

OUR FARMERS' CLUB

Contributions invited.

GRENVILLE CO., ONT.

FRESCOTT—Timothy hay sells for \$14 to \$15 a ton; corn, \$12 a ton; oats, \$10 a bush; corn, 75c a bush; wheat bran, \$24 a ton; mixed middlings, \$20 a ton; fresh eggs, 20c a doz.; butter, 25c a lb; calves, \$15 to \$3 each; export, \$25 a cwt; hogs, \$7 a cwt; dressed hogs, 20c a lb; dressed beef, 10c a lb; hides, 8c to 10c a lb; W. W. C.

HASTINGS CO., ONT.

SIDNEY CROSSING—The market, which have been unusually high all winter, have gone flat. Everything took a decided drop except corn and hay. Pork sells for about \$9.50 a cwt dressed. Live, \$7; hay, \$12 to \$14 a ton; eggs, 18c a doz; butter, 25c to 26c. There is a good offering of all kinds of vegetables at reasonable prices; potatoes, 75c a bag; the market, buyers are paying 60c by the load. Straw is very scarce and sells readily at \$6 a load; bran, \$25 a ton; shorts, \$25; red clover, \$5 to \$6; alfalfa, 8c; lucerne 10c. The winter has been very mild and the ground exposed nearly all the time. Meadows are not hurt as yet. The top is frozen off of the wheat crop but how far it is damaged it is impossible to say, as sometimes it will come out first class after looking dead on top. It is undoubtedly hurt somewhat. With the weather for a couple of weeks as we have had recently the seeding will begin, as there is no snow or ice to hinder it.

NORTHUMBERLAND CO., ONT.

EDVILLE—The annual meeting of the Champlain cheese factory was held in Edville on the 25th of February. It was largely attended by its patrons of whom there are over 100 in number. The business of the factory is increasing and has been conducted quite satisfactorily. This company erected its building as a joint stock concern in 1870 and since then it has passed into the hands of Mr. Knight, who afterwards sold to Horsey in 1889. He sold it to Mr. Wm. J. Knight, who sold to Mr. Hodgins in 1904, who sold to Mr. Gumm, the present owner. The factory has now quite an honorable record as it has made during the last 38 years in succession. During the last five years its cheese sold for over \$25.00—8 H.

DURHAM CO., ONT.

BLACKSTOCK—There have been quite a number of changes in the farms lately. Several farms have been sold and some of them have brought good prices; the farmers have rented their farms, no doubt having made their little title and have engaged in lighter occupations. Grain that there are some splendid samples, one farmer reports having put 40 bushels of oats (the Senation variety) in 15 ordinary grain bags. He has in his granary about 2000 bushels of the same quality. The great Northwest does not seem to have given much attraction for the farmers of this township as there seem to be very few going out this spring. The many of the farmers are very well satisfied with the way they are doing at home and do not think they need better themselves by going west.

VICTORIA CO., ONT.

OKWOOD—Once more the time has come when the maple sap is beginning its journey to the factory. Farmers are now making preparations to secure the annual supply of maple syrup. Of late years the high price of timber has resulted in the destruction of many maple groves so that on few farms only is sugar making possible. As the house-made article is far superior to much that is put on the market, the farmer is fortunate who has his own maple bush. Grain and wood have been more difficult to haul than usual, owing to the poor sleighing. Farmers that are taking out their grain now are receiving good prices. Wheat and barley are quoted at about \$1 and 55c a bushel respectively; other grains sell in proportion. Eggs are becoming more plentiful and consequently do not command as high a price, about 20c a dozen being realized.

WATERLOO CO., ONT.

ATY—Farmers are busy either cutting their firewood or drawing manure out of the fields. The roads are not in very good condition, the last snow storm nearly filling some of them, while others are bare, thus making poor sleighing and heavy

wheeling. A considerable number of farms have changed hands, the owner as a rule retiring to the town. Auction sales are numerous and as a rule horses and cattle are selling high; above their real value. There is not much being done in the cattle trade as yet, a few mired loads of export and butchers' cattle being shipped out occasionally but the bulk of the cattle will not be till later. A few turkeys have been shipped lately but the market is low. A considerable quantity of potatoes are being shipped out, the shipper grading his load into white, red and mixed car loads, the price being 35c a bushel. The rice in wheat has drawn most of the wheat into the new mill. Wheat is quoted at \$1.02 a bush—G. C. S.

OXFORD CO., ONT.

GOLSPIE—Now is the time to improve the cows before they freshen; if not in good condition now they should be improved as soon as possible, as a poor cow cannot give the milk that a cow in thrifty condition will give. Cows which are kept in a thrifty condition at all times, but in a little better condition before freshening. It not only improves the flow of milk but I think the test is better also. The sale milk at Golspie is a great benefit to the farmers as it saves the long hauling of logs—A. M. M.

MIDDLESEX CO., ONT.

APPIN—With spring approaching prospects appear favorable for both crops and live stock. Weather has been somewhat favorable for wheat and clover though these have stood the winter well so far. Cattle are going through in some numbers. Short kept steers for grass are being brought as high as \$5 a lb for May 15. Cows are in good condition and farmers generally are feeding better or coarse grains and mill feeds would be lower in price. The west market is still demanding our horses and several carloads are going out of this locality—not the best of the localities by any means. It looks like another favorable year for the farmer—C. M.

LITTLEWOOD—Prices of all farm commodities are on the ascending scale, oats being the last to jump. The price of a bushel. Farmers are preparing to make maple syrup, but many of the maples have been cut down. The work is not carried on to such an extent as in former years, do where one may in the spring. The talk is about dairying and milk cows, and the prospects of the coming summer in the dairy business are bright. The sales of H. Hunt and son some fine specimens of Percheron colts, broad low set fellows that will some day make and some dandy ones among them. They are now breaking in a high tempered rooster that has taken several times to the air, he shall be master—the man or the horse. The talk looks well, and the clover is O. K. so far; but the corn is a little different tale. One farmer has gone at it this winter and grubbed out all his orchard, and it was not an old one either. He considered the land will pay better in some other crop than to raise apples, when they have been such a drug on the market of late. A splendid class of farmers is found all around Littlewood, while the land is not so good as the average, they have a loamy black clay, with scarcely a stone found among it. All crops grow to perfection. The last fall the threshers were paid for many days at an average of from \$20 to \$25 a day. Feed is in abundance everywhere—J. E. O.

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suits. A number of the farmers who live near the station have tried shipping their cream to T. Eaton's, Toronto, during the past year. They all seem to be well pleased and claim that they prefer it to the cream gathering system. The big timber is getting used up, and many farmers are burning small poles and rails. These being difficult to cut with the cross cut, the bush saw or circular operated by a threshing engine, is brought into use. It does the work very rapidly and at a low cost—J. M.

MUSKOKA DISTRICT, ONT.

HUNTSVILLE—We are still enjoying good sleighing; snow has been falling for the past few days. Crows, horned larks, and other spring birds, is brought into appearance. Farmers are busy preparing their seed grain; many are sending to London for new seed. We hope for a good season—D. A. B.

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