

Poultry-fattening Stations.

The Alberta Government has decided to undertake the work of fattening and marketing poultry. Six or eight fattening stations will be started throughout the Province, preferably at places where creameries now exist. Men will be placed in charge who will purchase and fatten the poultry. The farmer will receive eight cents a pound for his chickens, and any excess of price after deducting the cost of fattening will be returned to the farmers in proportion to the number of chickens sold. Of course, chickens delivered to the stations must be starved for at least twelve hours. The weight preferred is from three to four pounds. Ground oats and skim milk will be the fattening foods used. The Government has a cold-storage plant which can be utilized, thus helping to steady the market, but we know little of the demand for poultry if such be needed.

The effects of this move will be far-reaching. The barnyard mongrel will, no doubt, figure in the business for some time, but the fattening station is bound to be a center of influence, from which will radiate sound business ideas in the management of poultry on a Western farm. The farmers should prepare to keep the type best suited for the purposes of the trade. If this be done, with cheap food and ready markets, the future should look bright to the Canadian hen.

THE FARM BULLETIN.

Nova Scotia Notes.

The summer of 1906 has been full of surprises. Spring opened early, with every prospect of an early seed time, but about the middle of April rainy weather set in, which continued well on into May, so that no seeding was done until the 14th. Then we had two weeks of fine weather, and I do not think we ever put seed into a better-prepared seed-bed than we did from the 14th to 24th of May. From May 24th to June 4th we had heavy rains, so that we hardly got on the land again before the 10th of June. From the 6th to about the 22nd of June the weather was dry and cold, and the land had been so soaked that heavy soils baked badly and crop prospects were blue enough. Practically all of the potatoes and roots and a large proportion of the grain were put in after the 10th of June, but the last part of June and the first half of July was warm and showery, crops grew amazingly, and from the middle of July to the middle of August we had more heat than we have had in any thirty days for many

years, so that the late grain made great progress toward ripening, and the hay crop, which was an average one, was harvested in the very best of condition.

There has been no frosts yet; most of the grain is harvested and will not be very much below an average yield, though, of course, the acreage will be smaller than usual. Potatoes are still green (no blight), and though planted so late will be at least eighty per cent. of a crop. Turnips are coming on splendidly, and



Shropshire Shearling Ewes.

Imported and owned by T. H. Medcraft & Sons, Sparta, Ont. In their auction sale, October 10, as advertised.

there is a good chance of an average crop, though, of course, the next six weeks makes the turnip crop. Owing to cold, wet weather in June the cutworm did less damage than of late years.

The fall shows are now on, and our county is well to the front with live stock. Some of our breeders are anxiously awaiting an opportunity to cross swords with some of the Western breeders at the Dominion Exhibition, to be held at Halifax, Sept. 22nd to October 5th. Cumberland Co. C. H. BLACK.

Fair Dates for 1906.

Great Northwest Exhibition, Goderich, Sept. 26-28
Oakville Fair, Sept. 27-28
North Brant Exhibition, Paris, Sept. 27-28
Dominion Exhibition, Halifax, N. S., Sept. 20-Oct. 5
Provincial Exhibition, New Westminster, B. C., Oct. 2-6
Atwood, Oct. 2, 3
South Simcoe, Cookstown, Oct. 2-3
Blackstock, Oct. 2, 3
Clifford, Oct. 3, 4
McGillivray, Oct. 5
Caradoc, Mt. Brydges, Oct. 5
American Royal, Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 6-13
Prince Edward Island Agr. and Industrial Exhibition, Oct. 8-12
Muncey Fair, Oct. 9-10-11
Caledonia, Oct. 11-12
Caistor Agr. Fair, Abingdon, Oct. 12-13
International, Chicago, Dec. 1-8
Ontario Winter Fair, Guelph, Dec. 10-15
[Note.—For general list of Ontario fairs, see "Farmer's Advocate," August 23rd, page 1843.]

Managers of fairs whose dates do not appear on our lists will confer a favor on our readers by sending in their dates.

Progress in Dairying.

One of the chief needs of Ontario dairying is a continuous supply of thoroughly informed and trained dairymen, such as those who graduate from the Kingston Dairy School. The calendar for the session of 1906-7 is now out, and will repay a careful study. A copy may be secured from Mr. J. W. Mitchell, B. A., Supt., Kingston, Ont.

A. P. Ketchen, editor of the Northwest Farmer, will shortly succeed K. R. Honeyman, as Deputy-Minister of Agriculture in Saskatchewan.

W. T. McDonald, a graduate of the class of 1906, Iowa Agricultural College, has just been elected Professor of Animal Husbandry in the Oklahoma Agricultural College; J. T. Caine, of the class of 1905, Professor of Animal Husbandry at the Utah Agricultural College; and R. S. Curtis, of the class of 1905, Assistant Professor of Animal Husbandry, in charge of the Department, in the North Carolina Agricultural College.

MARKETS.

Toronto.

LIVE STOCK.

Receipts at the City and Junction markets for the past week have been heavy, fully 275 carloads of the different kinds of live stock being delivered. Trade in fat cattle dull, too many unfinished, ill-bred, coarse cattle, for which there is little or no demand, are being offered. Prices for the best held about steady, but the common were off from 15c. to 25c. per cwt.

Exporters.—Prices ranged from \$4.25 to \$4.75, the bulk selling at \$4.40 to \$4.60. Export bulls sold at \$3.75 to \$4.25.

Butchers.—Not enough good cattle to supply the demand. Prime odd cattle sell as high as \$4.75; loads of good, \$4.25 to \$4.50; medium, \$3.75 to \$4; common, \$3.25 to \$3.50; cows, \$2.50 to \$3.25 per cwt.

Stockers and Feeders.—The fall trade is hardly established as few farmers have commenced to buy, grass in many parts being scarce on account of dry weather. Prices are reported as follows: Feeders, 900 to 1,050 lbs. each, \$3.40 to \$3.75; feeders, 800 to 900 lbs., \$3.25 to \$3.40; best stockers, \$3 to \$3.25; common to medium, \$1.50 to \$2.75 per cwt.

Milkers and Springers.—Market strong for good to prime cows, at \$45 to \$63 each, the bulk selling at \$40 to \$55; common to medium cows, \$30 to \$37.50 each.

Veal Calves.—Market strong as usual; prices range from \$3.50 to \$6.50 per cwt.; bulk at \$4.50 to \$6. Some few prime new-milk calves sell up to \$7 per cwt.

Sheep and Lambs.—Trade good, with good prices for prime stuff; but there is little of that class offering in sheep and lambs; on that account, prices are easier. Many farmers are wanting wether lambs to feed, but there are none to be had. Some farmers are buying ram lambs. Export sheep, \$4 to \$4.50 for ewes; bucks, \$3 to \$3.50 per cwt.; lambs, \$5 to \$5.75 per cwt., and 95 per cent. of these were rams.

Hogs.—Deliveries light; prices steady at

\$6.40 for selects, and \$6.15 for light fats.

Horses.—The horse market is beginning to look up. At the sale stables, business was better than for some weeks past. There were many buyers, the majority of whom were from Toronto and near-by towns and villages. The following is Burns & Sheppard's weekly report of prices: Single roadsters, 15 to 16 hands, \$140; single cobs and carriage horses, 15 to 16 hands, \$145 to \$225; matched pairs, carriage horses, 15 to 16.1 hands, \$300 to \$550; delivery horses, 1,100 to 1,200 lbs., \$135 to \$175; general-purpose and express horses, 1,200 to 1,350 lbs., \$140 to \$185; draft horses, 1,350 to 1,750 lbs., \$150 to \$175; serviceable second-hand drivers, \$65 to \$80.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter.—Receipts liberal; prices a little easier, if anything. Creamery prints, 24c. to 25c.; creamery boxes, 22c. to 23c.; dairy pound rolls, 20c. to 21c.; tubs, 19c. to 20c.; bakers' tubs, 14c. to 15c. per lb.

Cheese.—Market firm. Large, 12½c. to 13c.; twins, 13c. to 13½c.

Honey.—60-lb. tins of strained, 10c. to 11c. per lb.; 10-lb. tins, 11c. to 12c.; combs, in sections, \$1.75 to \$2.25 per dozen.

Eggs.—Market firm; prices unchanged; 18c. to 19c. for new-laid.

Poultry.—Receipts moderate; prices firm for all of good quality. Dressed chickens, 12c. to 15c. per lb.; ducks, 12c. to 15c. per lb. Alive, 2c. to 3c. per lb. less.

Potatoes.—Car lots are selling at 70c. to 90c. per bag.

Hay.—Baled, scarce and firm at \$10 to \$10.50 per ton for No. 1 timothy; No. 2, \$8 to \$8.50 per ton.

Bran.—Scarce at \$16.50 per ton, car lots, on track, at Toronto.

Shorts.—Scarce at \$20, on track, at Toronto.

Straw.—Baled, 50 lb. and easy at \$6 per ton, car lots, on track, at Toronto.

BREEDING STOCK.

Grain.—Wheat—No. 1, white and red, 72½c.; No. 2, white and red, 70½c.; No. 3, white and red, 68½c.; No. 4, white and red, 66½c.; No. 5, white and red, 64½c.; No. 6, white and red, 62½c.; No. 7, white and red, 60½c.; No. 8, white and red, 58½c.; No. 9, white and red, 56½c.; No. 10, white and red, 54½c.; No. 11, white and red, 52½c.; No. 12, white and red, 50½c.; No. 13, white and red, 48½c.; No. 14, white and red, 46½c.; No. 15, white and red, 44½c.; No. 16, white and red, 42½c.; No. 17, white and red, 40½c.; No. 18, white and red, 38½c.; No. 19, white and red, 36½c.; No. 20, white and red, 34½c.; No. 21, white and red, 32½c.; No. 22, white and red, 30½c.; No. 23, white and red, 28½c.; No. 24, white and red, 26½c.; No. 25, white and red, 24½c.; No. 26, white and red, 22½c.; No. 27, white and red, 20½c.; No. 28, white and red, 18½c.; No. 29, white and red, 16½c.; No. 30, white and red, 14½c.; No. 31, white and red, 12½c.; No. 32, white and red, 10½c.; No. 33, white and red, 8½c.; No. 34, white and red, 6½c.; No. 35, white and red, 4½c.; No. 36, white and red, 2½c.; No. 37, white and red, 1½c.; No. 38, white and red, ¾c.; No. 39, white and red, ½c.; No. 40, white and red, ¼c.

no quotations; No. 1 Northern, sellers, 77½c.; No. 2 Northern, 75½c., sellers.

Barley.—No. 2, 48c.; No. 3X, 47c.; No. 3, 44½c. bid.

Oats.—No. 2 white, 32½c.; No. 2, mixed, 31c.

Corn.—No. 2 yellow, 57c., on track, at Toronto.

HIDES AND WOOL.

Trade dull. E. T. Carter & Co., 85 Front St., Toronto, have been paying the following prices: Inspected hides, No. 1 steers, 12½c.; inspected hides, No. 2 steers, 11½c.; inspected hides, No. 1 cows, 12½c.; inspected hides, No. 2 cows, 11½c.; country hides, cured, 11½c.; calf skins, No. 1, city, 13c.; calf skins, No. 1, country, 12c.; pelts, 75c. each; lamb skins, each, 75c.; horse hides, \$3.25 to \$3.60; horse hair, per lb., 28c. to 30c.; tallow, 5c. to 5½c. per lb.

FRUIT MARKET.

Receipts have been abundant. Trade good for choice-quality fruit, but dull for the poor stuff. Prices ranged as follows: Blueberries, box, \$1.75 to \$2; peaches, 75c. to \$1 per basket for Crawfords; Niagara grapes, 20c. to 25c.; Moore's Early, 50c. per basket; plums, egg, \$1 to \$1.20 per basket; Lombards, 70c. to 90c.; cucumbers, 25c. per basket; tomatoes, 20c. per basket; apples, 20c. to 30c. per basket; pears, 30c. to 50c.; green peppers, 50c. per basket; red peppers, 35c. to 40c. per basket.

Chicago.

Cattle.—Common to prime steers, \$3.75 to \$6.95; cows, \$2.70 to \$4.75; heifers, \$2.60 to \$5.35; stockers and feeders, \$2.60 to \$4.50.

Hogs.—Steady to 5c. higher; choice to prime, heavy, \$6.35 to \$6.85; medium to good, heavy, \$6.15 to \$6.25; butchers' weights, \$6.50 to \$6.60; good to choice, mixed, \$6.25 to \$6.50; packing, \$5.50 to \$6.25; pigs, \$5.70 to \$6.50.

Sheep and Lambs.—Steady, some \$1.50 to \$5.75; yearlings, \$3.75 to \$6.15; lambs, \$4 to \$7.25.

Montreal.

Cattle.—Owing to the less encouraging cables from England, the demand for ocean freight space lacks news to stimulate it, and, as a result, an easier tone has developed. Liverpool is offering at 40s. for Sept., and 42s. 6d. for October. London may be had at 40s. for Sept., and 37s. 6d. for October, while Glasgow is quoted at 40s. for either month. Shipments from the port of Montreal for the week ending Sept. 15 were 3,657 cattle and 158 sheep, against 6,610 cattle the previous week. The offerings of choice cattle on the local market continues very light, and top prices ranged around 4½c. per lb., good being 4c. to 4½c.; medium, 3½c. to 4c., and common, 2½c. to 3½c. The demand from butchers showed some improvement, the weather being rather better. The best of the cattle, or a large number of them, have been taken by Americans from Ontario points, it is claimed, prices being lower than in the United States.

The same might be said of lambs, which have been bought up freely during the past few weeks, at 5½c. to 5½c. per lb., sheep selling at about 3½c. to 4c. Some of the poorer lambs sold at 5c. Calves held about the old range, being \$2 to \$10 each, to cover all qualities, save extras. The supplies of hogs show a considerable increase, and the demand for them was excellent. Prices held about steady, the market not showing any inclination to return to recent top figures. Sales were made at 6½c. to 7c. per lb. for choicest. Milch cows are still quoted at \$25 to \$55.

Horses.—The remount officers of the British army, who are here to purchase troop and gun-carriage horses for South Africa, only accepted eight horses out of the 60 or 70 offered, the rest not being considered acceptable. The total number taken from Canada was but 170 head, of which 115 were bronchos from Calgary. It would seem that there is so much use for horses in Canada just now, that holders are placing a higher price on them than buyers are prepared to pay. As to the ordinary market, there is no change to speak of. Demand is dull, and it is not likely will be greatly altered now till the lumber camps send in their requisitions. Quotations are: