

Commercial.

FARMER'S ADVOCATE OFFICE,
London, June 26, 1880.

The month of June on the whole has been a most favorable one for the growing crops. Some sections have had rather too much rain, but this has been made up by the fine, cool, breezy weather which has followed.

WHEAT.

This article has been extremely dull the past month, so much so that there has been very little business done, and what little has transpired has been of a forced character. The wide difference in price between spot wheat and shipments inland has completely put a stop to the latter business, and the result has been that the holders in the interior have had to send their wheat to the seaboard or ship through on consignment. The shipments out of Chicago the past week are enormous, and this will have a still further depressing effect on the markets.

Every thing points to still lower prices, and if the present crop prospects continue as favorable as they are now from all parts of the world, we can only look for very low prices when the new crop commences to move freely. How low they will come is a matter of some speculation already. Cable advices from England say that the harvest there is expected to commence about the middle of August in the south, and the beginning of September in the northern sections. This is fully ten days later than the average. A late harvest in England is always a precarious one, and owing to this we may look for considerable fluctuations in prices on the other side of the Atlantic.

BARLEY.

It is thought that the repeal of the malt tax in Great Britain will not be without some good effects here, as large quantities of Canadian barley which are not good enough to convert into malt for beer-brewing, will in all probability be required for feed malt. Malt has for some years past been recognized as the best fattening food that can be obtained for cattle.

Our barley is already preferred in England, to Salonica and Black Sea barley, in the manufacture of black malt for porter-brewing, and now that a new market will be opened up for the Canadian product by the abolition of the English malt duty, farmers here should reap the benefit of enhanced values for a class of barley which hitherto has been difficult to sell.

CHEESE.

This article is in a very uncertain state at present, and prices are tumbling very rapidly. Private cables report the market in Liverpool as completely demoralized and likely to go to 45s. This has been brought about by the enormous shipments the past few weeks of May cheese. One half of these shipments would have been much better on the factory shelves for ten days to two weeks longer, and had this course been pursued we would now see the cable 65s. if not higher. This sudden depression will check this hasty movement, and we hope things may right themselves shortly.

BUTTER.

Has also declined seriously, in Liverpool the past few days there being a decline of 1 per cent.

The following remarks taken from the Montreal Gazette are so applicable to the situation that we reprint them here :-

Considering the good prices that are at present obtainable for butter we think farmers are making a serious mistake in not selling freely, and in this opinion we have precedent on our side. The satisfactory wind-up of last season was due in a large measure to the fact that the summer make as a rule was cleared off early, notwithstanding the low

prices which prevailed; consequently the sale of fall stocks was not hampered by a heavy supply of summer-made butter, as had frequently been the case in former seasons. Last year's experience, however, seems to be wholly disregarded, for although farmers can now obtain about 50 per cent. better figures for their goods than they could a year ago, they are nevertheless inclined to hold for still higher rates, despite the probability of a decline setting in at any moment. We are well aware how apt farmers are to hug the one-sided argument, that if instead of marketing their summer goods early, as they did last year at the low prices then ruling, they had held on till the fall, what a considerable amount of money they would have made by it. But have they ever applied the other side of the question, and asked themselves whether they for one moment suppose they would have realized as good value for their fall make as they did last season, if their stale summer stocks had been unsold and pressing on the market? To this interrogation we believe there are few farmers who would in theory report aye, and why so many can endorse an emphatic affirmative in their practice as they are doing now, is not a little singular. We know of few seasons in which the farmers marketed their butter so freely as they did last summer, and we remember few seasons that had such a favorable wind-up as that of 1879 and 1880. We trust our country friends will avail themselves of the improved facilities they now possess in the way of marketing their goods in summer, so that they may avert the misfortune of having as in former years, large supplies of stale butter on hand, to depress the market for the fresh fall make.

London Markets.

London, June 30, 1880.

GRAIN.	
Per 100 lbs	Per 100 lbs
Deihl Wheat.....\$1 07 to 1 72	Barley..... 80 to 1 10
Treadwell..... 1 07 to 1 72	Peas..... 80 to 1 00
Clawson..... 1 07 to 1 72	Oats..... 1 05 to 1 10
Red..... 1 85 to 1 90	Rye..... 80 to 90
Spring..... 1 50 to 1 63	Corn..... 93 to 1 00

PRODUCE.	
Butter, crock. 15 to 21	Potatoes, bag 50 to 55
do roll. 14 to 22	do new pk. 25 to 30
do keg. 15 to 18	Turnips, p bu. 10 to 25
do inferior 8 to 15	Beef, per qr. 3 00 to 5 00
Eggs..... 12 to 14	Mutton, lb. 7 to 8
Carrots, p bu 15 to 20	Lamb..... 7 to 8
Onions, bush. 75 to 1 00	Wool..... 28 to 27 1/2
Beef, per qr. 3 00 to 5 00	Dressed hogs, 5 00 to 5 75
Veal, per lb. 4 to 5	per 100 lbs. 5 00 to 6 00
Honey..... 25 to 30	Live hogs, do 3 75 to 4 00
Cardwood..... 3 50 to 4 50	Lard..... 10 to 11
Ducks..... 00 to 00	Geese, each 40 to 60
Chickens, pr. 40 to 50	Turkeys..... 75 to 1 00
Cheese, lb..... 11 to 12 1/2	Milk cows..... 26 00 to 49 00

HAY AND STRAW.	
Hay, per ton... 8 00 to 9 00	Straw, per load... 2 60 to 2 50

FLOUR.	
Flour, fall wht. 3 25 to 3 25	Oatmeal..... 2 50 to 3 50
do mixed... 3 00 to 3 00	Cornmeal..... 1 75 to 1 75
do spring... 3 03 to 3 00	Bran, per ton..... 12 00

Liverpool Market.

Liverpool, June 28.

Flour—10s 0d to 12s 0d. Wheat—Spring, 8s 6d to 9s 4d; red winter, 9s 6d to 9s 10d; white, 8s 6d to 9s 8d; club, 9s 6d to 10s 0d. Corn, ctl, 4s 10d. Oats, ctl, 6s 2d. Barley, ctl, 6s 3d. Peas, ctl, 6s 10d. Pork, 60s. Lard, 37s. Bacon, 36s to 37s. Beef, 64s. Tallow, 33s 6d. Cheese, 45s.

Montreal Market.

Montreal, June 29.

Markets dull and without demand. Flour—XX, \$5 30 to \$5 35; fancy, \$5 10; spring extras \$6 20 to \$6 30; superfine, \$1 95 to \$5 05; strong bakers, \$5 90 to \$6 30; fine, \$4 50 to \$4 65; middlings, \$4 to \$4 10; Ontario bags, \$2 65 to \$2 75; City Bags, \$3 00 to \$3 15; Oatmeal, \$4 35 to \$4 40. Cornmeal, \$2 00 to \$2 05. Wheat, nominal. Peas, 91c. Oats 34c. Canadian Pork, \$15 to \$16. Lard, 10 1/2c to 11 1/2c. Butter, creamery 21c to 23c; Townships, 16c to 19c; western, 13c to 15c. Asher \$3 80 to \$3 90.

Toronto Market.

June 29.

Wheat—Fall, \$1 to \$1 08; spring, \$1 to \$1 10. Barley, No 1 60c; No 2 50c; No 3 40c. Peas, 88c. Oats, 30c to 36c. Corn, 53c to 54c; Flour, superior, \$4 90; extra, \$4 80; fancy, \$4 75; strong bakers' \$5 00. Hogs, \$9 50 to \$6 75. Butter, 10c to 14c. Oatmeal, \$3 90 to \$4.

New York Markets.

New York, June 28.—Wheat—spring, winter and white, a shade stronger; red, cash and June, heavy, and others a shade better and quiet; sales at \$1 06 to \$1 29. Corn 47c to 50 1/2c. Barley, dull and nominal. Oats 31c to 37c, for mixed western and state; 31c to 40c for white do. Pork, weak, and unchanged in price. Cheese quoted at 6 1/2c to 8c. Dressed hogs, 5 1/2c to 6c.

Chicago Market.

Chicago, June 28.—Wheat, 82c to 88 1/2c. Oats, 25 1/2c to 24c. Barley, 74c. Lard, \$6 55. Bulk meats in good demand and tending upwards; shoulders quoted at \$4 65; short ribs at \$6 70; short clear at \$7. Hog market—New grades, \$4 10 to \$4 25; mixed packers, \$4 10 to \$4 30. Heavy shipping, \$4 20 to \$4 45.

Cheese.

Utica, N. Y., June 28.—7,470 boxes of cheese were sold today at 6 1/2c to 7 1/2c, largest number at 7c. Little Falls, N. Y., June 28.—Market very dull; decline 2 1/2c; for sales of 1,200 boxes factory cheese, 6 1/2c to 7 1/2c, bulk at 7c; 750 boxes from dairy at 5c to 7c.

Montreal Cattle Market.

Montreal, June 29th.—At St. Gabriel's Market the prices quoted for cattle were, 4, 4 1/2 and 5 cents per pound; there was one sale at 6 cents; two oxen were sold at \$120, a milch cow at \$44,—seven hogs of 300 pounds weight were sold at 5 cents per pound, other hogs of about the same weight at 4 1/2 cents.

The Globe Lightning Rod Co.

In our last number the name Ontario Lightning Rod Co. was confused with the Globe L. R. Co. of this city, whose advertisement appears in the usual column. The Ontario, we find on enquiry, belonged to Hamilton, Ont., and suspended some time ago. The Globe, on the contrary, is sound, and has some of London's best citizens for Directors. They have a large business, turning out over 90,000 yards of rod last month; and the company rejoices in a most efficient, enterprising and clever manager, Mr. F. C. Hewitt, who is well known to the farmers of the west.

W. Bell & Co., of Guelph, Ont., have been awarded the only prize gold medal for their organ at the Australian Exhibition, beating English and American organs. Well done, Canada!

We are indebted to Mr. Wm. Saunders, Editor of the Canadian Entomologist, for the use of the cuts of the Army Worm and Tomato Worm.

The annual exhibition of the North Lanark Agricultural Society will take place at Almonte, Ont., on the 6th and 7th October next.

The attention of our readers is directed to the advertisement of the Brown Memorial Committee in the usual column. We trust all classes will respond with spirit and liberality to the memory of one who did what he always believed to be right without fear or favor.

Any subscriber may become our agent. Postmasters are requested to act as our agents. A cash commission of twenty-five cents will be allowed for each new subscriber paid for one year, sent in singly. Increased commission for ten new subscribers and over. Our new premium list will appear shortly, and will be found liberal and attractive. One name or a dozen may be forwarded at any time. Subscriptions can commence with any number of the ADVOCATE.

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It saves as much manual labor as the mowing machine or horse rake.
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It can be used in heavy, unranked hay, or for windrows.
You can save double the quantity of hay in the same time by using the loader.
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