Guysborough there is much complaint of wet and cold, as in all the eastern shore counties where the land is not light, but still the hay is in rather better condition than the other crops. As we get farther eastward the effects of the cold and wet become more conspicuous, and seem to tell even upon the hay crop. In Cumberland and Hants the grass is abundant. From the analytical sketch we have given, Counties in geographical succession, and ending with Digby, it will be seen that there is great promise of hay in every part of the Province except some of the extreme eastern Counties, especially those of Cape Breton, where there has not been heat enough. Intervale grass all over the Province must be suffering from continued excess of wet.

fact, promising as present appearances are, continued wet weather and carelessness may still reduce our hay crop to a poor average.

Potatoes .- The potato and all other | wild horses. crops that require a dry soil and heat, are suffering severely wherever the land is heavy or lies low, or is imperfectly drained. Many fields have been completely flooded after planting, and only on the drier knolls is there much appearance of plants. On warm, sandy soils, however, the potatoes are making rapid growth. The following chrysalis state. These chrysalides may synopsis will indicate the present state of this crop throughout the Province:

healthy.

usual, but promising.

finely.

Halifax-promising on dry soils, but have rotted in the ground in wet lands. Guysborough-partial failure. Richmond-too wet and cold.

Cape Breton -improving. Victoria-present appearances very

gloomy. Antigonish-Coming up strong and

Colchester-season too wet. Cumberland-dry soils promise rich returns, wet lands not promisingplanted early and came up well.

Hants-appear to be doing well but rotting in wet lands, and in some places not at all planted.

King's-coming strong and well, and look very promising.

Annapolis-more planted than last year, and look well and promising, except in wet lands.

Digby-look very fine.

Grain .- Yarmouth-Grains of all kinds have obtained a good start and are looking well.

Queen's-Grain looks very welloate, barley and rye looking well.

Halifax-Oats and barley backward. Guysborough-poor. Richmond-too wet and cold.

beginning to suffer from want of sun.

Cape Breton-improving. Antigonish-early sown grain looks

grain, less wheat sown than formerly, but much barley.

got in early, and look promising. Hants-Grains appear to be doing well, oats in some places stunted from wetness, barley and wheat coming well,

too cool for corn. King's-Indian corn rather backward, oats strong and healthy, more thrifty than usual; at Kentville all

grain crops look uncommonly well. Annapolis .- Indian corn backward and somewhat unpromising, barley somewhat injured.

Digby .- Oats and barley growing rapidly. Fruit.-in Annapolis the apple crop promises to be an abundant one-the

largest ever witnessed in the history of the County. In King's County, fruit trees of al

kinds have blossomed very fully and the fruit set likewise looks very promising. An exception is to be made in the case of plums, which will be scarce.

The Bear River cherries promise well. In other parts of the Province the fruit crop is less important, and is not so promising.

How to MANAGE A FRACTIOUS HORSE .- We find the following in the Live Stock Journal:

A beautiful and high-spirited horse would never allow a shoe to be put on his feet or any person to handle his feet. In attempting to shoe such a horse, recently, he resisted all efforts, kicked aside every thing but an anvil, and came near killing himself against that, and finally was brought back to his Cornwanis-J. E Lockwood. stable unshod. This defect was just on | Do., commencing with Yarmouth, taking the the eve of consigning him to the plough, where he might walk barefoot, when an officer in our service, lately returned from Mexico, took a cord about the size of a common bed cord, put it in the mouth of the horse like a bit, and tied it tightly on the animal's head, passing his left ear under the string, not painfully tight, but tight enough to keep the ear down and the cord in place. This done, he patted the horse gently It should be borne in mind that a on the side of the head and commanded juicy June makes juicy grass, and that, him to follow, and instantly he obeyed, in order to secure the hay crop of the perfectly subdued and as gentle and present year in each fair condition, it obedient as a dog, suffering his feet to will be necessary for the farmer to be lifted with entire impunity, and acttake unusual pains to dry it thorough- ing in all respects like an old stager. ly before putting it into the barn; in The gentleman who thus furnished this exceedingly simple means of subduing a very dangerous propensity, intimated that it is practiced in Mexico and South America in the management of

INSECTS IN WINTER.-Spiders usually spend the winter in the egg state, the mother enclosing the ball of eggs in a beautiful silken bag, and hiding it wherever she can get a chance. Many insects spend the winter in the larva or worm state. Still others spend the winter in be seen attached to the twigs of bushes, or under the bark of trees, or imbedded Yarmouth-looking very strong and in decayed wood, while change goes on which transforms the crawling worm Shelburne-not so far forward as into the beautiful winged creature. Still others, in their perfect state, like bears Queen's-so far favorable-starting and squirrels and gophers, settle themselves down for a long nap and sleep the Lunenburg-came up well and whole winter away. They cuddle under the bark of trees, and beneath stones and logs; they dig tunnels in the ground, and line them with the softest silk, spun from their own bodies; they swing in warm hammocks, suspended from twigs | East Point, P. E. I.—Wm. M. McVane.

of trees and bushes; they squeeze into the crevices of walls; and wherever there is space to make a warm, cosy bed, some little creature will be found lying down in it. - Advance.

MANNER OF MILKING IN JERSEY .---In notes of a visit to the Jersey and Guernsey Islands in the American Agriculturist, it says one custom prevails on the former island which might with advantage be generally adopted. It is the manner of milking :-- the milk (in both islands) being drawn not into pails, as with us, but into jugshaped cans, the opening being about four inches in diameter. In Jersey this is covered with a cloth strainer, tied on so loosely that it sags down several inches into the neck of the can. In the bottom of this bag there is laid a shell to receive the force of the stream as it is drawn from the teat. Lunenburg-Barley looks well, but The milk flows over the shell and soaks through the cloth. This is certainly the most cleanly manner in milking that could be devised. The wet cloth prevents any foul odour of the stable from reaching the mass of Vietoria grain looks well, but alow the milk, and any bair or dist from the udder is at once held back, instead of remaining in the milk until it is car-Colchester—the season injurious to | ried to the dairy to be strained. The cloths are easily kept clean and aired, and the system is in all respects a Cumberland-wheat and oats were | simple and commendable one.

> Colic in Horses .- A " sure remedy," it is asserted is to take a single handful of salt and rub it on the back right over the kidneys-rubbing briskly until the salt dissolves, and longer, if necessary.

> The Scientific American says the practice of mixing iron scraps, filings, or drilling chips from machine shops, in the soil about the roots of pear trees, is becoming general with some of our best fruit growers. The health and productiveness of the trees are greatly promoted thereby. Pieces of iron hop, old soythes, and other useless bits of iron, have long been used by the most successful growers.

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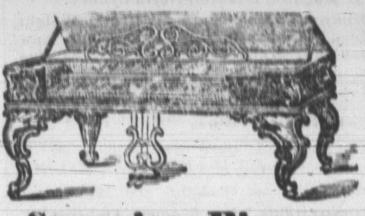
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