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## MARKETS.

## FARM GOSSIP.

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The season is very backwark here. Seeding is not half done of Weather has been cold for May, and we have considerable yet. Weather has been cold for May, and we have considerable yet. Weather has been cold for May, and we have considerable yet. Grass land looks well, though backward. There will be a not mixture of clover in all new meadows, while in some, clover and occupy all the ground. Old pastures are not scalded, on the count of abscence of ice last winter. Some of the cheese account of abscence of ice last winter. Some of the cheese some will begin operations the last of May. Mr. Fraser Morrow has again been appointed instructor and inspector for the cheese and butter factories.

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It is expected the wheat yield here will be the smallest in years. It was badly infested with Hessian fly last fall. A mild January, with severe freezing at nights, helped to make matters worse. Hundreds of acres were smothered out a few weeks later by an icy crust which formed upon it, and one of the most backward springs on record capped the climax. Consequently, a good field of wheat is an exception, while a third of a crop will be the average, and hundreds of acres will be plowed under and lanted to barley, beans, corn, etc.

On the nights of the 8th and 9th of May we experienced severe frosts, which cooked the grapes, and it is feared has ruined the early peach and plum crops. It is hard to estimate yet the exact extent of the damage done. The weather remained decidedly cold until the 12th, when it suddenly turned warm, and has been ideal spring weather ever since.

Spring grain is coming on heautifully, and a good catch of grasses and clovers are reported.

There is a shipment of export cattle leaving here to-day, 4½ cents per lb. being the price paid. Hogs have declined to 5½ cents per cwt.

Wool is coming in freely, and sells at 8 and 9 cents, unwashed; 15 and 17 cents, washed. Butter is worth 14 to 16 cents per lb.; eggs, 10 to 12½ cents per dozen; potatoes plentiful at 50 to 60 cents per bag.

Grains will remain at about the same price. Beans, which were expected to advance, have remained the same, or lower. Owing to the large acreage of wheat plowed under, which will be largely planted in beans, one of the largest acreages in years is expected as a result.

Horses seem in great demand at present. Any kind of a good sound young horse of the heavier class will bring from 100 to 5150.

One of our finest tarms, comprising 160 acres, with modern 100 to 5150.

One of our finest farms, comprising 160 acres, with modern brick house and splendid outbuildings, changed hands the other day. The price paid was \$12,500, and real estate dealers claim that property of all kinds is going up in value. May 14th.

Oxford Co., Ont.

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The pastures and meadows are now suffering from want of rain. There has been very little rainfall this spring. Fall wheat on land that is in good heart looks pretty well, but there is a good breadth of wheat in this county that does not look very well, and the slight frosts that we have had have been much against the wheat that is on low land. A good rain is much needed all 'round. The spring grain looks fairly well, considering the lack of rain, and it is getting a good root. We are just planting our corn and potatoes, and were fortunate in getting the ground in good condition. We mark the ground if feet each way and plant corn with the planter and the potatoes with the hoe. Our mangolds, sugar beets and carrots are up nicely, and do not seem to have been affected by the frosts so far. There is a wonderful wealth of blossom on the fruit trees. The apple orchards are really beautiful at the present time, and the bees must be doing well. Cows are milking very well. The skimming stations are not getting so much milk this season, owing to the high price of cheese at the opening of the season. Cheese, however, is going down in price. We have sold three lots of our May's at \$\frac{1}{2}\cdots, \text{ and }\frac{1}{2}\cdots, \text{ and last} \tau the salesmen claim a much higher price is warranted by the cable, and if the buyers do not advance, the cheese will be held for a time. Hogs, after a temporary decline, have again advanced to 6 cents. We are feeling the loss of a good pasture for our stores. We should have a rye or clover lot for them. Ewes and lambs are doing have a rye or clover lot for them. Ewes and lambs are doing nicely; the pasturage suits them, short and sweet, but it is extremely doubtful if it pays to keep sheep where dairy cows are the principal stock. Sheep should be in a pasture by themselves. We have our ground all ready for turnips, and will give it an occasional turn of the cultivator, harrows, and roller, until after the middle of June, when we will sow. We are g

Sherbrooke Co., Quebec.

We are having a cold, late spring, which is putting most farmers back with their farm work. Grass looks well, but is still short, and very few pastures are really ready for cattle at the date of writing, viz., 22nd May. Clover has wintered well, and with favorable weather we shall doubtless have a heavy are poof hay.

Argentine Wheat Prospects.

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The excellence of the wheat crop in all districts of the Argentine (writes Mr. W. Goodwin from Buenos Ayres), with the exception of Entre Rios and the north of Santa Fe, "will ensure an export surplus as large as that of last year, and the ensure an export surplus as large as that of last year, and the ensure an export surplus as large many steamers having the thank the seen well supplied with tonnage, many steamers having come from the Cape in ballast, but receipts are likely to fall off come from the Cape in ballast, but receipts are likely to fall off come from the cape in ballast, but receipts are likely to fall off come from the cape in ballast, but receipts are likely to fall off course the weather is now favorable for plowing. It is difficult to estimate the new maize crop yet, but we can be sure that with the satisfactory prices obtainable, it will all be gathered this year. The condition leaves much to be desired in the way of cold, dry weather."

A Reliable Feed Cooker and Heater.

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The basis of permanently successful farming in Canada being the rearing and feeding of live stock, there has arisen within recent years an extensive and increasing demand for an economical and reliable apparatus for the cooking and steaming of food and the heating of water. Among the appliances on the market for this purpose, very many of our stockmen have used for three seasons past, the Rippley Feed Cooker, manufactured by the Rippley Hardware Co., of Grafton, Ill., and we have yet to hear a complaint of its effectiveness; in fact, all the evidence we have received is most strongly in its favor, not only for the rapidity and thoroughness of its work, but for economy in the use of fuel. It is guaranteed to heat water in tanks 150 feet distant from the cooker, to cook 25 bushels ground feed in 2 hours, and to heat a barrel of water, hot enough to scald hogs, in 30 minutes. It will thus be seen that the heat can be utilized for very many purposes besides cooking feed, and the apparatus is very easily moved from place to place. As the heating is done by steam, the difficulty of scorching food is overcome; a strong point in its favor. It affords us pleasure to say that in our business relations with the Rippley Hardware Co. during the past three seasons we have found them trustworthy in every way, an opinion shared, we believe, by our farmers and stockmen who have had dealings with them.

Durham Co., Ont.

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The crops in this County, especially fall wheat, hay and clover, are suffering very much for rain; the grain has come up well, but barley that was sown early was badly nipped by the late frost. Apple trees are blossoming well, and also pears, but plums and cherries will be light. The tent caterpillar is very bad here this spring.

D. J. G.

## Chatty Stock Letter from Chicago.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT. Following table shows current and comparative live stock

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Beef cattle.	prices now.	ago.	1899	1898	
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for the simple reason that prices for store cattle and the cost of corn has been too great. The cattle market here is in good condition, however, and there is a very broad, strong demand. The hog situation is a surprise to not only packers, but producers. The supply is larger than expected, and yet the demand for pork and pork products is so very strong that prices are very much higher than a yearago.

Swift has lately bought an additional plant at Chicago, and Armour has recently installed a million-dollar electric power plant.

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Canadian store cattle continue to come this way, and they
outsell the majority of the States cattle, as they are better

Horses on export account are selling very freely, and the Market is unusually active for all desirable classes. The supply of good horses is really not equal to the home demand.

There are now only about 80 cars of Colorado lambs to come forward. Breeders have made big money on them this year.

## The Greatest Meat Concern in the World Enlarges Its Chicago Plant.

By the purchase of the real estate and plant of the Chicago Packing and Provision Co., Swift & Company, the greatest meat and provision concern in the world, has made a substan-tial enlargement of their already mammoth Chicago estab-

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For the year 1899 the total sales aggregated more than \$160,000,000.
The total shipments for 1899 amounted to 110,969 carloads.
The following figures give the total largest day's slaughter-ring in their six packing plants, Chicago, Kansas City, Omaha, St. Louis, St. Joseph, St. Paul:

Cattle.
Sheep.
10,343
19,607
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Hogs.

Price of Meat Raised in England.

The prohibition of the landing of Argentine cattle in England has had the effect of increasing the price of meat in the wholesale market by from 1d. to 1½d. a pound, and a further increase is anticipated. Wholesale butchers and importers of South American cattle state that the loss on recent cargoes where disease was suspected has amounted to 50s. per bullock and 5s. per sheep, and loud complaints are heard that longer notice was not given by the authorities of the Board of Agrinculture. The order has, it is stated, caused consternation among the Glasgow shippers and butchers. The prices of cattle and sheep have advanced to the highest price since 1882, and the retail butchers will enforce an advance of id. per pound on beef and 2d. on mutton. As the poorer classes cannot afford to pay the advance, increased trade will fall on frozen meat. It is said that Argentine cattle will be shipped to Antwerp for slaughtering and transshipment to England. Price of Meat Raised in England.

Danger of Overdoing It.

The St. Louis, Mo., Butchers and Packers' Gazette of May 19th says:—The promoters of pork-paking houses in Canada 19th says:—The promoters of pork-paking houses in Canada 19th says:—The promoters of pork-paking houses in Canada 19th says:—The promoters of pork-paking houses in Canada, 20th; Canada, prints the names of 145 subscribers to the Simcoe Ont., Canada, prints the names of 145 subscribers to the Simcoe Packing Co. As previously stated, the pork-packing business is being overdone in Canada, and we fear there will be nothing but bitter disappointment for those who invest. The commerbut bitter disappointment for thos

Packing Co., at Richmond, Vt., has collapsed, and also the one proposed for Newport News, Va. The John P. Squire & Co. are still in the hands of the assignee. Our Canadian friends are advised in good faith to go slow if they would save themselves loss and annoyance in the future.

Toronto Markets.

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The run of cattle at the Western market was 88 loads for Thursday and Friday, May 24th and 25th. To-day there were 750 cattle, 1,200 hogs, 168 sheep, and 25 calves. Trade was good, prices firm, and export cattle in good demand. Preight on the cean steamers very high, at 00 shillings per pread (about \$12), which means about le. per ib. on prices here.

\*\*Export Cattle.\*\*—Choice led shished, heavy cattle remained fairly firm at quotations. Trade more active on best quality cattle for the home dand.

\*\*Light export cattle sold at \$4.70 to \$4.87\$ per cert. Prime, which seems a \$4.80 per cert.

\*\*Caport Cattle.\*\*—Most dealers quoted prices a little lower.

Our energir found prices steady, with an active demand for local and outside trade. Outside buyers have strengthened this market considerably, and there is not that slump of price as in the old days on heavy runs. Cattle weighing 1,000 to 1,100 lbs., of choice quality, sold at \$4.25 to \$4.55 per cert. Common butchers' cattle sold down to \$3.45 to \$5.65, mixed dry cows, heiters and steers. There is one point to which wedestre to draw the attention of farmers: Badly kept cattle, covered with lice, hairless and wrinkled are always culled as common to inferior, and rarely fetch more than \$5.00 per cert.

\*\*Several of uncommission dealers are developing a very lucrative trade on orders from outside districts. A few of our local butchers are reporting increased demand for hind quarters, which excited our curiosity. We found that in one district of that extry a common or iron ship workers resided, and is the extra on orders from outside districts. A few of our local butchers are reporters.

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Mr. Ryan purchased one very choice cow at \$50, the pick of the market.

Hogs.—Whilst the deliveries are not heavy, the price will hold good. Only 3,000 delivered this week, and very few ready to come on the market, is the report of the drovers, so that our forecast still holds good. Prices steady. Choice hogs, not less than 160 lbs., not above 200 lbs., long, lean bacon singers, are now advanced to \$6.37\frac{1}{2}\$, the highest price on the market for the last four years, and we expect a further rise next week of \$\frac{2}{2}\$ cents per cwt., but all others are shaded down. Thick fats at \$5.75; light, at \$5.50 per cwt. A farmer remarked last week: "I know which are the most profitable hogs for me to feed, but when I bring them on this market they are culled as too fat or too light. They are never the exact weight." We took him to a pen of selected hogs, and asked if his compared. He acknowledged that his were not so good, but to satisfy his own opinion, said: "I doubt if the man got any more than I did for mine." We do happen to know that this man got \$6.25 per cwt., whilst our friend only received \$5.25 per cwt., a difference of \$1 per cwt., amounting on his bill to \$47.00. He was very hard to convince, but he had something to ruminate over going home. Our supply of hogs is 19,000 below last year at this time, when the price was \$4.62\frac{1}{2}\$ per cwt. for selects.

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Dressed Hogs.—Firmer on light deliveries, about 100 on offer, taken by Mr. Wm. Harris, Jr., St. Lawrence market, at from \$7.25 to \$7.50 per cwt.

Wheat.—Only \$50 bushels of grain on offer; 450 bushels of white sold at 69c, per bushel, 100 bushels of red at 69c, per bushel, 150 bushels of goose at 71c, per bushel.

Outs.—Steady; 400 bushels sold at 324c, to 33c, per bushel.

Hay.—Prices easier, at \$9.50 to \$11.50 per ton.

Straw sold at \$8.50 per ton.

Butter.—Market steady and unchanged. Dairy tubs, 12c, to 13c, per lb.; large rolls, 13c, to 13c, per lb.; small dairy prints, 13c, to 14c, per lb.; creamery, 17c, to 18c, per lb.; from farmers wagons, 14c, to 17c, for choice.

Cheese.—Sales more free, at 13c, for old, and at from 114c, to 12c, for new. At Brantford \$50 boxes were sold at 94c, to 94c, per lb, for first half of May manufacture.

Regs.—Market easy, at from 124c, per dozen. Dealers are paying inbulk from 10c, to 104c, per dozen.

Hides.—No. 1 green, per lb., 8c, to 9c.; No. 1 green steers, 8dc, to 94c.; No. 2 green steers, 74c, to 84c.; No. 1 cured, 8c, to 9c.; calfskins, 8c, to 10c.; sheepskins, \$1 to \$1.20; wool, fleece, 15c, to 16c.; wool, super, 17c, to 20c.; wool, super extra, 19c, to 22c.

Toronto, May 26th, 1900.

An English Cheese Fair.

All English Uncese Fair.

At the May cheese fair, Lancaster, Eng., 16 dairies were represented, with 208 cheeses, as against 18 dairies and 287 cheeses at the corresponding fair last year. The cheese was all new and of exceptionally high quality, and the demand was so great that within five minutes of the opening of the sale every lot, with the exception of one, was sold. Prices ranged at from 65s. to 72s. 6d.

H. J. C.:—"The horn fly is making its appearance in large numbers on my cows, and I would be glad if readers would report through the FARMER'S ADVOCATE what remedy and mode of applying they have found most effective."

[Nore.—We would be glad to receive by an early mail replies to the above. The facts can be put on a post card.—Editor.] What is the Best Horn Fly Treatment?