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FARMERS' ADVOCATE OFFICE,  
London, July 1, 1878.

The very favorable crop reports from all parts of the United States, Canada, and, in fact, the whole world, have had a very depressing effect on the markets. Some of the "Bears" in Chicago predict that wheat will go to 65c. with them. This seems too low, but we should not be surprised to see it come to 75c. Should the present favorable weather continue, with favorable reports, there must be a still further decline.

**WHEAT.**—The business done and deliveries have been very light, in fact, nominal. The *Mark Lane Express*, as reported by a press cablegram of June 18th, says that the excessive humidity of the last six weeks has seriously compromised the agricultural prospects. Until within a few days the growing crops in Scotland did not suffer so much as in England, but now matters have changed for the worse, and floods have done much damage in the lowland districts. A similar condition exists on the continent, especially in the northern districts, where it is reported that the harvest is delayed by the unpropitious weather. The harvest in Europe, as regards the interests of the agricultural industry of this country, are second in importance to our own, and they will be watched with nearly as much solicitude. The winter wheat harvest is about over in Kansas, Missouri, Kentucky and Southern Illinois, and the harvest will become general in Ohio and Indiana about the first of July. With us the wheat in some sections is just beginning to turn, and ten days more of favorable weather will put the fall wheat past all danger from rust. The cool, windy weather that we have had for some time past has been very favorable. The late frosts have done some damage in some sections, but from all we can learn, nothing of a serious nature. There will be an unusual abundance of straw this year, which will make it heavy and tedious work harvesting.

**BUTTER.**—Nothing doing to any extent, and stocks are accumulating. An English letter, which we saw the other day from Liverpool, reports States factory butter as selling at 75 shillings. There seems to be no disposition on the part of English importers to send out orders this season. Great caution in buying and handling should be exercised by all who have anything to do with this article.

**CHEESE** Has ruled low, but there seems to be more disposition to handle than butter. Stocks of May make are well cleared out, and we hear of a good many sales of first half of June at 7 1/2 to 8c. The make is very heavy.

**WOOL.** The market is very quiet at low prices. The deliveries have been light so far, and we fear farmers are holding back for better prices, which we are of the opinion they will not realize. The state of trade and business generally, together with foreign reports, indicate that any hopes of better prices are hopeless.

LONDON, ENGLAND.

July 2.—Flour, 22s to 24s; wheat—spring, 8s 9d to 9s 2d; red winter, 9s 3d to 10s; white, 9s 11d to 10s 3d; Cal. club, 10s 8d; corn, 22s 6d to 27s 9d; oats, 2s 8d; peas, 34s; barley, 3s; pork, 47s; bacon, 27s to 31s; cheese, 47s; beef, 72s.

NEW YORK.

Flour dull, \$3 10 to \$4 10; rye flour, \$2 55 to \$3 25; wheat quiet, 1c to 1c better, \$1 01 for No. 1 Minnesota; corn, 42c to 44c; oats, 30c to 36c; pork, \$10 25 to \$10 40.

CHICAGO.

Wheat, \$1 10 to \$1 18; corn, 37c; oats, 33c; rye, 47c; barley, 45c; pork in fair demand and heavy, \$9 20 to \$9 22 1/2.

**DETROIT.**  
Extra white wheat, \$1.07 1/2; market steady.  
**MONTREAL.**  
Flour from \$3.50 to \$4.00, according to brand; grain unchanged.  
**TORONTO.**  
Barley, 35c to 40c; spring wheat, 75c to 90c; red winter, 85c to 90c; Treadwell, 90c to 93c; Diehl, 93c to 95c; oats, 31c to 32c; peas, 60c to 62c; wool, 20c to 21c; flour, \$3.50 to \$4.45; butter, old, 4c; new, 10c.

LONDON MARKET.

Wheat per 100 lbs., Deihl, \$1.60 to \$1.70; Treadwell, \$1.45 to \$1.50; red, \$1.50 to \$1.55; spring, \$1.10 to \$1.30; barley, \$1.00; peas, 90c to \$1.00; oats, 85c to 90c; corn, 85c to 95c; beef per qr., \$5.00 to \$7.00; lamb per lb., 10c to 13c; mutton, 6c to 7c; dressed hogs, \$4.00 to \$5.00; live weight, \$3.50 to \$5; turkeys, 62c to \$1.00; geese, 40c; ducks, per pair, 45c; chickens, 50c; eggs, 10 to 12; roll butter, 12c to 13c; tub do., 10c to 12c; potatoes, 40c to 50c; carrots, 25c to 30c; turnips, 25c; wool, 23c to 24c; cheese 11c to 12c; hay per ton, \$8.00 to \$9.00; cordwood, \$3.50 to \$4.00; flour, fall wheat, \$3.25 to \$3.00; mixed, \$3.00 to \$2.75; spring, \$2.50 to \$2.75; corn meal, \$1.60 to \$1.75; oat meal, \$2.75 to \$3.00.

Crops in Canada.

The *Toronto Mail*, of June 14, gives the following summary of its crop reports:

We completed in yesterday's issue of the *Mail* the crop reports gathered from all parts of Ontario. The result, we should say, is such as must inspire hope and satisfaction in all readers of them. The tenor of yesterday's reports is much the same as that of those published last week. In barley we find out of 44 reports one township in which the decrease in acreage is set down at only 12 1/2 per cent.; 23 townships in which the decrease is from 33 to 50 per cent.; 6 in which it is greater than 50 per cent., and 14 from which the reports are vague, generally stating the acreage to be small. As to the condition of the crop, 28 townships report it to be fair to good, and 10 state it as medium to bad, the rest being indefinite. In wheat an increase is reported all over, and in two instances the acreage is said to have doubled; reports of its condition are uniformly favorable. In peas we have 28 townships reporting the acreage as average, or the same as last year; 10 reporting an increase, and 8 a decrease; prospects are generally said to be good. In oats we have 27 townships reporting an unchanged or average acreage, and 11 an increase; prospects are almost uniformly said to be good.

Holland exported during 1877, 66,627,000 lbs. cheese and 55,332,600 pounds butter. England took over 50 per cent. of the cheese and 85 per cent. of the butter. The other customers for cheese were Belgium, France, Hamburg, Prussia, Java and Russia, while for butter, next to England, Belgium, Java and Surinam were the largest importers.

Stock Notes.

Bear in mind the great sale of stock on the Agricultural grounds at Brantford on the 11th inst. Reduced rates on railways. Read advertisement in usual column.

Mr. John Geary of London, Ontario, who is at present on a tour in Europe, visited the great horse and live stock fair held at Lincoln, England, recently and secured a very valuable draft of pure bred Lincoln sheep comprising two shearling lambs and fifteen shearling ewes. A piece of wool taken from one of these at Liverpool measured fourteen inches. They created great admiration whilst being shipped on board the S.S. Ontario en route for Canada last week.

The above mentioned stock have just arrived in good condition at Mr. Geary's stock farms near London, Ont., and in next issue we hope to give some further particulars regarding this valuable importation.

The London Horse Mart Stock Sale will take place on the Provincial Exhibition grounds at London, Ont., on the 9th, 10th and 11th of July, and on the 12th a large number of carriages will be sold.

This sale has attracted great attention throughout the Dominion and United States, and a very large attendance of American and English buyers is confidently expected.

The number of entries is far beyond the most sanguine hopes of the management.

Buyers and sellers can rely on a prompt settlement immediately after the sales without any unnecessary delay.

The entries for the stock show at the Paris Exhibition are as follows: Horned cattle, 1,700 head; sheep, 825 lots; pigs, 385 head; poultry, 2,669. The show was to be open to the public on Friday, June 7, and to close on Tuesday the 18th. The first two days, the 7th and 8th, are for judging—the admission being at mid-day, and the charge for entrance five francs. On the other days the admission will be at nine o'clock, and the charge one franc.

The very large and valuable head of Shorthorns belonging to the estate of B. B. Groom and Son, were sold on the 20th June at Winchester, Ky.

There was a large attendance of the leading Shorthorn breeders of America.

Among those present from Canada the names of Hon. George Brown of Bow Park, Hon. M. H. Cochrane of Compton, P. Q., and John Hope are mentioned.

Of the 195 Shorthorns sold—126 were females and 69 males.

Of the 126 females, 28 were non-breeders, very aged, or out of health—and these were exceedingly well sold for \$2,730, or an average of \$97 per head.

The remaining 98 females produced \$54,630, or an average of \$557 per head—an average which, though much below all prices, cannot but be regarded, under all the circumstances, as universally satisfactory.

The 69 bulls and bull calves appear to have realized over \$23,000 or the satisfactory average, under all the circumstances, of \$334 per head.

A report of the sales of Bulls has not yet reached us, except that Grand Duke of Geneva (20756), went to Hamilton & Van Meter for \$850, and 8th Duke of Geneva, to J. Dawson for \$200. Below we give all sales of females which reached \$500, or over.

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| Kirklevington Duchess of Kent 3d, 1 yr., S. G. Murphy, Detroit and Port Huron.....    | \$2050 |
| Kirklevington Duchess of Horton, and c. c., Bow Park Association, Brantford, Can..... | 2800   |
| Oxford of Vinewood 3d, 9 mos., A. S. Duckworth, Thompson, Ky.....                     | 905    |
| 7th Maid of Oxford, 12 yrs., Bow Park Association.....                                | 1000   |
| Kirklevington Rose, 11 yrs., Col. L. G. Cannon, Burlington, Vt.....                   | 750    |
| 15th Lady of Oxford, 5 yrs., Bow Park Association.....                                | 1000   |
| Oxford of Vinewood 2d, 1 yr., T. J. Megibben, Cynthia, Ky.....                        | 850    |
| Winsome 16th, 5 yrs., Bow Park Association.....                                       | 2600   |
| Wild Eyes of Vinewood, 2 yrs., S. G. Murphy.....                                      | 2800   |
| Roguish Eyes, 14 yrs., J. P. Sanborn, Port Huron, Mich.....                           | 1000   |
| Geneva Wild Eyes, 1 yr., J. C. Jenkins, Petersburg, Ky.....                           | 900    |
| Miss Wild Eyes 3d, 3 yrs., and c. c., Col. L. G. Cannon.....                          | 1950   |
| Red Daisy of Fairview 8th, 6 yrs., Bow Park Association.....                          | 500    |
| Georgie Hillhurst 4th, 3 yrs., C. C. Chiles, Independence Mo.....                     | 525    |
| Barrington Lady, 2 yrs., A. Hamilton, Bath Co., Ky.....                               | 1525   |
| Lally 8th, 11 yrs., A. L. Hamilton.....   | 1550   |
| Loo Bell, 7 yrs., Geo. Hamilton, Bath Co., Ky.....                                    | 560    |
| Oxford Loo 2d, 1 yr., Leslie Combs.....   | 639    |
| Victoria's Gem, 5 yrs., S. R. Grundy, Washington Co., Ky.....                         | 520    |
| Victoria Hillhurst, 2 yrs., John Welsh, Louisville, Ky.....                           | 500    |
| Peach Blossom 9th, 1 yr., Archy L. Hamilton.....                                      | 540    |
| 4th Duchess of Vinewood, 3 yrs., C. Andrews.....                                      | 1075   |
| 5th Duchess of Vinewood, 2 yrs., and b. c., C. Andrews.....                           | 825    |
| 2d Duchess of Vinewood, 3 yrs., and c. c., C. Andrews.....                            | 1225   |
| 6th Duchess of Vinewood, 2 yrs., S. White, Windsor, Canada.....                       | 1000   |
| Bell Duchess, 8 yrs., A. L. Duckworth.....  | 1325   |
| Bell Duchess 2d, 6 yrs., E. C. Thompson, Edinburg, Ind.....                           | 725    |
| 1st Lady Bates of Vinewood, 14 yrs., C. Andrews.....                                  | 800    |
| Crevola 3rd, 6 yrs., and c. c., S. R. Grundy.....                                     | 510    |
| Cordelia 10th, 4 yrs., T. S. Moberly, Richmond, Ky.....                               | 1000   |
| Cordelia 1st, 1 yr., Leslie Combs, Jr.....  | 775    |
| May's 2d Geneva, 4 yrs., and b. c., C. Redmon, Clark County, Ky.....                  | 1350   |
| Rose 5th, 4 yrs., Leslie Combs, Jr.....   | 700    |
| Rose 7th, 1 yr., Leslie Combs, Jr.....  | 510    |
| May Rose 4th, 4 yrs., and b. c., Leslie Combs, Jr.....                                | 2010   |

A correspondent of the *London Field* gives his idea of the capacities of different breeds of cattle as follows:

"The types for beef are the Booth Shorthorns, the Aberdeen cattle, the West Highlanders, Hereford and Sussex. The milk sorts are the Bates families, particularly, in the Shorthorns, the Ayrshire, and the Channel Island cattle, not overlooking Dutch stock for quantity. In regard to quality the park-like Jersey is matchless, though I hear some breeders are now going solely for color, at the expense of milking characteristics, which all interested must deplore."

The Canada West Farm Stock Association at Bow Park, purchased a good few Shorthorns at high figures at the Groom Sale and will hold a sale of Shorthorns, Cotswold Sheep and Berkshire Pigs on 11th July, at Brantford, Ont.

The "International Review" for July-August is one of more than ordinary interest to the general public. It contains twelve articles of uniform timeliness; three political articles (Russia, by Karl Blum, of England; The Chinese