

A few days ago we had the pleasure of calling on John Snell's Sons, Edmonton, Ont. Among their pure bred Cotswolds and Berkshires we saw many fine animals. Among the lambs of 1881, and the yearling ewes were a large number of good specimens. They also showed us some very fine young pigs.

Mr. A. A. McArthur, of Balmoral Farm, Lobo, Ont., called at our office the 28th of June. He reports his stock all doing well, and that a very strong demand for Berkshires continues. He had that morning shipped eight to various parts of Canada and the U. S.

A joint stock company, with \$500,000 capital is being organized in Montreal for establishing a stock farm in the Northwest. Andrew Allan, Frank Stephen and Thomas D. Millburn are the Provisional directors.

Several gentlemen in Ottawa are forming a company for the purpose of stock raising in the Northwest. They have secured 100,000 acres of land in the Bow River district.

To the Directors of our Dominion and Provincial Exhibitions:

There is a just complaint coming from exhibitors of butter, namely, that the butter is never kept in a proper temperature when at the exhibitions. We shall be pleased to hear a report from the directors of the exhibition that takes the first and best steps to improve on the present plan. Ice is cheap and plentiful this year. Messrs. Withrow and Hillock, of Toronto, might give valuable suggestions, as they thoroughly understand the construction of ice houses and refrigerators, and no doubt could suggest what would answer the purpose at the exhibitions.

Agricultural Exhibitions of 1881.

Quebec Provincial Exhibition to be held in Montreal, Que., September 14th to 23rd.

Ontario Provincial Exhibition to be held in London, Ont., September 21st to 30th.

Dominion Exhibition to be held in Halifax, N. S., September 21st to 30th.

Great Central Fair, to be held in Hamilton, Ont., October 4th to 7th.

ADDITIONAL CORRESPONDENCE.

ORCHARD GRASS.

SIR,—I like the ADVOCATE much better now than when I first commenced taking it in 1874.

Some time ago you recommended growing Orchard Grass as early feed for the cattle. I sowed about an acre of my orchard last year on the 15th of May; some of it was 19 inches long, and on the 26th of May, some measured three feet. I commenced feeding it to the cows and horses on the 24th. I should like to know if it would do to keep some of the first crop for seed, or what time it should be cut in order to save it the same as hay. I sowed some peas and oats thinking it would come in for early feed before the Orchard Grass; but it will not be ready to cut until July.

A. S., Tara P. O.

[Allowing the grass in the orchard to mature and ripen its seed would be a means of exhausting the fertility of the soil, and consequently would diminish its fruit-bearing capabilities, as grain crops impoverish the land on which they are grown. This is the only objection to your saving seed from your Orchard Grass; you might however set apart a plot of that now growing for that purpose, and afterward by manuring it restore what it had been deprived of. That portion you wish to cure for hay cut before the seed is formed.

Locusts are appearing throughout large portion of the west and south, in accordance with the prediction of the United States entomological commission six months ago.

Commercial.

FARMER'S ADVOCATE OFFICE,
London, June 28, 1881.

The month now closing has been one of unusual coldness for the time of year. Frosts in many sections have been frequent, but still we think the damage done will not be serious.

WHEAT.

The prospect for this, the farmers' great staple, is not so promising as it was this time last year. Reports from various parts of the province vary a good deal. Winter killing is reported from Bruce, Grey, North Simcoe and Brant, and low lying lands in other sections.

Upon the whole the crop of fall wheat in Ontario is likely to prove a light one; still the average is large, and should the weather prove favorable that the heads may fill well we may have for more than an average crop. The Department of Agriculture at Washington estimates the wheat crop of the United States for 1881 at 80 per cent. of an average crop. Michigan, Ohio and Iowa will in all probability not yield that much. The chinch bug is said to be troubling the barley and spring wheat in some sections of several States.

It is worthy of notice that our present prices of wheat are relatively much higher than those of Great Britain, and in many instances have been so for months. The cause of this has been the large milling demand and the duty on American wheat, which compels our Canadian millers to buy at home instead of taking advantage of the cheapest market. The milling and flour trade is assuming very important proportions, and is becoming a very large factor in the export trade of Canada and the States. Another monster mill is to be built at Minneapolis, which will turn out five barrels of flour per minute, or about 8,000 barrels per day. It will take 10,000,000 bushels per year to supply this mill, and the value of its annual product will be about \$14,000,000.

WOOL.

Business in this article has been very active, and prices have moved up very considerably. The woolen trade is evidently on a much more satisfactory basis, and dealers and manufacturers seem to have more confidence in the future. There is, however, a limit to prices, which growers will do well not to forget. There is every prospect of a healthy and prosperous trade if prices are kept within reasonable limits; but any speculative excitement in the country has no foundation to rest upon.

CHEESE.

The late upward tendency of the cheese market the past ten days has been checked, and we may look for a quiet, if not a dull time for a few weeks. The fact is, in our opinion, the market has been forced too high, when we remember the very heavy make there is now going on under the most favourable circumstances. To this we may add the very heavy shipments that have gone forward the past two weeks from New York and Montreal. These two weeks' shipments amount to some 300,000 boxes, which are now afloat, and will be landed within the next ten days. The make of June cheese is very fine, but should we get any excessive heat, much of it will go off in flavor, as cheese made in extreme cool weather will not stand excessive heat. Factory men will therefore do well to move their goods when fit to ship, even if they have to accept what they may think a low price.

BUTTER.

The make of butter is either much smaller than usual, or the farmers and dealers are not selling freely. If the latter, we think they are making a grave mistake. The day has gone by when the

trade or consumers will take old butter and pay the same price that fresh is commanding. It is reported that the quantity of butter stored away in cold storage in the United States this season exceeds anything before heard of. If such is the case we should feel like selling our butter and storing the money in some bank for safe keeping.

London Markets.

GRAIN	
Per 100 lbs	Per 100 lbs
Deihl Wheat... \$1 90 to 2 00	Rye..... 80 to 80
Treadwell... 1 90 to 2 00	Corn..... 95 to 1 00
Clawson... 1 90 to 2 00	Peas..... 1 10 to 1 25
Red 1 95 to 2 08	Oats..... 1 00 to 1 06
Spring ... 1 80 to 1 80	Barley..... 1 30 to 1 50

FLOUR AND MEAL.

Flour, fall wht. 3 25 to 3 50	Oatmeal fine 2 75 to 3 00
" mixed... 3 25 to 3 50	" coarse... 3 00 to 3 50
" shorts... 3 00 to 3 25	Cornmeal... 2 00 to 2 50
Shorts... 3 00 to 12 00	

PRODUCE.

Apples p bush. 30 to 80	Potatoes, old bag 75 to 90
Butter, roll... 13 to 19	do new peck 60 to 80
do fresh... 13 to 16	Turnips, p bag 30 to 50
do in basket 00 to 00	Beef, per cwt 5 00 to 7 00
do store peckd 00 to 00	Mutton, lb... 7 to 8
Eggs..... 10 to 14	Lamb 9 to 9
Carrots, p bu 15 to 25	Veal..... 8 to 7
Onions, bag... 75 to 1 00	Dressed hogs, per 100 lbs. 7 00 to 7 25
	Geese, each... 40 to 45
	Turkey " .. 75 to 1 25
	Wools..... 25 to 25

English Markets.

London, June 28th.

Beerbohm's Telegraph, London.—Floating cargoes of wheat quiet but steady; corn do. Cargoes on passage and for shipment. Wheat not much demand; corn do. Liverpool, spot wheat firm, corn unaltered.

Liverpool, June 28.

Flour 9s 6d to 11s 6d; wheat spring 9s 3d to 9s 5d; red winter 9s 6d to 9s 10d; white 9s 4d to 9s 9d; club 9s 9d to 9s 11d; corn 5s 3d; barley 5s 3d; peas 6s 7d; pork 74s; lard 5s; bacon 43c to 44c; tallow 35s to 36s; beef 94c; cheese 51c.

Chicago Market.

Chicago, June 28th.

Flour dull and weaker. No 2 spring \$1 10½ to \$1 11 1-2; corn weak and lower 44 1-4 to 44 1-2; oats 38 1-2; rye steady, condition unchanged. Barley strong and higher, \$1; lard \$11-30; pork \$16 30 to \$16 33.

Boston Markets.

Boston, June 28th.

Corn yellow 61c to 62c, ungraded 52c to 61c; oats 43c to 44c; wheat \$1 10 to \$1 13; rye \$1 15 to \$1 20; barley 90c to \$1 12; shorts per ton \$28; hay per 20 0 lbs \$22 to \$23; straw 100 lbs \$1 75; apples per bu \$2 50 to \$2 75; butter, creameries, 22c to 24c; beans; or bush \$2 25 to \$2 75; cheese 6c to 9c; eggs per doz. 17c; potatoes per bush. rose, 9 c to \$1 10, prolific 5 c to 8c, new per bush \$2 50 to \$1 50; poultry per lb 15c to 23c; hams 11c to 13c; bacon 10c to 12c; beef per lb 6c to 25c; mutton 11c to 20c; pork 12c, veal 15c to 20c.

Montreal Market.

Montreal, June 30th.

Market quiet and prices unchanged. Flour superior \$5 95 to \$6, extra \$5 85 to \$5 90, fancy \$5 65 to \$5 70, spring extra \$5 65 to \$5 70; superfine \$5 00 to \$5 20, strong bakers \$5 75 to \$6 50, middlings \$4 20 to \$4 30, polands \$3 90 to \$4 00, Ontario bags \$2 70 to \$2 80, city bags \$3 20 to \$3 25. Grain, wheat winter \$1 23 to \$1 31, upper Canada spring \$1 27 to \$1 31, white and Milwaukee spring \$1 24 to \$1 25; corn 56 1-2c; peas 90 1-2c; oats 41c; barley 70c to 75c; rye \$1 06 to \$1 07; oatmeal \$4 60 to \$4 70; cornmeal \$3 to \$3 05; butter western 14c, B. M. & E. townships 15c to 19c, creamery 20c to 21c; cheese 9c to 9 1-2c; pork \$20, ham 11c to 12c; bacon 11c to 12c.

Toronto Market.

Toronto, June 30th.

Fall wheat \$1 20 to \$1 25, spring \$1 20; barley No. 1 75c, No. 2 65c to 70c, No. 3, 50c to 60c; oats 37c to 38c; peas 75 to 76c; corn 60c; flour superior \$5 70, extra \$5 55, fancy \$5 40, strong bakers \$5 60, spring extra \$5 25; oatmeal \$4 30 to \$4 50; cornmeal \$3; pork \$20.

New York Markets.

New York, June 29th.

Flour less active, low grades 5 to 10c lower, others unchanged, closing heavy, rye flour dull and unchanged; cornmeal steady and unchanged. Wheat No. 2 spring \$1 24, No. 2 red \$1 27 1-2 to \$1 29 1-4; rye \$1 04 1-4; barley and malt dull and nominal, corn lower and market weak, No. 2 56 1-2c to 56 3-4; oats market firmer, 40 to 47c; hay dull 50c to 55c; potatoes dull and unsettled, \$1 25 to \$1 50; butter firm 12c to 23c; cheese 7c to 10 1-2c.

Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, June 28th.

Hogs, estimated 20,005 head, official yesterday 20,563 head. Light grades \$5 75 to \$6 10; mixed packing \$5 60 to \$5 95 heavy shipping \$6 to \$6 25. Cattle 400 head. Maine cattle. New milch cows and springers. The call is moderate, 5 new milch cows were sold for \$200, three two year old heifers for \$75, 1 Jersey Springer for \$50, two cows and calves, very fine milkers, for \$135.