

TORONTO MARKETS:

For the month ending 30th April, 1842.

	s.	d.	s.	d.
Flour Farmers', in barrels.....	25	0	a	26 3
Wheat.....per bushel	5	0	a	5 6
Barley.....do.....	1	8	a	2 4
Oats.....do.....	1	2	a	1 3
Pease.....do.....	2	0	a	2 6
Clover Seed.....do.....	25	0	a	30 0
Grass Seed (Timothy).....do.....	5	0	a	5 6
Potatoes.....do.....	1	0	a	1 3
Oatmeal.....per barrel	21	3	a	22 6
Salt.....do.....	11	3	a	0 0
Pork.....per 100lbs.	15	0	a	18 9
Beef.....do.....	15	0	a	22 6
Mutton and Veal (qr.) per lb.	0	3 1/2	a	0 4 1/2
Butter.....do.....	0	5	a	0 7 1/2
Turkeys.....do.....	2	0	a	3 6
Fowls.....per couple.....	1	6	a	2 2
Eggs.....per dozen.....	0	4	a	0 5
Hay.....per ton.....	60	0	a	70 0
Straw.....do.....	30	0	a	40 0

MONTREAL MARKETS:

For the Month ending April 22d, 1842

	s.	d.	s.	d.
Oats, per min.....	1	3	a	1 6
Barley, do.....	2	6	a	2 9
Pease, do.....	3	0	a	3 4
Buckwheat do.....	2	6	a	3 0
Butter, (dairy) per lb.....	0	10	a	1 0
Do, (Salt) do.....	0	7	a	0 8
Pork, per 100 lbs.....	20	0	a	27 6
Beef, do.....	25	0	a	35 0
Flour, per cwt.....	12	6	a	13 0
Beef, per lb.....	0	3	a	0 6
Pork, do.....	0	2 1/2	a	0 5
Veal, per qr.....	1	6	a	10 0
Mutton, do.....	1	6	a	10 0
Lamb, do.....	2	6	a	5 0
Lard, per lb.....	0	5	a	0 6
Lint Seed, per bushel.....	5	6	a	6 0

With the exception of wheat the Montreal markets have been constantly supplied with all descriptions of agricultural produce in abundance, during the past six months, and there has not been much variation in the prices, until the breaking up of the ice, that beef and mutton have brought rather higher prices. The prices of oats, potatoes, and hay, are something lower than during the past winter. Farmers are not disposed to stall-feed cattle in consequence of the extreme uncertainty of the market. A large supply of fat cattle and sheep, may come in from a foreign country, at any time, and reduce the price so much, as to leave the farmer scarcely any remuneration, for the extra food and trouble of stall-feeding. If this was not known by experience, it is not possible that oats would be selling for 3s. 3d. to 1s. 6d. the bushel, and the best hay for four dollars the hundred bundles of 1,600 lbs., as it is in our markets at present. These prices are not more than sufficient to pay the expenses of labour of raising these crops, carting the produce to market, and other expenses, and not leave one shilling an acre to the farmer for his land. No farmer would sell at these prices, if he could do better by stall-feeding cattle and sheep. If the farmers of Canada would not be able to supply the few markets they have, with abundance of excellent butchers' meat of every description, they would, indeed, be unworthy to keep possession of the fine lands they hold. Let them, however, only have reasonable protection from foreign competition, and we will take upon us to state, that the market will be supplied with abundance of better meat, than it ever has been up to this moment. Though there are large supplies of neat cattle and sheep brought in here from the United States, and sold to the butchers, a great proportion of them are not well fattened, though they have the effect of reducing the prices. The encouragement required by farmers here, is a certainty of market, when their stock is ready for sale, which they never can have, while open to a supply from a foreign country, where cattle are raised and fattened under different circumstances, from those that exist with us. The expense of keeping our cattle that are stall-fed, after they are

prepared for market, must always be most injurious to the feeder.

We do not see any probability of a material rise in any description of agricultural produce for some months to come. Oatmeal, might, perhaps, be profitably manufactured for exportation, from the present extremely low price of oats.—We would recommend the cultivation of horse beans as a productive and profitable crop, and an article that may be always exported. We know they succeed well in Canada East, when properly cultivated, and sown in time, and we do not understand why they should not succeed in Canada West, under judicious management. It is very desirable that any crop, the produce of which can be exported, should be extensively cultivated. The produce of peas and beans may generally be exported. Both require early sowing. We would further recommend farmers to try the experiment of growing, even a small quantity, of hemp and flax, that might be dressed by hand labour.

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We anticipate that the change in our Terms to Agents will prove satisfactory. We have made this alteration, in the hope that the Secretaries of the different Agricultural Societies, throughout the Province, would exert themselves in our behalf. The Societies of the counties of Durham and Johnston, have already ordered a large number of THE CULTIVATOR, and we flatter ourselves that it will be worthy of the support of every Agricultural Society established in the Province.

We receive, almost daily, communications from our friends, stating "that The Cultivator gives general satisfaction, and that they hope our exertions will be crowned with success." In reply to those flattering testimonials, we have one request to make, which, if acted upon, will place us in such a position that the ultimate of our enterprise will then be no longer a matter of conjecture. As we expect to lose the whole of our time for the current year, and a considerable amount of money in travelling expenses, we think it is not too much for us to make the request that every Subscriber should make it his business to procure, at least, one Subscriber, and see that the subscription is forwarded without delay.

DEVON BULL FOR SALE.

A THOROUGH-BRED North Devon Bull, one year old, which took the first premium at the Markham Agricultural Meeting last fall. He will be exhibited in Toronto, upon the 11th of May next, at the SHOW. He is offered for sale in consequence of the owner's leaving Canada for England. For particulars, as to pedigree, &c., reference can be made to R. GAFFER, Esq., Yonge Street. Also, some choice Ewes, with lambs by Mr. Hockridge's ram. JOHN PROUT.

Lot No. 24, 8th Con., Pickering, 24th April, 1842.

CATTLE SHOW.

HOMEDISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE

Spring Fair and Fat Cattle Show,

WILL be held on Wednesday, the 11th day of May next, at the City of Toronto, on the open space in front of the New Gaol and Court House, when the Society will award the undomentioned Premiums, for the following Stock:

HORSES.

	First	Second	Total.
Through bred Stallions.....	£5 0	£2 10	£7 10
Drayage Stallions.....	5 0	2 10	7 10
Saddle Stallions.....	5 0	2 10	7 10
Drayage Mares.....	2 0	1 0	3 0
Saddle Mares.....	2 0	1 0	3 0
Yearling Horses reared in the District.....	1 10	0 15	2 5
Yearling Mares reared in the District.....	1 10	0 15	2 5

HORNED CATTLE.

Bulls—aged.....	3 0	2 0	5 0
Bulls—two years.....	3 0	2 0	5 0
Bulls—yearling.....	1 10	1 0	2 10
Cows.....	2 0	1 10	3 10
Heifers—yearlings.....	1 0	0 10	1 10

FAT CATTLE AND SHEEP.

Pair of Fat Cattle, reared and fed in the District.....	3 0	2 0	5 0
Pen of Three Fat Sheep, reared and fed in the District.....	2 0	1 10	3 10

Total amount to be awarded, £50.....£50 0

No Mare shall be entitled to receive a Premium, unless she either have a Foal by her side, or the owner prove that she be with Foal.

No person shall receive a premium for Stallions or Bulls, until it shall have been certified by two Members of the Society, that the same have remained in the District during the coming season.

All Bulls, except Yearlings, must be secured by a ring in the nose, with a chain or rope attached, to prevent any accident.

Persons desirous of competing for any of the above Premiums, who are not Members of the Society, must pay the sum of Fifteen Shillings on entering their Stock. Members who have paid their annual subscription, are entitled to shew stock without any extra charge.

The Certificates of Stock entered for competition, with the name and residence of the owner, must be handed to Mr. George D. Wells, the Secretary, at the Court House (in one of the rooms which the Sheriff has obligingly given for the occasion) before 11 o'clock on the morning of the exhibition—at which hour the Lists will be closed; and no Stock, not included in the Secretary's List, will be allowed to enter into competition.

In order to prevent any idea of partiality in awarding the Prizes each Competitor for a Premium shall be furnished by the Secretary with a Numerical Ticket, to be fastened to the animal entered for a Prize.

A large number of very superior Stock will be offered for sale, at Public Auction, immediately after the Fair.

GEORGE D. WELLS,

Secretary.

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