

THE CROPS IN HALDIMAND.—We have diligently enquired of our friends throughout the country as to the state of the harvest, and we are pleased to learn that the yield is better than was expected. Fall wheat is, on the average, good, and spring wheat in the interior of the county, with the exception of the straw, is a fair crop. The hay crop is on the whole reasonably good. The root crops alone appear to have suffered from the long drought, and they have improved much since the late fall of rain.—Dunville Independent, 6th.

THE CROPS IN FRONTENAC.—The late rain has been of untold value to the farmers. It has freshened everything, and enabled late-sown grain to fill in the ear. Wheat and oats have been much improved thereby. In a week or so the cutting of wheat will be quite general in the surrounding townships. The aphid or wheat louse has not committed any ravages this year, so that, although the grain is thin on the ground by reason of the dry weather, there is good promise that the ear will be full to the top and sound in the grain.—Kingston News, 8th.

CROPS IN DENNIS.—We are happy to learn from a gentleman who is well acquainted with the above country, that the crops there are excellent, the drought which has wrought such ruin in nearly every other part of Canada having been comparatively unfeeling in that highly favoured section. The hay crop he describes as particularly good. This is cheering news to us in Grenville, for we had already been led by a knowledge of our own serious deficiency to anticipate that ruinously high prices would have to be paid for that important commodity throughout the ensuing year.—Prescott Telegraph.

THE CROPS IN WESTMINSTER.—Mr. Adam Harkness, lot No. 3, 7th line, township of Westminster, has plucked several fine specimens of Soules fall wheat from his farm. The heads displayed are remarkably large, and not pulled from any particular spot. Mr. Harkness states that his crops were never better since he first commenced farming: his hay will average two tons per acre; the barley also is excellent, this gentleman further says that the cry relative to poverty of crops is greatly exaggerated—they being as a general thing, extremely promising in that neighbourhood.—London Free Press, 9th.

THE CROPS IN NORTH BRITAIN.—After all the croaking that we have heard of coming ruin and decay in consequence of bad crops, we hear now more favourable reports, and we have now every reason to expect that in our front townships of this section, the crops will be nearly if not quite an average. We had occasion to visit a considerable part of Hamilton township lately, and saw as fine-looking fields of spring wheat as any farmer could desire to see. We heard few if any complaints of insect depredations. We are sorry to hear that the prospects in the back country are not so good as in the front. The last blessed rain has done a power of good to the root crops, and young potatoes of quite a large size have been for some time for sale in our market.—Cobourg Sun, 9th.

Poetry.

The Woodman's Answer.

AIR.—"Woodman, spare that tree"
You bid me "spare that tree,"
Nor "touch a single bough,"
But then, sir, don't you see
I'm out of wood just now
You say "your father's hand"
Had "placed it on that spot"
But now I own the land,
Because I bought the lot
'Tis beautiful, no doubt,
But then it's in the way,
And I will have it out,
For beauty does not pay
If I should let it stand,
A fool I'd surely be
For there's at least a cord
Of firewood in that tree.

Seeds.

A WONDERFUL thing is a seed—
The one thing deathless forever
The one thing changeless—utterly true—
Forever old and forever new—
And fickle and faithless never
Plant blessings, and blessings will bloom,
Plant hate and hate will grow,
You can sow to-day—to-morrow shall bring
The bloom that proves what sort of thing
Is the seed, the seed that you sow

Markets.

Toronto Markets.

'CANADA FARMER' Office, August 10, 1864.

Flour—Superfine, \$4 to \$4.60 per barrel; fancy, little doing at \$4.10 to \$4.25 per barrel, double extra, \$5 to \$5.25 per barrel.
Fall Wheat at 90c to \$1, and \$1.05 asked, per bushel
Spring Wheat active at 90c to 94c per bushel
Barley nominal at 45c to 60c per bushel
Oats unsteady at 46c to 47c for Canadian 40c to 41c for United States per bushel
Beans 60c per bushel
Rye 60c per bushel
Hay in good supply and demand at \$10 to \$13 per ton.
Straw active at \$6 to \$6.50 per ton.
Provisions—Butter—Fresh, wholesale, per lb., 10c to 11c, retail, per lb., 14c to 25c.
Eggs—Wholesale, per dozen, 12 1/2c to 14c, retail, per dozen, 16c to 17c.
Hams—Wholesale, per lb. 11c to 11 1/2c, retail, per lb., 12 1/2c.
Pork Bacon—Wholesale, per lb., 8 1/2c to 9c, retail, per lb., 10c.
Cheese—Wholesale, per lb., 11c to 11 1/2c, retail, per lb., 12 1/2c to 14c.
Hops—Wholesale, 15c to 17c per lb.
Lard—Wholesale, 11c per lb.; retail, 12 1/2c.
Beef—Market poorly supplied—light consumption, with little activity—a fair export trade to Montreal and Quebec, inferior, \$3, per cwt.; second quality, \$3.50 to \$4, extra, \$4.50 to \$5.
Sheep—Clipped, \$3 to \$3.50 by the car load
Lamb—Each \$2 to \$2.50 for good.
Calves—Each \$3 to \$4.
Hides (green) per 100 lbs., \$4 to \$5, trimmed do., \$6.25 to \$8.50.
Calfskins per lb., 10c to 12c
Sheepskins \$1.90 to \$2 each.
Lambskins, 90c to \$1.
Sheep Pelts 25c to 35c each.
Wool \$4 to \$4.75 per cord.
Salt \$1.25 to \$1.60 per bbl.
Water Lime \$1 to \$1.60 per bbl.
Potatoes—New plentiful at \$1.25 to \$1.50.
Coal Oil at 50c to 40c for Canada; 45c to 55c and 60c for Pennsylvania.

Montreal Markets, August 9, 1864.—Flour, per barrel of 106 lbs.—Superior extra, \$4.50 to \$5, extra, \$4.50 to \$4.65, fancy, \$4.45 to \$4.60, superfine from Canada wheat, (old ground) \$4.45 to \$4.50, do., fresh ground, \$4.50 to \$4.60, superfine from Western wheat, \$4.40 to \$4.60, Western States flour \$4.40 to \$4.45, superfine No. 2, \$4.40 to \$4.35, fine, \$4.10 to \$4.25, middlings, \$3.75 to \$3.85, pollards, \$3.25 to \$3.40; bag flour, \$2.45 to \$2.50 per 112 lbs. The Flour market was quiet this forenoon, the reported sales being almost entirely restricted to fresh ground superfine. A 700 barrel lot brought \$4.60 inspected and in shipping order, while 300 barrels were sold at \$4.55; 200 barrels at \$4.67 1/2; and 200 barrels at \$4.60—all as it lies. There were two exceptional sales of strong superfine at \$4.80 and \$4.85 for small lots of special brands, and some choice superior extra brought something over outside quotation. A 600-barrel lot of superfine from Western wheat was sold at \$4.45, four superfine brought \$3.75; middlings, \$3.85; pollards, \$3.35. Oatmeal, per barrel of 200 pounds—\$4.00 to \$5, according to quality. Wheat, per bushel of 60 lbs.—A few thousand bushels of Milwaukee spring were sold at 95c. Rye, per 100 lbs.—Sales of first Rye reported this forenoon at \$5.52 1/2 to \$5.65, a lot of First and Seconds bringing \$5.67 1/2. Rates for First Rye, \$6.10 to \$6.15. Lard, per lb.—Dull; kegs, 9 1/2c to 9 3/4c; barrels and tierces 8c to 8 1/2c. Cheese, per lb.—Good dairy about 8 1/2c to 8 3/4c; recent transactions at highest figure. Butter, per lb.—Scarce and inquired for; choice dairy, 14 1/2c to 16c; medium, 13c to 14 1/2c.

Detroit Markets, Aug. 8.—The tendency of the market is upward, and the grain trade is more active. Produce is a shade firmer. Flour—High extra \$9.50; extra \$9. Considerable in the market, but holders unwilling to sell. Wheat—Upward; \$2.25 offered for No. 1 white; No. 2 white \$2.18 offered, \$2.17 asked. No. 1 red \$2.13 offered; No. 2 red \$2.12 offered. There were sales of 1 car No. 1 white at \$2.25; 1 car do. \$2.23; and 2 cars No. 2 white at \$2.16. Corn—Quiet at \$1.46. Oats down, 1 car sold at 76c. Provisions—Mess pork \$4.10 to \$4.11; heavy clear \$4.2. Lard 21c. Wool—Scarcely any coming in, quoted at 90c to 95c though these figures are nominal.—Tribune.

London Markets, Aug. 9.—There was a good deal of inferior Spring Wheat on the market to day, and quotations take a long range, from 75c to 83c, according to condition; but beyond this there is evidently a downward tendency in prices. Fall Wheat at 85c to 93c. Spring do. 75c to 83c. Oats, 40c to 42c. Barley, 67c. Peas 45c. Flax Straw, with seeds, \$15 to \$18 per ton. Hay in fair supply, at \$9 to \$12 per ton.—Free Press.

Hamilton Markets, August 9.—There is little or no change to make in our market quotations. Very little coming in. Wheat is on the rise, possibly from the scarcity of supply. Provisions—Potatoes (new), per peck, 30c. Apples 90c to \$1.50 per bushel. Butter, per lb., 15c to 18c. Eggs scarce at 15c to 19c. Cheese, per lb., 10c to 12 1/2c. Hay \$10 to \$11 per ton. Straw \$2 to \$4 per load.—Spectator.

Guelph Markets, August 9.—Fall Wheat, per bushel, 85c to 90c. Spring Wheat, per bushel, 85c to 90c. Oats, per bushel, 45c to 51c. Pease per bushel, 50c. Barley, per bushel, 45c to 50c. Pork, per 100 lbs., \$5 to \$7. Hay, per ton, \$8 to \$10. Straw \$2 to \$2.50. Beef, per 100 lbs., \$8.50 to \$5.50. Potatoes, per bushel, 60c to 75c. Butter, per lb., 12 1/2c to 15c. Eggs, per dozen, 10c to 12 1/2c. Wool, per lb., 30c to 35c. Apples 30c to 50c.—Herald.

Chatham Markets, August 8.—Flour, per 100 lbs., \$2.60 to \$2.63. Wheat, No. 1 white, per bushel, 95c to \$1. No. 2 white 85c to 90c. Do. red, per bushel, 75c to 85c. Barley, per 100 lbs., \$1.75 to \$2. Oats 45c to 48c. Beans, per bushel, \$1 to \$1.25. Clover Seed, per bushel, \$4.60 to \$6. Corn 75c to 1.00. Potatoes \$1. Apples, per bushel, \$1. Pork, per cwt., \$5 to \$6. Mutton, per lb., 5c to 6c. Beef, per cwt., \$4 to \$5.50. Eggs, per dozen, 12c to 15c. Cheese, per lb., 6c to 8c. Hay, per ton, \$7 to \$10. Peas, per bushel, 50c to 60c. Wool 35c. Tobacco, per 100 lbs., 3 1/2c to 4 1/2c.—Plant.

Albany Markets, August 6.—Flour and Meal—There is a good healthy demand for flour, and a fair business doing for the supply of the local trade and the river towns at former rates. Corn Meal is steady. GRAIN—There is more doing in Wheat, but the market is not active; sales New Red State at \$1.65; 400 bushels Old Amber Michigan at \$2.78; 400 bushels do. White Western at \$2.85; and New Wet to Michigan at \$2.90. Rye steady, with sales of State at \$1.95. Corn steady, with an improved demand, sales at \$1.60 to \$1.82 1/2 for No. 2 Western mixed, soft; and \$1.60 for round

yellow, delivered in car lots at East Albany. Oats, in limited quantity, and the market still favors the buyers, sales of State at 60c at which Western is held without finding buyers.—Journal.

Detroit Wool Market.—Wool continues very quiet throughout this State, and there is little change in the market at the West. There are occasional sales of lots from second hands, most of which, as far as we can learn, have been made at prices ranging from 97 to 100 cents per pound. There may have been a few sales of choice lots at prices a little over \$1.00, but these are exceptional, and are generally kept quiet. The sale of wool from the hands of wool growers has almost stopped, owing in some measure to the necessity that attention must be given to the harvest work, and also to the disposition of the wool growers to hold their clips with a view to the future of the supply of wool. Prices continue unchanged, therefore, and agents of buyers are quiet, but pick up all lots of wool that come anywhere near the limits of their instructions.—Detroit Com. Advertiser.

Albany Live Stock Market, August 8.—Bees.—This has been as hard a market for drovers as we can recall for many months back. The heavy supply last week, the reaction in New York and Eastern markets, and the large receipts the present week, all tended to depress trade to a degree that was unexpected, and which is without parallel since last spring. Nearly all the New Yorkers who bought here last market day lost money, and so did the Eastern men, and, with the exception of a few leading dealers, none returned with the intention of speculating now, unless the receipts proved light. This not being the case—the supply being at least 1,000 head more than is needed—scarcely more than one-half have changed hands. Prime cow-cattle, however, continue comparatively scarce, and this description, for which there is a steady weekly demand, does not feel the full force of the depression. On extra and prime first quality, the decline is not more than 1/2c to 3/4c per lb., but thin, light, half ripe stock, such as is chiefly furnished by our own State and Michigan, have dropped 1/2c to 3/4c per lb., and some sellers think full one cent. Such cattle have not been sold as cheap for a year back, as on Saturday. Sheep and Lamb—Less come in this week, but to the fresh receipts are to be added several bunches which have been held out here a week or two, and makes the supply somewhat in excess of the demand. There is no demand for the Eastern markets, but there is a fair inquiry on Albany and New York account, without any noticeable change in prices since last week. Common to good sheep command 5 1/2c to 6 1/2c per lb., and lambs 7 1/2c to 8 1/2c per lb. Hogs.—The shipments at the West are remarkably light, and the receipts here at present do not keep pace with the demand. There is a fair inquiry on the part of Eastern packers, as well as for New York, and prices have advanced to 11 1/2c for good heavy Western and State. Shipped to New York, 2,250 for the week.—Journal.

Boston Markets, August 6.—Flour.—The market for low grades is rather firmer. Sales of Western Superfine at \$9.60 to \$9.70, common extra \$10.00 to \$10.25, medium do. \$10.60 to \$11.00, good and choice do. \$11.50 to \$14.00 per bbl. Oats—Corn is in moderate demand, sales of Western Mixed at \$1.71 to \$1.72, Southern Yellow \$1.73 to \$1.74 per bushel. Oats are in steady demand, sales of Northern and Canada at \$1.00 to \$1.10 per bushel. Rye is scarce at \$2.25 per bushel. Shorts are selling at \$4.00 to \$4.8, the feed \$5.00 to \$5.00 per ton. Provisions—Pork is unsettled, and prices are nominal. We quote prime at \$54.00 to \$55, mess \$37.00 to \$39.00, clear \$40.00 to \$43.00 per barrel, cash. Beef is in steady demand, sales of Eastern and Western mess and extra mess at \$29.00 to \$30.00 per barrel, cash. Lard is steady, sales in barrels at 21c to 22c per lb., cash. Hams are selling at 20c to 25c per lb., cash.—Advertiser.

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