

in Agriculture. It is certain that the deficiency of salt, this year, has been a very great injury to Agriculturists, particularly in consequence of the mildness of the winter. The inconvenience and loss sustained, this year, from the absence of the usual cold and snow of a Canadian winter, should effectually cure any dissatisfaction we have ever felt at the severity of the winter season in Canada. The general climate of this country is the most suitable for it; cold and rather long winters are amply compensated to the farmer, by the warm and beautiful summer and harvest; and with the same careful system of Agriculture, introduced to practice here as that practiced in many parts of the British Isles, there is not a doubt we might have excellent and profitable crops and stock, though perhaps not equal to those obtained from high farming in the Mother Country. The price of Agricultural produce is much lower than in January, with the exception of wheat, which is still worth from 5s. to 5s. 6d. the minot. Barley and oats have fallen considerably in price; the first is now at 3s. 4d. to 3s. 6d.; the last at 1s. 9d. to 2s. Indian corn, 4s. 2d. Rye, 4s. 2d. Buck-wheat, 3s. 9d. and potatoes 2s. to 2s. 6d. the minot. Hay has fallen more than fifty per cent., and straw nearly as much. Hay is 25s. to 30s. the hundred bundles of 1600 lbs.; straw 15s. to 20s. for 1206 lbs. Butcher's meat of good quality sells high, but there is much of inferior quality in the market that must be sold at a low price, in consequence of having been frequently frozen and thawed, without salting. Beef, we believe, sells from 2d. to 6d., or more, the lb.; mutton of good quality, 4d. to 5d., but the bad sells very low. Veal at about the same price as mutton. Pork, fresh, per 100 lbs., 25s. to 30s., and by retail, 4d. to 5d. per lb. The price of fowls varies exceedingly, but those that are good sell high. Butter, fresh, sells at 1s. to 1s. 2d. the lb.; salt, at 7½d. to 10d. per lb. Cheese, of good quality, sells, by retail, from 6d. to 1s. per lb.; the inferior, we cannot say at what price. This price for good cheese would pay the

farmer well, but we regret that the quantity made in Canada is very small. In the year 1846, we have seen cheese of very superior quality from Canadian dairies; but in 1847, the quality was much inferior. We mention this circumstance to show if cheese can be made good in one season, so it may be in another, in a dairy of proper temperature.

It is not probable that farmers will have much butter to put up in casks until the winter is past, but they should make preparation now, by procuring good dairy utensils, and proper casks, to pack butter in when summer commences. A clean dairy, sufficiently cool, and well ventilated, and suitable utensils, are indispensable for making good butter. Casks of proper materials and construction are also necessary, and in every case they should be so constructed, that, when filled, they can be made air-tight when closed. The most convenient size would be those that contain 56 lbs. of butter. All farmers who would not have a sufficient stock of cows to fill this sized cask with one churning, might hold over the butter from one churning to another, until they would have sufficient to fill the cask. The butter so held over might be thoroughly mixed together by churning all in the fresh butter-milk, until it would be of uniform colour, and then it might be made up, salted, and the cask filled at once. We know that this method would succeed if carefully managed, and all the butter is of good quality. Bad butter cannot be made good by churning and mixing, but if the butter is good, this management will make the colour uniform, which is most essential. The butter kept over from one churning to another, should be carefully separated from the butter-milk, and have some salt and saltpetre mixed with it. The salt will partly come out when it is churned for packing, but it will not injure the butter-milk for hogs. A small quantity of salt put into the cream or milk, previous to churning, has a very good effect. Butter might be very profitable produce for the Canadian farmers, if made properly as it might be, and