

EDITORIAL MISCELLANY.

Toronto Markets.

Toronto is becoming a very important wheat market. Enjoying an excellent geographical position, within a few hours sail of the south shore of the lake, where there are numerous mills and a good market, as at Rochester, Wilson, Oswego, Ogdensburg, &c., in the midst of a most fertile country, into which now radiate railways, East, West, North and North-west, with abundant facilities for purchase, storage, and shipment; and possessing men of business, energy and tact, we believe that Toronto is speedily becoming the leading market in the Provinces. The receipts of wheat for the past two months, are 275,000 bushels per week; of this about 35,000 bushels in each week have been purchased on the market, while a great deal of it has been sold by country dealers to our wholesale buyers, in lots of 1,000 bushels and upwards, being what is termed, "shipping parcels." The shipments of this season up to last week, were over 750,000 bushels, being nearly double that of the whole of any previous year. Farmers have been bringing in their wheat very freely, many of them having learned a salutary lesson by the losses experienced last year in waiting for higher prices. The ruling rates for the past month at this point have been at an average of about 7s. per bushel, which may be considered a very fair remunerating price. Present appearances do not, however, indicate a continuance of this figure. Yet, there is no telling what may occur, and observation has taught us that the fulfilment of the predictions of produce prophets is exceedingly doubtful. The best policy to be pursued is to sell when convenient, provided a remunerating price can be realized. The closing price to-day, (Oct. 7,) is 6s. 8d. per bushel.

Oats plenty by importation, but farmers are bringing in very few. They are held at 2s. 6d per bushel in store by lots not less than 100 bushels, and by retail 2s. 9d.

Peas are scarce, and meet ready sale at 3s. @ 3s. 9d. per bushel.

Potatoes have not been in such good supply as formerly, and the downward tendency in prices has been checked. The ruling figures are now from 3s. 9d. @ 4s. per bushel. In large lots they have been sold at 3s. 6d.

Apples too have become scarce, the stock of imported now on hand being small. Good keeping apples sell at 10s. @ 10s. 3d., and inferior at 8s. 9d. per bbl. Farmers sell at 2s. 6d. @ 3s. per bushel. Peaches are not plenty, but considering the price, are still in fair demand. They bring from \$2½ to \$3 per basket. Pears becoming plenty at \$5 per bbl. wholesale, and 2s. 6d. @ 3s. per peck retail.

Butter.—The supply during the week has varied, and the price has fluctuated with it. Since Monday there has been more offering, and 1s. 3d. @ 1s. 4d. are the prices realized. Tub is now plenty, and is selling at 1s. @ 1s. 3d. per lb. A quantity might be had at 10½ @ 11d.

Sheep.—Some five hundred sheep brought by Mr. Mullany from Illinois were sold to various buyers at \$3½ to \$4 each. This is about the current rate.

ES. We must again urge upon our friends who are in arrears the necessity of remitting as soon as possible. We are aware that there is sometimes when difficulty is experienced by Township societies in obtaining the division of the Government grant, yet, we hope that the Secretaries and Treasurers who are indebted to us will be as prompt as possible.

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