Office of FARMING.

44 and 46 Richmond street W., Toronto, January 17th, 1898.

The wet weather interfered a little with trade this week, but on the whole general business has been good. Remittances from the country have been prompt and satis-

The wheat market is considerably easier an it was last week. The cables from than it was last week. than it was fast week. The cames from Europe show lower prices, and unless there is considerable buying for export, prices are bound to decline this week. Some estimate that this decline will amount to several cents. that this decline will amount to several cents. At present, in Chicago, wheat is 10½c, higher than it was a year ago. It is reported that both Leiter and Armour have said that wheat will sell for \$1.25 incide of sixty days, but nobody sees how this can be, nor believes it. it. If there was any probability of wheat selling at that price, Armour would be the last one to give out such news now. At present the price of wheat in Chicago runs aliout 90c. to 91c.

At Toronto wheat is now about two cents lower than it was last week. It fell away early in the week, and will likely go lower still. There appears to be little demand for export, and trade is easy at about Stc. for red winter wheat and S2c. for spring wheat. Goose wheat is quoted at 77c. on the Mid-land. Manitoba wheat is also a little easier. being 97 2c. to 98c. at Sarnia and Midland.

At Montreal, red winter wheat is quoted at 92c. to 93c., white at 91c. to 92c., and No 1 hard Manitoha at 99c. to \$1.01.

Barley and Oats.

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There is no change in the barley market; it remains dull and unchanged at 32c. to 33c. for No. 2, and 25c. to 27c. for feed. At Montreal the market is quiet at 30c. to 55c for old barley, and 36c. to 40c. for feed.

For the first time the oat crop of Ontario has exceeded the hay crop. This year there were several thousand more arres of oats than of hay. The yield of oats this year amount to something like 130,000,000 bushels, and out of this less than 1,000,000 bushels, will be to something like 130,000,000 bushels, and out of this less than 1,000,000 bushels will be exported. The market has been steady all week at slightly better prices. Car lots have sold on the Midland at 25½c. for white oats, and at 25c. west. Mixed sell for 24c. west. Montreal reports a good through trade in oats from the west for Liverpuol. The local market in Montreal is quiet, and prices run at about 27½c. to 25c. for car lots.

Peas and Cor

The market for peas is a little excited in the west in sympathy with better cables from Eu-rope, and there has been some advance since and there are ten some advance since last report. Some holders in the west are asking as high as \$2c. and \$3c. Sales of ten cars at \$0\frac{1}{2}c. are reported from the west. Holders generally are asking \$2c. It is reported that a lot has been sold for shipment in May at \$2c., and other sales are reported at \$4c. The market is found and acceptance. as high as 53c. The market is firm and good prices are likely to continue. At Montreal

prices are inery to continue. At Montreal prices for stocks in store are \$25. to \$35.

Corn has advanced a little during the week, and is fran at 2Sc. to 2Sjc. for Canada yellow west. At Montreal 37c. to 3Sc is quoted for American corn by the carload.

Due and Buch

Rye is steady at 45c, east and 44c, at points west of Toronto. At Montreal the market is firm at 53c, in car lots.

Buckwheat continues steady. Six cars sold recently on the Midland at 32c., but about 3tc. is the average price. At Montreal sales are reported of car lots at 36c.

The demand is only fair, shorts according to quality bring \$10 to \$12, and bran \$7.50

At Montreal bran keeps in good demand, and Ontario bran is steady at \$10.75 to \$11 in bulk; shorts, however, are quiet at \$12 to \$12.50 according to grade. There is quite a demand for bran from the United States.

Poteton

There is no change in the market. They are dull at too, on the track here, and at Montreal 55c. seems to be the best price for car lots. Jobbing lots sell for 65c.

There has been a fair demand for export during the week and sales are reported of from 8,000 to 10,000 hoxes at prices ranging from 8½. to 8½. The bulk of the sales reported have been made at 8½c. to 8½c., with a few

The market at Montreal for fresh creamery

MARKET REVIEW AND FORECAST. is not quite so firm as it was last week. It is about ic lower. Sales are reported of several lots at the factories at 18fc. to 18fc., while 19c. seems to be the top price. Early makes have been bought as low as 16jc., and packed dairy butter brings from 15c. to 16c., while at Toronto choice dairy tubs are somewhat scarce at these figures, and large rolls are plentiful at from 13c. to 14c. The market for roll butter in Montreal is also decidedly easier secause of liberal receipts, 14c. to 15c. being the best prices.

The large amount of poultry sent to the English market from Canada, along with that sent from the continent, made the supply more than enough to meet all demands, conequently there was a serious drop in prices. Mr. Crandall, the Government agent in London, said at the Eastern Dairymen's meeting at Lindsay, that he was ashamed of the way some of the Canadian poultry was slaughtered on the English markets. In the first place ome of the shipments were made to parties not in the trade and were auctioned off at rumous prices. Who would think of sending butter to a shoemaker in Toronto to sell and have him get a tailor to sell it? This, he said, was a ample of the way some of the Canadian poultry was handled in England

There is suom there for all the deesed poultry we can send, but send it judiciously. The market continues good for poultry during February, March, April, May, and even into June. What we wan in this trade is a continuous supply going forward regularly instead of an enormous quantity going all at once. So far no complaints have been made about the quality of Canadian poultry, but there have been a number of disputes about the number of birds in a case, and exporters thould see to it that this is remedied.

At Montreal the market for dressed po At Aromora to the market for dressed pounty is quiet, and prices are fairly steady. Fresh killed turkeys bring from 9c. to 93c., while frozen birds bring from 8c. to 83c. Chickens bring from 63c. to 7c., and old fowle go slow at 5c. to 5½c. Choice geese sell for 6c. to 6½c., and ordinary ones bring 5c. to 5½c. per pound. Ducks are worth 8c. to 8½c. At Toward to be traile in deseated avoiding by

At Toronto the trade in dressed poultry has been fairly steady. Turkeys bring Sc. to 9c.; geese sell for 6c. to 6½c.; ducks, 5oc. to 75c., and chickens 30c. to 45c.

Eggs.

The market continues steady though the offerings are large. New hid eggs are firm at 18c. to 20c., late gathered sell at 15c. to 16c., held fresh are quoted at 14c, to 15c, and limed eggs at 13½c, to 14c. Many of the stores are paying over 25c, for guaranteed

fresh eggs. At Montreal fresh gathered eggs are in good demand at an advance of a few cents: 24c. to 252, is the price for them, while for absolutely fresh stock higher prices will be paid. Choice fall candled stock have sold at 190, to 20c. Limed stock at 15c. to 16c. Cold storage eggs sell all the way from 12c. to 19c. according to quality.

Cattle

On account of good markets in Montreal prices have been a little better at the Western Cattle Vards at Torento. Good export steers are scarce, but a few are picked up at from 3½c. to 4½c. a pound. Odd choice animals 3¼ c. to 4¼ c. a pound. bring 4c. readily, while bulls bring from 3c.

to 33/c.
Fancy butchers' cattle bring 4c. quickly enough. Several carrians were cought for the new ablattoir this week at prices running from 3½c. to 3½c. A number of shipments were made to Montreal at prices ranging from

3c. to 31/2c.
The trade in stockers and feeders is quiet. Light stockers, which go principally to Buffalo, bring from \$2.80 to \$3.20 per cwt. A few teeders are called for by farmers and distillery men, and bring about 31/2c. Choice veals are wanted, so are fresh calved cows and forward springers.

Export skeep continue quiet at 3c. in 31/c. per lb. Lambs are firm and sell for \$4,50 to \$4.80 per cwt. At Montreal they are worth \$4,50 to \$5 per cwt. Batchers' sheep are quiet at \$3 to \$4 each. At Buffalo choice prime lambs bring from \$5,85 to \$5.95: fair to good, \$5,60 to \$5.75

Tuesday's receipts of hogs at the Western Cattle Market was 4843, and the demand for them very sharp; they were all taken up quickly at an advance of ic, per pound. This puts the price of choice singers up to \$4c. weighted off the cars. Light and thick fat hogs brought \$4.50 to \$4.60 per cwt., stores \$4.40 to \$4.50. At Friday's market about 1,000 hogs were offered and sold readily at Tuesday's prices. At Montreal choice singers are 514c. per pound.

Dressed Hogs.

The market is a little easier owing to heavy shipments from the west. Choice weights, 90 to 150 lbs., bring \$6.10 to \$6.25 at Toronto; heavy weights, 150 to 250 lbs., bring \$5.85

At Montreal the receipts of dressed hogs were the heaviest of the season, but it is be-lieved that the heaviest shipments are over and that receipts will begin to fall off. Light hogs bring \$6.40 to \$6.50, while heavy hogs bring \$6 to \$6.25 per cwt. The receipts of hogs in Montreal from the opening of the season to date were 10,814 head more than for the same period last year.



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