

Eastern Dairy Convention at Whitby.

The Board of Directors of the Dairymen's Association of Eastern Ontario met in Toronto last week, President Derbyshire of Brockville, presiding. There was a full representation present. The chief business transacted was that of deciding upon the time and place of the next annual convention. After some discussion, it was unanimously decided to hold the next annual convention at Whitby, Ont., on January 8th, 9th and 10th, 1902. Ex-Governor Hoard, of Wisconsin, who has so often addressed dairy gatherings in Canada, will probably be invited to attend this gathering.

Summer Egg Production.

Further Data re Egg Production Test at Guelph.

Mr. W. R. Graham, Manager poultry department Ontario Agricultural College, sends us the following information regarding the progress of the test being conducted to find out the actual cost of producing eggs during the summer months. This test began on April 22nd last and will be continued during the summer months, and probably during the fall and winter. For report of the first two months and the manner of feeding, etc., see *The Farming World* of July 16th last. The results for the two succeeding months are as follows:

June 22nd to July 22nd.

Andulsians (13 hens, 1 cock).			
Kinds		Price	Cost
of feed	lbs. per cwt. in cents.		
Oats	6.5	\$1.00	6.5
Wheat	35.625	1.13	40.25
Bone	1.	1.00	1.00
Mash	40.	.90	36.00
Skim milk	40.	.10	4.00

Total cost of feed 87.75

Eggs laid—Sixteen dozen and one, costing 5.42 cents per dozen to produce.

Barred Rocks (13 hens, 1 cock).			
Kinds		Price	Cost.
of feed.	lbs. per cwt. in cents.		
Wheat	26.375	\$1.13	29.80
Oats	6.25	1.00	6.25
Mash	41.	.90	37.57
Skimmilk	41.	.10	4.1
Bone	1.	1.00	1.

Total cost of feed 78.72

Eggs laid—Thirteen dozen and ten, costing 5.69 cents per dozen to produce.

July 22nd to August 22nd.

Andulsians (13 hens, 1 cock).			
Kinds		Price	Cost.
of feed	lbs. per cwt. in cents.		
Wheat	27.25	\$1.33	36.45
Mash	40.5	.90	36.45
An'l meal	2.375	1.33	3.15
Skim milk	40.	.10	4.00
Oats	14.875	1.00	14.875

Total cost of feed 89.225

Eggs laid.—Fourteen dozen and nine, costing to produce 6 cents per dozen, average for four months 5.38 cents per dozen.

Barred Rocks (13 hens, 1 cock).			
Kinds		Price	Cost.
of feed	lbs. per cwt. in cents.		
Wheat	31.625	\$1.33	37.99
Mash	39.5	.90	35.55
Skim milk	40.	.10	4.00
An'l meal	2.	1.33	2.66
Oats	9.	1.00	9.00

Total cost of feed 89.20

Eggs laid.—Fourteen dozen and one, costing to produce 6.38 cents per dozen. Average cost per dozen for the four months test, 6.25 cents.

Our Weekly Western Letter.

Manitoba's Fruit Interests, Harvesting, Marketing, Everybody Busy.

Winnipeg, August 30th, 1901.

It has been a sore point with the Manitoban that his boasted province has to import its fruit. The visitor from Ontario points with pride to the apples in our stores, and enquires insinuatingly, "Do you grow these here," knowing that the answer must be, "Those are from Ontario." Indeed most of our citizens have been so frequently told that apples will not grow in Manitoba that they have come to believe this to be the case. It was known to the few who have made an intelligent effort that a fair measure of success was easily attainable, but so many failures have followed the purchase of Eastern nursery stock, that the average man will not attempt to argue the point when Manitoban's capabilities in this line are impeached. We have this week, however, been given a revelation of future possibilities by the exhibition of home-grown apples, collected by the Horticultural Society, and now on view in this city. The exhibit includes over thirty standard apples, of summer, fall and winter varieties, numerous new hybrids and seedlings of promise, and about a dozen excellent crabs, including all the old reliable and many promising new varieties. In every class the samples will compare favorably with the best products of Eastern orchards. Many of the best known Eastern varieties such as Duchess, Gravenstein, etc., are here shown. The samples of Yellow Transparent could not be improved upon. Blushed Colville, White Rubeets, Wealthy, are a few more familiar names.

The Horticultural Society is a young and pushing institution, organized with the aim of encouraging and popularizing fruit and flower cultivation by disseminating information, distributing hardy plants, holding public meetings, etc. It has plenty of room for its operations in the prairie province, and though such movements are slow, they are certain to produce good results. Many people cannot realize that there was a time when

fruit was not grown in Ontario. An old friend, now many years deceased, used to tell me how his neighbors scoffed at his first efforts to grow apples in Essex County.

Harvest is now practically finished; in many parts of the province, notably in the Southern and central portions, there is not an acre standing; but in the northern and western districts about thirty per cent. is still to be cut. The eastern district has been visited by two showers during the week, which have interrupted the harvesting operations for twenty-four hours at a stretch, and the city of Winnipeg experienced a heavy hail storm on the 28th inst. This latter did not reach the grain fields, consequently the damage done is inconsequential. Elsewhere the weather has been a continuation of last week's, dry, hot and bright, as nearly perfect as can be imagined.

Present prices are a strong temptation to farmers to contract for the sale of the entire crop, and buyers are eager to make such contracts. There is no doubt that in accepting the figure now offered the farmer is securing a good return for his labor, but he must be careful not to sell himself short, or he may regret his bargain. The grain man in such cases is sure to exact his pound of wheat, and if the farmer hasn't got it cash in the only substitute. Selling futures is legitimate when the seller has the goods, when he has not, it becomes a gamble. When the gamble is profitable the farmer smiles; when prices go up he sees that gambling is a sin. The best course to pursue is the safe one; estimate your crop at a modest figure and be sure you make no mistake about the number of acres you have of it. Then if you should have a few bushels over after filling contracts, you are just that much in pocket, and have a clear conscience into the bargain.

Produce markets continue to improve. The best sale of creamery butter by my last letter was at 16½ cents. This week I hear of a large transaction at 17 cents and venture the prediction, that this price will be maintained, if not bettered, during the next week. There have been a few sales at lower figures, but the best makes are bound to command the best prices. As stated last week, the British Columbia dealers have sent an agent to look after their interests here, and though no great boom in prices can be expected to result, still a certain improvement has already been felt, and the finest of our product has been purchased for Vancouver.

Dairy butter remains the same as last week, but may be expected to advance slightly during the next week or two, as the pastures commence to dry up. Prime dairy in small lots brings 15 to 16 cents,