FOR LEISURE MOMENTS. | FINANCE AND COMMERCE

We worked through spring and winter, thro summer and through fall,
But that morkage worked the hardest and the steadiest of us all;
It worked on nights and Sundays; it worked

with us no more.

Till with failing crops and sickness we got stalled upon the grade.

And there came a dark day on us when the interest wasn't paid;

And there came a sharp foreclosure, and I kind o' lost my hold.

And grew weary and discouraged, and the farm was cheaply sold.

The children left and scattered, when they hardly yet were grown; hardly yet were grown;
My wife she pined an' perished, an' I found myself alone. What she died of was a "mystery," an' the doctors never knew; But I knew she died of mortgage—jusu as well's

pless an' forsaken; I am childless an' The dogs howl curses at me, and hunt me down My home is where night finds me, my friends are few and cold;
Oh, little is there in this world for one who's poor and old!
But I'm wealthy in experience, all put up in wealthy in experience, all put up in advice, To take it, or not take it, with no difference in You may have it, an' thrive on it, or run round

it, as you please;
But 1 generally give it wrapped up in some such
words as these: Worm or bettle, drought or tempest, on a farmer's land may fall.

But for first-closs ruination, trust a mortgage 'gainst them all. WILL CARLETON. He Could Spell Real Well.

"Johnny," said a teacher to a sharp new holar, "can you spell?" "Yea'm." "Can you spell real well?"
"Yes'm. R-e-a-l, w-e-double-l," sung out the boy. "Ahem," said the startled teacher, "how many letters in the alphabet ?"

What? You can spell, and say there are "Yes'm, only eight—two a's one l, one p, one h, one b, one e, and one t. Don't that make eight, mum?"

Why a Headless Chicken Flops Round. What is it that bothers you, Sam?" Well, it is this. I saw quite recently a chicken's head cut off, and the body of the bird flopped round for a few minutes afterwards. I cannot understand it."

"Oh, that's simple enough," was the reply. "You see the bird's head was off,

"Yes, short off."
"Yes, short off."
"Well, the seat of intelligence is in the ead. The chicken's head being off—entirely isconnected from the body—it didn't know or some time whether it was dead or not."

It is no kind of use to have a thermometer in the nhuse," replied the man. "It would indicate a much higher degree of heat inside than there was outside."
"Why so?" sharply inquired his wife.
"That head of yours would run it up to 375 in the dead of winter."
"It would it? you wiscould of

375 in the dead of winter."

"It would, would it? you miserable old galvanized cadaver," said his wife. "I just think myself that it might be just as well not to have a thermometer in the house, for if you ever brought that sizzling red nose of yours into proximity to it, it would run up so that boiling water sprinkled round the room would cool off the atmosphere."

He Didn't Discourage Worth a Cent. An honest old farmer walked slowly into our sanctum this morning, and we, of course, invited him to take a seat. He looked about the room for a few moments and then said:

"As I was in town to day—brought in a load of hay, I thought I'd drop in and ask you a few questions."

"All right, sir, and if I am able to answer

them I'll do so with pleasure."
"I see the President and some more of them Washin'ton fellows are having a spree

"Yes."
"Now, what I want to know is does all their pay go on while they're frollickin' about

"It does, sir."
"It do! Well, then, if it do, I've lost as good a cow as ever chawed a quid, fur I bet her agin a Saxony ram that they didn't draw no pay when they weren't doin' no work."
"Well, sir; I'm sorry to say you lost your "Yes, I feel kinder that way myself. You

see, I bested my bet on jestice—no work, no pay. But I find I've been mistaken. I see there's a big difference made between big-bugs and common people. Reckon I'll have to drive Lil over this evening. But I think I can study up something before I git home to 'hedge on' and win the cow back agin."

What the Old Man was After, "The help we get nowadays don't amount to shucks. Time was when the help you hired in haying could do a decent day's work, but this year they're worse than ever."

Old Farmer Smith was getting in hay at his farm in a suburban town and had two or

this farm in a suburban town and nad two or three new men at work with him.

The old man continued:

"Tell you what it is, old as I am, I can pack more hay on to a waggon than any two men of the present day can fork up,"

"Suppose you try it, old man," suggested one of the men, at the same time tipping the wink to his mate on the opposite side to "sock it" to the old man.

The old man needed no second invitation. With a bound he mounted the cast and was atowing away hay at a tremendous rate, Up came forkful after forkful, first on one side and then upon the other. The "help" was putting in its best licks, and the old man was kept squirming round in lively style, much to the amusement of all hands.

The "help" was rapidly getting tired. It would never do to give up and allow the old man to come off victorious. Something must be done at once.

"When I put up a heavy togetal on their

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"When I put up a heavy forkful on this side, give him all you can lift from the other end and knock him out," said one of the men to the other, in an undertone.

The plan worked well. One of them lifted an extraordinary big forkful, just putting it upon the edge of the load, and while the old man was leaning over endeavoaring to get it in place, the fellow on the other side threw all he could lift on the back of the old fellow, which of course upset him, and sent him sprawling to the ground.

"Helio! what are you down here for?"

White the ground.

Helio! what are you down here for?"

d No. 1, endeavouring as well as he
d to conceal his merriment.

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STOCKS, TIME

TORONTO WHOLESALE MARKETS-

WEEKLY REVIEW. THURSDAY, Sept. 6.

Influenced by the falling markets of Chicago, as well as the easier tone of Eastern advices, this market has been dull and declining, closing lower yesterday. There can be no improvement looked for until the new crop begins to move, and it seems to be for the purpose of forcing down the prices of last year's grain, in order to start at bottom prices for the new crop, that the present decline has been engineered. The whole market is dull and unsatisfactory, provisions being unsettled by the recent failures in that line, although prices have not been materially affected. Stocks in store show a further increase over those of a week ago, and now stand at 2,330 bbls, of flour, 72,469 bush, fall wheat, 43,976 bush, spring wheat, 700 bush, of oats, 30,517 bush, of barley, 1,099 bush, of peas, and 311 bush, of rye, against 2,580 bbls, of flour, 73,462 bush, fall wheat, 42,782 bush, of spring wheat, 700 bush, of oats, 25,155 bush, of spring wheat, 700 bush, of oats, 25,155 bush, of spring wheat, 700 bush, of oats, 25,155 bush, of spring wheat, 700 bush, of oats, 25,155 bush, of spring wheat, 700 bush, of oats, 26,155 bush, of spring wheat, 700 bush, of oats, 26,155 bush, of spring wheat, 700 bush, of oats, 26,155 bush, of spring wheat, 700 bush, of oats, 26,155 bush, of spring wheat, 700 bush, of oats, 26,155 bush, of spring breadstuffs. The farmer's deliveries in the West. English crops are not favoursble, and an increase is noted in the report of foreign breadstuffs. The farmer's deliveries of home-grown wheat in the 187 towns of England and Wales for the week ended August 25, 1883, were 35,000 to 40,000 quarters, and estimated in the Kingdom at 116,686 to 135,633 quarters. The imports of foreign for the same week were 140,000 to 145,000 barrels of flour, 200,000 to 235,000 quarters of wheat, and flour, 200,000 to 235,000 quarters of wheat, and flour, 200,000 to 235,000 quarters of wheat, and flour, 200,000 quarters. The imports of foreign for the same week were 140,000 to 145,000 barrels of flour, 200,000 quarters of

what unsettled the market, but prices have not been affected.

BUTTER—The demand for the best quality for local trade is good, and there seems to be no stock of this grade left in the country, while the demand will no doubt continue throughout Exhibition week. All offerings are readily taken, in small lots at 15 to 16c. Dealers complain of an overstock of inferiors, and the supply seems to be on the increase, selling, when buyers can be found, at 10 to 13c. Farmers would do well to market their butter while fresh and sweet, as holding on causes it to deteriorate. Street receipts were small and prices firm at 19 to 20c. for rolls, and 15 to 16c. for tub dairy.

CHEESE—Is firm, and the better tone of outside markets leads factories to hold out for an advance. Here there is no decided change, except that fine is held firmly at 11c., with sales at that figure, English quotations show an advance of 4s. 6d. since our last.

EGGS—Are firmer as receipts are growing smaller, and lots have changed hands at 17c., which would still be paid. On the street fresh laid sold at 19 to 20c. and are in light supply.

PORK—Easier: markets in the west have not materially affected prices here as stroks are light, and the trade is at present coni aci to supplying local wants, which is done at former prices.

Bacon—There is more activity in this line, and a good deal is moving off in case lots at 9c. for heavy long clear, and 10c. for light. There are no sales of round lots reported. Cumberland keeps jogging off in small lots, and without change in prices. Stocks of breaktast bacon are very light, and dealers are supplied at 13t to 14c. HAMS—Continued in good demand last week, but principally for small lots of smoked, which sold at 14c. short cut of best cure. Canvassed seem in light supply, and enquiries from outside points could scarcely be supplied in this market. Pickled are without change at about 13c., though sellers would no doubt shade this price.

LARD—Is easier, with quotations at 11t to 12c., though sellers would not would n be disastrous in its effect upon the in this country, as well as in Austrotis still evident that there will ded deficiency in the wheat and compared with last year. In the principalities the wheat and sare likewise recorded where the same than the principalities is the wheat and sare likewise recorded where the principalities is a prelification. The principalities is the wheat and sare likewise recorded where the principalities is the wheat and the principalities are likewise recorded where the principalities are likewise recorded as the principalities are likewise re Hors—Unchanged: single bales have continued to sell slowly at 35 to 37c. for first-class, but this has been all doing; no demand heard for country lots, and prices of them purely nominal.

WHITE BEANS—Have sold feirly well in small lots at \$1.65 to \$1.50. as high as \$2 being paid for exceptionally line samples.

rye crops compared with last year. In the Danubian Principalities the wheat and maize crops are likewise reported to be seriously deficient, whi st from Russia the advices are less unanimous in declaring for a large crop." In Denmark the crops in the fields look thin. The probability is that, under the most favourable circumstances, the drop may be somewhat under an average, but if the harrest weather continues wet and sultry, as it has commenced, the result will be poor one. Harvesting has begun all over the country, but only a little rye has been boused so far; the remainder is out in the fields, and, under the influence of continued wet weather, is getting sprouted. Wheat harvesting had not commenced yet. Exports of wheat from East India are increasing. The exports from Calcutta from the list to the 30th of June, both inclusive, in 1883 nave been 2,673,364 bushels vs. 1,218,379 bushels corresponding month in 1881. The exports to the United Kingdom during June, 1883, were 2,075,934 bushels. Freights from Calcutta to London, 31s, 36, per ton by steamer, and for steamers to arrive, 31s, 36, to 32s, 68. Cargoes scarce and tonnage plenty. The unfixed tonnage in port, 36,000 lons. The export surplus of the Colony of Victoria had been ascerta ned to be 2,688,007 bushels of wheat, making 2,912,067 of wheat available on June 20th, 1883, for the export from these two Australian colonies. There will be some also from New Zealand available. Some portion of this available export surplus will go to the neighbouring colonies and to South Africa. The quantity for Europe will probably be small. The visible supply of grain comprising the stocks in granary at the principal points of accumulation at lake and Atlantic ports, and on New York canals, destined for tidewater on the dates indicated was as follows:

Aug. 25. Aug. 18. Aug. 26. Aug. 27. Wheat, bu.20.714, 251 21.028.912 11.655.661 18, 427.808 Corn, bu... 10.266.803 11.385.314 5.587.814 19.020 137 Oats, bu... 3, 697.895 3,003.933 3,635.097 6,917.205 Burley, bu. 354.096 314.625 40.096 155.811 Rye, bu... 1,579.573 1,395.733 619.914 318,551

Total bu.36,609.618 37,125,468 21,478,582 45,469,545

FLOUR—The supply is still limited and the demand only fair. Prices, however, still keep up, and it is not probable that there will be any deciling until the crops begin to more, while at the same time there is no prospect of an advance. Buyers are awaiting concessions that sellers are unwilling to make, and business is duil. Strong, fresh flours find ready sale at late prices. Super.or extras are held at \$5.20, with \$5.15 bid, and extras are quoted at \$5.30, with \$5.15 bid, and extras are quoted at \$5.30, with \$5.15 bid, and extras are quoted at \$5.50 to \$5.10, with spring extra at \$4.25 to \$5.

Bran—Is quiet but firm, with \$10.50 bid and holders asking still higher, but buyers of lots scarcely willing to nay that much.

OATMEAL—Is still dull, with not much better offered or wanted. Small lots sold at \$5.25, but car-lots would bring about \$1.80 on track. Patents are steady, at \$5.25 to \$5.50, as to quality, with Akron quoted at \$6.50.

WHEAT—Is dull and declining in sympathy with outside advices, Only one sale was made on Change yesterday, that of a car-lot of No. 3 fall at \$1.08, which is a drop of 2c. and would leave No. 2 as being worth about \$1.10. On the same basis No. 2 spring would bring about \$1.13, and No. 3 \$1.10, while goose would not be worth above \$6.

OATS—Are very dull and weak in anticipation of the coming crop. One car of Western sold at \$6c. on track, and it is probable that figure would still be paid for car lots, although buyers are holding off for \$5c.

Barley—Remains purely nominal in price. One load sold on the street at \$7c., and graded as No. 3 extra, but this cannot be accepted as any criterion of value. Prices will run at 70e, for No. 1, \$5c. for No. 2, \$6c. for No. 3 extra, and 50c. for No. 3. No. 3. Total bu.36,609,618 37,125,468 21,478,582 45,469,545

Sept. 5. — Flour, No. 1 super, \$2.75 to \$0.00; fall wheat, \$0.05 to \$1.05; spring wheat, \$0.00 to \$0.00; barley, 60 to 70c.; pease, 60 to 65c.; oats, 45 to 48c.; cattle (nve weight). \$0.00 to \$0.00; beef, 6 to 8c.; mutton, 7 to 9c.; dressed hogs, \$0 to \$0; hides, 5\(\delta\), 6\(\delta\), to 7\(\delta\). sheepskins, 40 to 50c.; wool, 18 to 25c.; butter,

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LOCAL CATTLE MARKET.

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12.10 p.m.—Wheat—Steady; \$1.15 bid for cash; \$1.15 for September; \$1.17 for October; \$1.19 for November; \$1.21 to \$1.21 for December. Curn—Quiet and firm, at 634c, for cash. Oats—Quiet; 33c, bid for cash; 33c, bid for September; 34dc, bid for October; 35ic, b d for November; 34dc, bid for December. Lard—\$8.40 to \$8.50 for September; \$8.40 to \$8.44 for October; \$8.15 for November; \$8.12 for December; \$8.09 for year. Receipts—Flour, 17.244 bbis.; wheat, 191.000 bush.; corn, 94,000 bush.; oats, 110,000 bush.; corn, 94,000 bush.; oats, 110,000 bush.; corn, 94,000 bush.; oats, 110,000 bush.; lard, 928 tos.; whiskey, 567 bbis.

2 p.m.—Wheat—Sales, 2,000,000 bush.; close, No. 2 red, \$1.22 for January; \$1.24 for February; \$1.141 for September; \$1.08 for October; \$1.185 for November; \$1.95 for December. Corn—Sales, 950,000 bush.; close, 60%c, for September; 60%c, for October; 354c, for November; 34dc, for October; 354c, for November, 34dc, for December, Exports—Flour, 3.425 bbis.; wheat, 76,000 bush.; corn, 107,000 bush.; oats, 8,038 bush.; pork, 395 bbis.; lard, 681,474 tos.; bacon, 341,306.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

TRADE—Has remained steady, and is without any marked change.

HIDES—The demand is not active, but as but few hides are coming in prices remain firm and without any prospect of a decline here. Quotations are therefore unchanged at 8½ to 8½c., with sales at these prices.

CALPSKINS—Are purely nominal in price, with ittle or nothing doing here. Quotations are given at 13c. for green and 15c. for cured, with sales of the former at 15c.

SHEEPSKINS—An advance of 10c. is noted since our last, and prices now stand at 16c. all round. Lambs and pelts are also higher, with country lots selling at 40 to 50c.

WOOL—There is nothing special to report respecting wools, except that there is an improved demand from factories for supers and similar-wools. In fleece there is no change, and sales of selected combings are reported at 20c., with coarse at 17 to 18c.; super at 23 to 25c., and extra at 30c.

Tallow—Is in good supply, with buyers at 8

LIVERPOOL Sept. 5, 11.30 a.m.—Flour. 11s. to 11s. 6d.; spring wheat, 3s. 6d. to 8s. 9d.; red winter, 3s. 8d. to 9s. 2d.; No. 1 California, 9s. 3d. to 9s. 7d.; No. 2 California, 9s. 0d. to 9s. 2d.; corn (new.) 5s. 4d.; barley, 5s. 6d.; oats, 5s. 6d.; peas. 7s. 5d.; pork. 76s.; lard, 4s.; bacon, 33s. 0d. to 33s. 6d.; tallow, 42s.; cheese. 5%. 6d.

LONDON. 11.30 a.m.—Consols, 100 3-16 for money; 100 for account. Bonds—14's, 115½; 5's, 10½; Erie, 31½; Ellinois Central, 132½.

NORTH-WEST CROPS. St. Paul, Minn. Sept 1.—The Commissioner of Agriculture for Minnesota reports the wheat average of the State this year as 2 per cent. greater than last, and the crop in excellent condition and nearly all harvested. The yield is estimated at 36,500,000 bushels. The condition of the ont crop is excellent, and the yield estimated at 35,187,000 bushels: the yield of ryc. 521,000 bushels; barley, 7,287,000 bushels. Corn is reported doubtful in many neighbourhoods, though promising a good crop if the frosts hold off. The fruit crop is in excellent condition. coarse at 17 to 18c.; super at 23 to 25c., and extra at 30c.

Tallow—Is in good supply, with buyers at 8 to 8;c., and sellers at 8; to 8;c.

Quotations stand as follows:—No. I inspected cows, \$7.75; choice No. I steers, \$8.75; No. 2 inspected, \$6.75; No. 3 inspected, \$6.75; No. 2 inspected, \$6

STATES' HOG PACKING. The Cincinnati Price Current of August 30 contains the following regarding the packing in the West and other provision topics:—"The packing returns for the week show a total for Western points or \$8,000 hogs, being \$10,000 more than the preceding week, and \$30,000 more than the orresponding period last year; since March 1 the total is \$2,720,000 hogs, compared with \$4,70,000 last year, or a gain this season of \$250,000 in number. The gain in number and weight is equivalent to more than \$450,000 hogs of last year's average. The week opened with easier markets for hogs, and \$60 to 150, decline at Chicago, and subsequently still lower, but the latter concession was regained, and prices at the close were about 10c, per 100 lbs, lower than a week ago. Quality of hogs continues unusually good. The aggregate manufacture of product for the week has been about 15,000,000 lbs, compared with 7,500,000 lbs. last year. The movement of product to domestic consuming districts probably about equals the corresponding period last year, nerhans something larger while genote heaven. has been about 13.00,000 lbs, compared with 7,300,000 lbs. last year. The movement of product of comparing districts probably about equals the corresponding period last year, perhaps something larger while exports have been 7,000,000 lbs. of product greater for the week. Prices at Chicago for October mess pork have ranged at \$11.07; to \$12.30, clo. lng at \$12.05—40c, lower than a week ago: lard, \$8.30 to \$8.55, closing at \$8.40—20c, decline; short rib sides, \$6.20 to \$6.60, closing at \$6.425—35c, decline. Speculative interest for an advance does not show much form, and for the other side there is a lurking apprehension that strong parties may be able to control events in favour of a temporary enhancement in values. The corn crop is looked upon as a factor in the question, and will be watched with interest for some weeks to come. The Price Current in its next issue will give the result of its usual annual investigations for the first of September concerning the corn crop. The packing in the West from Aug. 15 to Oct. 1 in recent years has been as follows:—1882, 330.000 its 1818, 570.000; 1830, 150.000; 1879, 100.000—and Aug. 15 to Nov. 1: 1882, 815.000; 1881, 1,790.000; 1850, 1,590.000; 1879, 1,625.000. For this season it is likely to fall largely short of these years, excepting 1882, which will be very materially exceeded. It is argued by some in the trade that the recent premium for light grades will have the effect to draw upon the resources for the early part of the winter season, and that consequently the November runs of hogs are not likely to come up to general expectations. This may be regarded as problematical.

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