

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the True Witness and Post. Dear Sir: I have 25 acres plowed land. Last year I planted 100 acres potatoes, 3 acres turnips, and the remainder was sown with oats, peas, corn and buckwheat. The potatoes and turnips entailed a good deal of labor and expense, not only in cultivation but also in bringing a considerable distance from market. This year I intend to curtail expenses, and would wish you to inform me what you consider the most profitable and least expensive method of arranging the above 35 acres. It is said to be good grain land.

A YOUNG FARMER. ST. THOMAS, May 4th, 1880. [Will some of our agricultural friends give the necessary information.—E.R.P.]

ON FARMING.

To the Editor of the True Witness and Post. Sir,—If your correspondent, "A Young Farmer," will consult some neighbor, who is a sensible man and a practical farmer, he will get more useful information for his purpose than if he were to read a whole volume of newspaper correspondence. Different soils require different treatment, and general rules do not always apply to particular cases. Farming is learned by practice and by observation, and not by reading books. I can see no great trouble in cultivating ten acres of potatoes if the farmer has a double moulding plough and a drill, and as to selling them, if he comes to an understanding beforehand with a few provision dealers and ships a car-load at a time to Montreal or elsewhere, he will not have too much trouble, and he will have more profit in the end than if he sold them by the bag on the market. But as "A Young Farmer" is probably very green at the business, perhaps he had better sow green grain and some timothy and clover seeds, and turn as much of his land as possible into meadows. With a few years' experience and observation he will be able to decide all these matters for himself.

Your obedient servant, AN OLD FARMER.

FINANCE & COMMERCE.

It is reported that the Provincial Government have closed negotiations for a loan of 7,000,000 francs in Paris, and that the object of Mr. Wurtelle's present visit to France is to complete the transaction.

Business at the city banks remains very quiet for this season of the year. Call loans on collateral security are negotiated at 4 to 5 per cent interest, and time loans at 5 to 6 per cent. All good lines of commercial paper readily discounted at 7 per cent, and choice bills are taken at 6. Produce bills are worth 84 to 85 per cent; few offering, but the amount offered is very limited. The market is reported very dull for Sterling Exchange, at \$1.09 1/16 for round accounts, and \$1.09 1/16 for the counter. Gold drafts on New York quiet at 1/2 per cent.

The Kingston Inland Revenue Office returns for last month are \$10,935.91; for the corresponding month last year, \$8,527.66. The traffic receipts of the Great Western Railway for week ending April 30th were \$91,214.54, against \$74,308.12 for the corresponding period last year—an increase of \$16,906.42.

The statement of the affairs of La Banque Nationale submitted to the shareholders at the annual meeting in Quebec last Friday, shows the profits of the year to have been \$195,482.26, to which add \$50,000 taken from the "Reserve" and \$20,810.42 carried forward from last year at credit of profit and loss, making a total of \$266,292.68. Out of this amount a dividend of 5 per cent was paid, absorbing \$13,314.63, leaving \$252,978.05 for the following comparison showing the difference between the first half of the year and the second:—

First six months—Earnings	\$1,234,699
First six months—Expenses	1,234,699
Net	\$0
Second six months—Earnings	\$1,730,874
Second six months—Expenses	1,234,275
Net	\$496,599

A special meeting of the shareholders of the Stadacona Bank has been called at Quebec for the 22nd June, to appoint liquidators to wind up the business of the Bank.

The Belleville Customs returns for April, as compared with the same month last year, are as follows:—Imports, 1880, value \$16,838; duty, \$6,715.88; 1879, value \$16,734; duty, \$6,129.94. Exports, 1880, \$38,883; 1879, \$38,448.

The traffic receipts of the Grand Trunk Railway for the week ending May 1st, compared with the corresponding week of last year, were:—

Passengers, Mails and Express	\$18,549	\$15,946
Freight and Live Stock	122,856	99,914
Total	\$141,405	\$115,860

The week's increase would be \$25,545.00. The aggregate increase for eighteen weeks is \$320,421.

TRADE REVIEW OF THE CITY WHOLESALE TRADE.

Trade at this port has not yet assumed any decided degree of activity, since the re-opening of navigation. Up to last Saturday night 17 ocean-going vessels had arrived in Montreal harbor, but so difficult is it to secure cargoes here this season that the clearances number only 9. The great measure expected to improve navigation here and also the general business of the city was the reduction in the port dues of Montreal, but the postponement of the question by the Government till next session has set aside this hope, and although the Board of Trade have by a resolution expressed themselves satisfied with this action, the mercantile and commercial community are quite disappointed, though doubtless they will endeavor to make the best of the situation, and hold the Government to their promise, at the next session. The ineffectual advocacy of the Abbott Bill is another incident of the late Parliament adverse to the interests of general trade and commerce for this year.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE CITY WHOLESALE PRICES:

Superior Flour	\$5.20	\$4.55
Extra Superior	5.10	4.45
Superior	5.00	4.35
Extra Superior	4.90	4.25
Superior	4.80	4.15
Extra Superior	4.70	4.05
Superior	4.60	3.95
Extra Superior	4.50	3.85
Superior	4.40	3.75
Extra Superior	4.30	3.65

ASHEES.—The local market remains very dull, and still lower prices are anticipated. During the last couple of days sales of pots have been made at \$3.70 to \$3.75. Potatoes and nominal at \$6. Receipts of potatoes during the past week were about 550 barrels, and of peas about 40 barrels.

DRY GOODS.—During the past week or ten days a good many orders have been taken by travellers now out on their springing trip, and a healthier feeling seems to be trading the country trade than at the corresponding period last year. Very few buyers have visited the wholesale market here during the week, but now that the moving process is about over, and fitting housekeepers have become settled again, the retail dealers are busy. Remittances fair—about as last reported.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—The demand from the country trade for general drugs continues fairly active, but there is very little doing as yet in heavy chemicals. The high prices which have heretofore ruled prevented shipments being made to the continent and although goods to arrive are not offering freely, buyers are still holding off, expecting lower prices. When values began to advance last fall and winter, American operators bought recklessly and the market is now glutted with heavy chemicals. Opium is easier, since the excitement over the sudden advance in price subsided; it is expected, however, that in consequence of the short supply it will go still higher. Since the 1st January an advance of nearly 37 per cent has been established for cream tartar, which is now quoted here at 35c to 37c; caustic soda, \$2.90; bleaching powder, \$2.20; soda ash, \$2 to 2.25; soda bicarb, \$3.30 to 3.50; sal-soda, \$1.20 to 1.30; tartaric acid, 53c to 57c. These are the revised quotations for this week, and they would doubtless be shaded for large lots. No English advances have been received since the date of our last report.

FURS.—Spring muskrats have been offering in large numbers during the last few days, more especially this week, and prices have declined, 17c being now about the outside figure paid, while a good many, it is believed, have changed hands at 16c. Other kinds there is nothing of any consequence coming forward, and prices remain nominally unchanged.

Mink skins, prime dark.....\$1.50 to \$1.75
Martin skins, prime..... 0.75 to 1.25
Beaver skins, prime dark, per lb..... 1.75 to 2.50
Horn skins, black prime large..... 5.00 to 8.00
Do, do, small..... 2.00 to 4.00
Red fox skins, prime..... 1.50 to 1.75
Muskrat skins, spring..... 0.10 to 0.17
Muskrat skins, fall and winter..... 0.08 to 0.12
Do, do, do..... 0.02 to 0.04
Lynx skins, prime large..... 1.25 to 2.00
Skunk skins, large prime dark..... 0.50 to 0.80
Do, do, white striped..... 0.25 to 0.40
Skunk skins, prime white large..... 0.10 to 0.30
Raccoon skins, prime..... 0.10 to 0.75
Do, do, do..... 0.05 to 0.10
Other skins, prime dark..... 0.40 to 0.90

GRAINS.—The sharp upward turn in wheat at Chicago, together with the excess of tonnage at this port, has had the effect of depressing the market somewhat. Ocean grain freights are now offering at 4s per steamer to Liverpool, and about 4s 1d to 4s 6d to London. Vessel owners, however, have to accept almost what they can get.

HARDWARE AND IRON.—Our wholesale dealers report a dull market; the majority are now about closing up their spring business, and very few new orders are being received as yet. Trade in general hardware is almost confined to sales of small sortings up to country dealers throughout Quebec province. Tin plates are easier, and we have this week to revise our list of prices, in favor of purchasers. Cut nails, also, are weak, and sales are reported to have been made at trifling concessions on our quotations, but no established change can be quoted, as yet. The market for pig iron is just now thoroughly demoralized, and pending some movement on the part of operators or speculators, we deem it unwise to give quotations; so far as we have heard no sales have been made at under \$24, but certainly this figure could not be obtained. For ordinary brands of Scotch pig iron merchants are both to bid even \$20 for even small lots; one or two of our large houses report that they do not hold an ounce, and are congratulating themselves over this fact. Remittances are reported fairly good, there being no reason to complain.

Pig Iron, per ton	\$0.00 to 0.00
Cast iron	0.00 to 0.00
Langdon	0.00 to 0.00
Eglington	0.00 to 0.00
Calder No. 1	0.00 to 0.00
Carroll	0.00 to 0.00
Hematite	0.00 to 0.00
BAR, per 100 lbs	
Scotch and Staffordshire	2.50 to 2.65
Best	2.75 to 2.90
Sweden and Norway	4.50 to 5.00
Lowmound and Bowling	6.25 to 6.50

CANADA FLATES, per box	5.50 to 6.00
Garth & Penn.	5.50 to 6.00
F. W. & Arrow	5.50 to 6.00
Hutton	5.00 to 5.25
Tin Plates	
Charcoal, I.C.	8.50 to 9.00
Bradley	10.00 to 10.50
Charcoal, D.C.	8.00 to 8.50
Oake, I.C.	7.00 to 7.50
Tinned Sheets, No. 28, Charcoal	4.00 to 4.18
Spring, K. of Bradley, per lb.	
Galvanized Sheets, best brands	
No. 28	8.00 to 8.50
No. 30	8.25 to 8.75
Sheet, best brands, # 100 lbs.	3.50 to 4.00
Sheet, best brands, # 50 lbs.	3.50 to 4.00
Boiler Plate, # 100 lbs.	3.25 to 3.75
Best	3.75 to 4.25
CUT NAILS	
1/2 to 3/4, do	3.75 to 3.85
3/4 to 1, do	4.00 to 4.10
1 to 1 1/4, do	4.25 to 4.35
1 1/4 to 2, do	4.50 to 4.60
2 to 3, do	4.75 to 4.85
3 to 4, do	5.00 to 5.10
4 to 5, do	5.25 to 5.35
5 to 6, do	5.50 to 5.60
6 to 8, do	5.75 to 5.85
8 to 10, do	6.00 to 6.10
10 to 12, do	6.25 to 6.35
12 to 14, do	6.50 to 6.60
14 to 16, do	6.75 to 6.85
16 to 18, do	7.00 to 7.10
18 to 20, do	7.25 to 7.35
20 to 22, do	7.50 to 7.60
22 to 24, do	7.75 to 7.85
24 to 26, do	8.00 to 8.10
26 to 28, do	8.25 to 8.35
28 to 30, do	8.50 to 8.60
30 to 32, do	8.75 to 8.85
32 to 34, do	9.00 to 9.10
34 to 36, do	9.25 to 9.35
36 to 38, do	9.50 to 9.60
38 to 40, do	9.75 to 9.85
40 to 42, do	10.00 to 10.10
42 to 44, do	10.25 to 10.35
44 to 46, do	10.50 to 10.60
46 to 48, do	10.75 to 10.85
48 to 50, do	11.00 to 11.10

many coming in, however, and the offerings below from the country for the most part grubby, they having been taken off during the winter. Offerings are also lower, now quoted at 15c, and the offerings are reported small. Sheepskins nominal, at last week's quotations. Tallow quiet at about 6 1/2 to 7 for good.

LEATHER.—The market is still reported active, at firm but unchanged values. Manufacturers are not yet generally buying for sale. Fall trade, but sorting-up orders for leather are fairly numerous. Several heavy lots of Buffalo sole leather have been sold for shipment to England during the week, and this gives the market a decided improvement in tone. An inferior lot of Buff, some 1,200 pieces, partly damaged, sold at 12 1/2 c. Miscellaneous reported very fair.

Buff, 12 to 14 lbs.	27	27
Do, No. 1 E. A.	28	28
Do, No. 2 E. A.	28	28
Do, No. 3 E. A.	28	28
Do, No. 4 E. A.	28	28
Do, No. 5 E. A.	28	28
Do, No. 6 E. A.	28	28
Do, No. 7 E. A.	28	28
Do, No. 8 E. A.	28	28
Do, No. 9 E. A.	28	28
Do, No. 10 E. A.	28	28
Do, No. 11 E. A.	28	28
Do, No. 12 E. A.	28	28
Do, No. 13 E. A.	28	28
Do, No. 14 E. A.	28	28
Do, No. 15 E. A.	28	28
Do, No. 16 E. A.	28	28
Do, No. 17 E. A.	28	28
Do, No. 18 E. A.	28	28
Do, No. 19 E. A.	28	28
Do, No. 20 E. A.	28	28

SEEDS.—This market has been fairly active for clover at rather firmer prices, from 6 1/2 to 7c. Stocks light of both clover and Timothy; the latter is selling at \$3.25 to \$3.50 per bushel of 45 lbs. in small lots, as to quality.

THE FARMERS' MARKETS.

There was a tolerably good attendance of buyers and sellers at the city retail markets this forenoon; supplies of nearly all kinds of reasonable produce were ample for the demand, and sales were fairly numerous, at generally steady but firm prices. Oats sold freely at 75c to 80c per bushel, and potatoes were abundant, at 60c per bushel for common whites, and 75c to 80c for Chilli and Early Rose. Other grains and roots were unchanged. Fresh print butter sold at prices all the way from 18c to 25c, as to quality, and fresh eggs brought 11c to 12c. Maple syrup sold at 80c per gallon, and maple sugar at 8c to 9c per lb. A very fair business was done in vegetables, at previously quoted values; new rhubarb, grown in the country gardens, was offering at \$1 per dozen bunches. In fruit there is very little change to note; business improving somewhat, but prices are about as last quoted. Oranges, which arrived per SS. Polynesian in fairly good condition, considering the length of the voyage, are held at from 58 to \$10 per case.

The following are the prices, corrected up to date:

VEGETABLES.—Potatoes, 60c to 80c per bag; carrots, 3c to 4c per bushel; choice onions, 50c per barrel, or \$1.50 per bushel; parsnips, 50c per bushel; beets, 35c to 40c per bushel; cabbages, 12c to 15c per head; cauliflowers, 15c to 20c per head; cress, 25c to 30c per bushel; American lettuce, 50c to 60c per dozen heads; arichokes, 75c per bushel; radishes, 40c to 50c per bushel; turnips, 10c to 15c per bushel; peas, 10c to 15c per bushel; broad beans, 10c to 15c per bushel; chickpeas, 10c to 15c per bushel; lentils, 10c to 15c per bushel; moulle, \$1.00 to 1.10 per cwt; buckwheat flour, \$1.50 to \$1.80 per cwt; oatmeal, \$2.45 to \$3.50 per cwt.

FARM PRODUCE.—Butter—Prints, 18c to 25c per lb; lump, 18c to 25c per lb; Eastern Townships, 17c to 18c. New-laid eggs, 12c to 15c per dozen; packed, do, 10c to 12c. Fine cheese, 12c to 15c per lb; ordinary, 10c to 12c. Maple sugar, 7c to 8c per lb. Lard, 10c to 12c. Maple syrup, 20c per quart, or 80c to 90c per gal.

POULTRY AND GAME.—Turkeys, \$1.50 to \$2.50 per pair; geese, \$1.00 to \$1.80 per pair; ducks, 75c to 90c per pair; pigeons, \$1.00 to 1.50 per dozen, or 20c to 25c per pair; chickens, 10c to 15c per lb; fowls, 8c to 10c per lb; hens, 8c to 10c per lb; snipe, \$2.50 per dozen; plovers, \$2.00 per dozen; partridges, 75c to 90c per dozen; ducks, 60c to 75c per brace; snipe, 20c to 25c per brace.

MEAT.—Beef—Roast beef (trimmed), 12c to 15c; sirloin steaks, 12c to 15c; corn beef, 10c; mutton, 10c to 12c; pork, 10c to 12c; ham, 12c to 15c; bacon, 10c to 12c; fresh sausages, 10c to 12c; Bologna sausages, 14c to 16c; spring lamb, 75c to \$1.00 per gal; dressed hogs, \$5.00 per cwt.

FISH.—Haddock, 7c; codfish, 7c; mackerel, 2c; bass and dorey, 40c to 50c per bunch; olive, 2c per lb; lobsters, 40c to 50c per bunch; oysters, 40c per bushel; crabs, 40c per bushel; salmon, 25c to 30c per cwt; fresh salmon, 25c; lake trout, 12c.

MONTREAL HORSE MARKET.

There has been a noticeable falling off in the horse trade, and according to the offerings in this market have been comparatively light, and comprised only a few first-class, desirable animals; then, again, buyers' complaints are numerous, and according to the figures asked, which they state leave no possible margin and in some cases would scarcely pay all the expenses incident in shipping them to the States. It is stated that too high prices have been paid by traders to farmers in the country, and accordingly a number of American buyers are going through the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec to purchase direct. During the week ending to-day there were shipped to Montreal, from Massachusetts, New York and New Hampshire, only 200 horses, costing a total of \$18,750.50, or an average of about \$93.75 each, against 225 horses, valued at \$24,000, or an average of \$106.66 each, for the week ending last Saturday. Only four carriages were shipped from the American horse yards this week, but this was due to a very few horses in the stables, while there are more than seven or eight American buyers in the city.

In the Corporation horse market on College street, there were 120 horses offered for sale this week:—a pair of grey horses 151 hands high, 1,050 lbs each, 5 years old, \$185; 1 pair of brown, 4 years old, 10 hands, weight 1,200 each, \$280; 1 chestnut, 4 years old, 10 hands, weight 1,200, \$150; 1 brown, 5 years, 10 hands, weight 1,200, \$155; 1 chestnut, 5 years, 10 1/2 hands, weight 1,200, \$155; 1 English horse, well bred, 9 years old, 12 1/2 hands, weight 1,000, \$105. At the weekly auction sale yesterday six horses were disposed of at from \$20 to \$75 each.

Following the list of shipments for the week ending to-day, Saturday, May 1, horses, \$102.50; 18 do, \$1.89; May 3, 9 horses, \$212; 11 do, \$1.01; 22 do, \$1.23; 12 do, \$1.07; 14 do, \$1.75; 7 do, \$2.74; 6 do, \$3.25; 14 do, \$1.12; 6 do, \$1.04; 1 horse, \$1.25; 1 do, \$1.00; 12 do, \$7.75; 20 do, \$1.73; 17 do, \$1.98. May 7, 10 horses, \$299; 2 do, \$235.

THE CATTLE MARKETS.

St. Gabriel. MONDAY, May 10. At St. Gabriel market this morning the supply of cattle was fairly large, and the demand was quite active, and the bulk of the offerings were driven down to Montreal. The market comprised 10 carloads of cattle, as follows: Ontario, Chas. Don, Chas. Lacroix, Chas. Lacroix, Ontario, W. Robins, Lennoxville, Jas. Snow, Whiteley, W. G. Galloway, Ontario, and Mr. Lacroix, Ontario, W. Walters, Ontario, 8 cars. Mr. Ald McShane was the only buyer on export account. He purchased from John Robins, Ontario, 10 head of cattle at \$60 each for 10 head, and at from \$68 to \$68 each for the other six; head from W. Jack at \$70 to \$72 each, 18 head of beef, Crawford, Ontario, at \$4.70 per 100 lbs. Average weight of the cattle, 1,100 lbs. 11 fine cattle from Chas. Lacroix on private terms, but understood to be fine live weight. Lacroix bought 4 cattle at 60. Mr. W. Jack had under offer 30 cattle left over from last

week. In addition to his load mentioned above, Mr. Jack also sold 3 head of cattle to buyers at 50c per lb, and 3 head of cattle, 1 head may be sold to range from 40 to 50 per lb. Live hogs are scarce and dear. Only one lot of 30, belonging to Joseph Lacroix, was sold at \$1.25 per lb. The market for sheep was very quiet, and only one lot of 10 was sold at \$4.00 per cwt. A few more sheep are expected from several city packers imported a large number of hogs from "Ontario," Mr. MacIntyre brought on about 300, W. Reed, 100, R. Richardson, 100, and W. MacIntyre, 200. The market for sheep was purchased by Mr. R. Richardson in Chicago on Saturday last at \$4.10 to 4.20, making the cost when laid down here about \$3.20 per cwt.

Twenty-five car loads of cattle constituted the receipts for the local markets since Monday last. The following arrived for shipment to Europe: A J Thompson & Co., Ontario, 20 cars; 1 from England; 5 from the Don; A. Knox, 1 from Ontario; A. Dow, 3 from Waterloo; and Thomas Crawford, 3 from Toronto. A choice lot of cattle was landed from the S. S. Winnipeg here on Saturday, coming 5 to 6c per lb, live weight, in Ontario, some of which will scarcely find their equal in the English markets.

AT VIOGER MARKET

The supply of cattle was in excess of the demand, which was rather slow; butchers did not take for the quantity of beef and mutton. The sale in fact of stock generally, was on the whole good, better than for a long time past. Prices were therefore easier, and for best ranges from 40c to 45c up to 40c per lb, five weight. Cattle comprised 150 head of cattle, of which fully 100 head were from St. Gabriel market; 100 calves, and a like number of sheep and lambs. The following were the prices for 3 head cattle for \$18, 2 for \$21.50, 4 for \$23, and 3 for \$10, all to butchers. J. Benoit, trader, sold 9 head out of about 12 cattle at about 41c and A. Hayward, trader, disposed of 9 head out of a carload of 25 cattle at about 41c. Messrs Roberts & Wilder sold 4 head to J. O. Gorman at 41c, and 10 head to J. O. Gorman at 41c. Sam Price sold 30 head of cattle at 40c to 41c, and Mr. Hayward sold a fat steer, weighing 1,510 lbs, to Mr. Bennet at 36c. The average price for cattle was about 41c, and for sheep, and from \$2 to 4.50 for lambs. Calves were generally small, and are worth from \$1 to 5 each, as to size, etc.

MONTREAL FUEL MARKET.

During the first couple of days in this month some of our leading coaldealers were quite busy filling out small orders of hard coal for immediate delivery, but the majority of "importing" citizens having been supplied at their new homes with a fair quantity of fuel, the coal trade has relapsed into the normal condition again, and is at the present very quiet. There is nothing whatever doing as yet for future delivery, and the opening of the spring trade bids fair to be slow. So far only a couple of barges of American anthracite coal have arrived at this port, but a fleet is expected to reach here now almost any day this week. All the coal frozen up last winter in the Chamoly Canal, and at various points on the Richelieu river, has arrived in this port, some 2,000 or 3,000 tons from thence having been unloaded in this harbor during the past fortnight. A much larger business was done by coal dealers here during the last month than during April, 1879, but our leading dealers are rather backward this spring in placing their orders with American dealers; this may be partially traced to the somewhat unsettled prices in the States, and is partially due, no doubt, to the tight demand from consumers, who appear to be still holding off for lower prices. For soft coals, also, the demand is comparatively light, and orders from manufacturers, etc., are usually small. Prices all round remain as quoted last week.

The wood dealers report an improved demand at the yards during the week from householders, who have exhausted their winter supplies, and are now ordering fresh, but generally small lots, as yet.

MONTREAL HAY MARKET.

The demand for hay in this market has improved during the week, and the farmers being generally busy at home with spring work, the supply has been rather tight, consequently prices have advanced \$2 to \$3 per 100 bundles, as compared with last Saturday. The total receipts at College street market for the week ending to-day, are estimated at 250 loads, of which about 40 loads were straw. For good to best Timothy hay, prices now range at from \$10 to \$12.50 per 100 bundles, the latter price being the extreme outside figure; inferior to common qualities bring from \$8 to \$10. The quality of straw offering is uniformly good, but the supply is considerably in excess of the demand, which is fairly good, and prices remain unchanged, at from \$2 to \$3, and occasionally \$3.50 per 100 bundles is paid. Pressed hay is also very scarce, and under a good demand values have advanced fully 50c per ton, being now quoted at \$11 wholesale, or \$13 per ton and 65c per cwt, retail. Pressed straw is also firmer, selling at \$5.50 to \$6.50 per ton.

BRITISH CATTLE MARKETS.

LONDON, Monday, April 19.—Cattle at market, 3,670; sheep at market, 10,470. Best beef, 8d to 9d per lb; inferior and secondary, 6d to 8d per lb; best mutton, 9d to 10d per lb; inferior and secondary, 6d to 9d per lb. The cattle trade here this morning was quiet. Prices much the same as last week, but with a drooping tendency. Of sheep there was a fair supply. The enquiry was on a full average at hardening prices.

LIVERPOOL PROVISION MARKET.

Liverpool, Monday, April 19.—Cattle at market, 1,130; sheep at market, 2,342. Beef, 8d to 9d per lb; mutton, 8d to 11d per lb. The supply of cattle was larger, of sheep less than on last Monday.—The demand was very good for each at higher prices.

GLASGOW, April 22.—Cattle at market, 1,412; sheep at market, 3,046. Best beef, 8d per lb; inferior and secondary, 6d to 8d per lb. Best mutton, 11d to 12d per lb; inferior and secondary, 8d to 10d per lb. There was an ordinary number of cattle at market this day (Thursday), many of which were of middling quality. Demand dull, and no alteration from last week's prices. Of sheep there was a fair supply, and generally of good quality. General remarks—Demand dullish, and prices similar to last week.

LOCAL NEWS.

A CLUB.—It is supposed that the body found yesterday in the canal was that of a farmer who recently fell through a bridge while driving to