

Commercial.

FARMER'S ADVOCATE OFFICE,
London, Jan. 29, 1879.

A month of cold steady weather and plenty of snow has had the effect of stimulating trade somewhat. The very severe snow storm in the early part of the past month completely upset business for the time, and has been the means of making travel on all the roads running north and south anything but pleasant. In many sections the farmers had to turn out and do a large portion of their statute labor. As this is being written the weather has changed, and rain has been falling for the past 12 hours, which has had the effect of settling down the snowbanks. We hope to see a change again to cooler weather and more snow.

WHEAT.

The markets have been very quiet and steady the past month. The deliveries have been liberal, and the export movement has been free, with very small margins to the warehouse men and also to the exporters, with very little profit to the English dealers, and in many instances a smart loss. Farmers may complain of the low price they are getting for their produce, but we know for a certainty that those who are handling it for them are getting little or nothing out of it; in fact, by taking everything into consideration, if they make "the two ends meet" they will do well. The same applies to the railway and steamship companies. Grain is being now shipped on a through rate to Liverpool for nearly 20c. per 100 lbs. less than this time last year. This is equal to 12c. per bushel, which if taken off the present price of wheat would make it cheap indeed. Farmers will thus see that if they are getting low prices for their grain other people are not making money at their expense.

English advices report the stocks of wheat as being light, with no disposition to speculate. On the other hand, the stocks in the elevators and warehouses on this continent are said to be large, and the opinion generally expressed is that there is a great deal still to come out. The winter so far has been favorable for the growing crop, and the prospect of the same will soon be the subject of comment among wheat men.

PEAS.

The deliveries have been comparatively light, and in some instances almost nil. Many express the opinion that the bulk of them are now in.

BUTTER

continues unchanged, the demand being chiefly local. A Montreal circular quotes: Store packed Western, 6c. to 9c.; dairy Western, fair to good, 8c. to 12c.; Morrisburg, good to choice, 13c. to 17c.; Eastern Townships, 14c. to 19c. The reader will thus see there is a difference of 6c. to 7c. between dairy Western and Eastern Townships. There should be no occasion for this difference. Western Ontario should make as good butter as any other section, and we hope to see the farmers waking up to the fact that they are the losers by thousands of dollars from the quality of butter they bring to market.

CHEESE.

There is little improvement to note, and stocks continue heavy. There is a good deal still in the hands of factorymen throughout the country; they seem loath to part with their goods. There is one thing that factorymen have lost sight of too much, and have not studied its wants and requirements: that is the home trade. It becomes the manufacturers of cheese to carefully consider why the home demand for this product does not increase rather than decrease, and to devise plans

for making cheese a more popular article of diet. We do not think manufacturers of cheese have sufficiently studied the demands of the home market. They have adopted the plan (and we think very much to their own detriment) of selling the best cheese for export, and what they cannot sell to good advantage for that trade they keep in the factory and peddle it out at home. Let any one compare the style and taste displayed in getting up and manufacturing cheese with that of canned fruits, pickles and jellies. Besides the contrast in appearance, the quality is quite as great a contrast.

The following were the highest prices per cwt. on the 31st of December, 1878, for the last five years in Liverpool:—

	Pork.	Bacon.	Lard.	Cheese.	Butter.
1878....	50s 0d	34s 0d	31s 0d	47s 0d	100s 0d
1877....	72s 6d	34s 0d	42s 0d	65s 0d	90s 0d
1876....	80s 0d	44s 6d	53s 6d	69s 0d	120s 0d
1875....	95s 0d	49s 6d	59s 6d	57s 0d	114s 0d
1874....	92s 6d	49s 0d	64s 0d	72s 0d	138s 0d

CLOVER SEED.

The deliveries have been light as yet, with little or no foreign demand. Holders here are asking more than the markets will warrant shippers in paying. Those who held their seed over for better prices this season will be somewhat disappointed.

PORK

has been highly active at a steady advance. Choice Canadian hogs are always taken in preference to the Western by our packers when they can be had at their market value. Their worth is beginning to be known to the English dealers in bacon as well, and Canadian hams and bacon are quoted several shillings higher than American.

LIVE STOCK.

The export trade in cattle, sheep and horses has steadily increased the past year, and is likely to continue to do so. We shall endeavor to give some facts and figures under this head in our next.

Little Falls Cheese and Butter Market.

Reported for the FARMERS' ADVOCATE by PROF. X. A. WILLARD.
LITTLE FALLS, N. Y., Jan. 31, 1879.

The market for dairy products here during the past month has been very much depressed, and prices have ruled low on all description of goods.

CHEESE.

A large quantity of "late ends" has been sold and shipped at rates ranging from 5½c. to 6½c. for "November make," while September and October have in some instances reached from 7½c. to 8c. for extra fine qualities. There is considerable cheese yet remaining back in producers' hands, the factorymen refusing to accept prices offered, which during the latter part of the month ranged at about 5c. to 5½c. for Novembers and early Decembers. The price now asked by factories holding "odds and ends" is from 6c. to 6½c., which is above the views of buyers, but holders are of the opinion that rates can go no lower, while there are hopes that they may advance. "Farm-dairies" may be quoted from 4½c. to 7c., according to quality.

BUTTER.

Butter has come forward very freely during the month, but "winter-make" from "farm-dairies" has ruled low—ranging from 14c. to 17c., while extra fall make and creamery have sold from 18c. to 22c. to supply home demand. There is a scarcity of really "fine butter of fall-make" in this market, with a good demand for anything extra or fancy for home use.

Our letters from England are to the middle of January. Our London correspondent says Eng-

lish cheese is very quiet, and Dutch cheese, although unsatisfactory as to quality, still maintains its price. Fine September American cheese is in demand at extreme quotations, and there is more doing in secondary sorts. Prices are as follows: American "faultless," 54s. to 56s. per cwt.; fine, 52s. to 54s.; good, 40s. to 48s., and common 20s. to 36s. per cwt. English Cheddar sells for 70s. to 78s.; Wiltshire double, 56s. to 68s.; Cheshire, medium, 38s. to 50s.; fine, 60s. to 74s., and Scotch, 60s. to 66s. per cwt.

Fine butter is scarce and steady. Glenmels sells at 116s. to 120s.; Dorsets, 160s.; Danish and Swedish, 120s. to 150s.; Normandy, 120s. to 136s. American butter brings from 40s. to 80s., and American creameries from 110s. to 120s.; Canadian butter from 40s. to 90s. per cwt.

The sale of Oleomargarine is not good; Dutch brands, 7½s. to 80s., and American, 50s. to 60s. per cwt.

London Markets.

London, Jan. 31, 1879.

GRAIN.		PRODUCE.	
Per 100 lbs.		Per 100 lbs.	
Deihl Wheat.....	\$1 45 to 1 50	Peas.....	75 to 80
Treadwell.....	1 45 to 1 48	Oats.....	80 to 85
Clawson.....	1 40 to 1 47	Rye.....	00 to 00
Red.....	1 42 to 1 47	Buckwheat.....	75 to 85
Spring.....	1 00 to 1 40	Corn.....	60 to 70
Barley.....	90 to 1 30	Beans.....	00 to 00

PRODUCE.		POULTRY.	
Eggs, retail.....	20 to 22	Chickens, pair.....	40 to 50
Roll butter.....	16 to 18	Ducks, pair.....	50 to 60
Tub butter.....	8 to 10	Geese.....	45 to 60
Cordwood.....	3 50 to 4 50	Turkeys.....	75 to 1 25
Carrots.....	25 to 30		
Potatoes, bag.....	1 00 to 1 12½		

MEATS.		To onto Markets.	
Beef, per qu.....	3 50 to 5 00	Barley.....	\$50 to 80
Lamb, lb.....	6 to 7	Springwheat.....	70 to 84
		R. Winter.....	80 to 85
		Treadwell.....	86 to 87
		Deihl.....	80 to 91
		Oats.....	28 to 31
		Peas.....	55 to 60
		Wool.....	00 to 00

To onto Markets.		Montreal Markets.	
Hogs.....	5 00 to 5 50	Superiors, \$4.40 to \$4.45; extras, \$4.20 to \$4.25; fancy, \$4.05 to \$4.10; superfine, \$3.55 to \$3.65; strong bakers', \$4.20 to \$4.40; fine, \$3.10 to \$3.20.	
Flour, sup.....	3 20 to 0 00		
Spring, extra.....	3 60 to 0 00		
Extra.....	3 81 to 0 00		
Superior.....	4 05 to 0 00		

New York Markets.		Chicago Markets.	
Flour dull.....	Rye Flour dull and unchanged.	Wheat, No. 2 Spring at 85½c.	Corn, 30½c. to 31½c.
2 Red at \$1.09½.	Rye dull.	Corn at 44c to 45c.	Pork firmer, at \$3.62½.
Lard firmer, at 86½.	Peas—receipts to-day, 3, 464 bush.	Canada Peas neglected and unquotable.	Hops at 8c. to 15c.

Chicago Live Stock Market.		English Cattle Markets.	
Chicago, Jan. 30.—The Drovers' Journal reports: Hogs, receipts 25,000 head; shipments 5,500 head. Market is generally a shade lower; choice heavy at \$3.50 to \$3.85; light at \$3.45 to \$3.60; mixed \$3.30 to \$3.40. Cattle 10c to 15c lower; shipping at \$3.90 to \$5.40; other grades steady. Sheep, \$3 to \$4.80.		London, Jan. 31, 1879.	

English Cattle Markets.		Liverpool Markets.	
Best beef quoted at 6½d to 8½d per pound. Best mutton 8½d to 9½d per pound. The supply of cattle and sheep in the market to-day was small, and the trade for which was steady.		Liverpool, Jan. 30, 5.00 p.m.	

Liverpool Markets.		English Cattle Markets.	
Flour.....	s d s d	Barley.....	s d s d
Wheat, spring.....	8 0 to 8 2	Pork.....	41 0 to 43 0
R. Winter.....	9 0 to 9 2	Lard.....	30 9 to 0 0
White.....	9 3 to 9 11	Bacon.....	25 0 to 26 0
Club.....	9 1 to 9 6	Cheese.....	46 0 to 47 0
Corn, cental.....	4 4 to 4 8	Tallow.....	36 0 to 00 0
Oats.....	5 6 to 5 6	Beef.....	77 0 to 78 0
Peas.....	6 5 to 00 0		