FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

FARMERS BUSY WITH SEEDING

As a Consequence There Was Practically No Farmers' Market in London Today.

GREEN GOODS PLENTIFUL

Flowers Are Being Offered in Fair Quantities—Meat Supply Was Not Large.

With the exception of six loads of hay, which sold quickly at $15 per ton, there was no farmers' market today. All the farmers are extremely busy with seeding operations at present, and the south old square, its dreary surroundings gleaming bare and out of place in the brightness and freshness of the spring, was deserted save for a few florists' and market-gardeners' wagons.

Green onions were conspicuous in the latter market wagons, and sold readily at 25 and 30 cents per dozen bunches. Artichokes brought 25 cents per peck, and parsnips were offered at 35 and 40 cents per bushel.

The flower market was small, but what there was of it was gay with springtime blossoms. Carnations were noticeable among the cut flowers, and sold at 35 cents per dozen. Potted plants were numerous.

The meat supply was not very large and fairly quiet.

Eggs are worth 16 cents per dozen wholesale, and 18 cents retail. Butter varies from as low as 18 cents, wholesale, to 25 cents, the highest retail price, per pound.

Other quotations:

Grain, Per Cwt.			
Barley, per cwt.	$1 00	to	$1 00
Oats, per cwt.	1 00	to	1 05
Wheat, per cwt.	1 14	to	1 38
Grain, Per Bushel.			
New wheat, per bu.	80	to	90
Hungarian seed, per bu.	80	to	50
Hay and Straw.			
Hay, per ton	15 00	to	15 00
Straw, per ton	6 00	to	6 00
Pressed straw, per ton	6 00	to	6 00
Dairy Produce.			
Butter, store lots, lb.	15	to	19
Butter, creamery, lb.	25	to	27
Butter, fancy, retail, lb.	24	to	25
Butter, dairy, wholesale	21	to	23
Eggs, extra wholesale	16	to	17
Eggs, fresh-laid, dozen	18	to	18
Honey, comb, lb.	11	to	12
Honey, strained, dozen	1 50	to	2 00
Maple syrup, gallon	1 10	to	1 20
Poultry, Dressed.			
Turkeys, lb. retail	18	to	19
Turkeys, lb. wholesale	17	to	17
Chickens, per pair	1 25	to	1 50
Chickens, lb. wholesale	14	to	15
Chickens, lb. retail	16	to	18
Old fowl, per lb.	10	to	12
Ducks, per pair	1 75	to	1 75
Ducks, lb. wholesale	15	to	17
Ducks, lb. retail	18	to	20
Geese, lb. wholesale	13	to	14
Geese, lb. retail	14	to	15
Poultry Etc., Alive.			
Turkeys, per lb.	12	to	14
Ducks, per lb.	14	to	14
Chickens, per lb.	12	to	12
Old fowl, per lb.	12	to	13
Butchers' Meats.			
Rabbits, per pair	50	to	60
Mutton, per cwt.	9 50	to	11 00
Yearling lambs, lb.	11	to	12
Dressed hogs, cwt.	9 00	to	9 00
Beef, per cwt.	9 00	to	9 50
Veal, per cwt.	7 00	to	7 00
Pork, dressed, lb.	12	to	13
Pork, hindquarters, lb.	12	to	12½
Live Stock.			
Select hogs, cwt.	6 10	to	6 10
Fat sows, cwt.	5 00	to	5 00
Stags, per cwt.	3 00	to	3 00
Export cattle, cwt.	5 40	to	6 50
Milch cows, each	40 00	to	60 00
Small pigs, pair	8 00	to	12 00
Hides and Wools.			
Lambskins, each	90	to	90
Wool, unwashed, lb.	21	to	22
Hides, No. 1, lb.	7½	to	7½
Hides, No. 2, lb.	6½	to	6½
Hides, No. 3, lb.	5½	to	5½
Calfskins, lb.	10	to	12
Tallow, rough, lb.	2½	to	2½
Tallow, rendered, lb.	5	to	5½
Sheepskins, each	40	to	65
Vegetables.			
Artichokes, per peck	25	to	25
Parsnips, per bu.	35	to	40
Green onions, doz. bunches	25	to	30
Potatoes, per bag	75	to	80
Seed potatoes, per bag	75	to	75
Turnips, per bu.	35	to	35
Lettuce, per dozen	40	to	40
Rhubarb, per dozen	90	to	1 00
Radishes, per dozen	40	to	40
Green onions, dozen	40	to	40
Celery, dozen bunches	30	to	50
Carrots, per bu.	40	to	40
Cabbage, per dozen	50	to	40
Beets, per bu.	40	to	40
Onions, per bu.	1 00	to	1 25
Fruits.			
Apples, per bbl.	3 00	to	4 50
Apples, per bu.	1 50	to	1 50
Seeds, Wholesale.			
Red clover, seed, bu.	7 00	to	7 50
Alsike, per bu.	8 00	to	9 00
Canadian timothy, bu.	5 50	to	6 00
American timothy, bu.	7 00	to	7 00
Alfalfa, per bu.	14 00	to	14 00
Flowers.			
Carnations, per dozen	35	to	35
Roses, per dozen	50	to	50
Easter lilies, per bloom	20	to	20
Daffodils, per dozen	30	to	30

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LIVE STOCK.

CHICAGO, April 25.—Cattle—Receipts estimated at 2500; market slow and weak; beeves, $5 to $6 50; Texas steers, $4 60 to $5 50; western steers, $4 80 to $5 75; stockers and feeders, $4 of $5 60; cows and heifers, $2 40 to $5 65; calves, $4 50 to $6 50. Hogs—Receipts estimated at 12,000; market steady to a shade higher; light, $5 85 to $6 20; mixed, $5 85 to $6 15; heavy, $5 65 to $6 10; roughs, $5 65 to $5 85; good to choice heavy, $5 85 to $6 10; pigs, $5 80 to $6 15; bulk of sales at $5 95 to $6 05. Sheep—Receipts estimated at 15,000; market weak; natives, $3 to $4 60; westerns, $3 25 to $4 60; yearlings, $4 25 to $5 25; lambs, natives, $4 45 to $6 10; westerns, $4 75 to $6 15.

EAST BUFFALO, April 24.—Cattle—Receipts, 4000 head; active; cows steady; others 10c to 15c lower; prime steers, $6 25 to $6 50; shippers, $5 75 to $6 15; butchers, $4 65 to $6 10; heifers, $4 65 to $6; cows, $2 75 to $5 25; bulls, $4 to $5 25; stockers and feeders, $4 40 to $5 25; stock heifers, $4 to $4 60; fresh cows and springers steady, $30 to $68. Veals—Receipts, 2500 head; active and steady, $5 50 to $6 50. Hogs—Receipts, 17,000 head; slow, 10c to 15c lower; heavy, $6 25 to $6 40; mixed $6 40 to $6 45; Yorkers, $6 45 to $6 50; pigs, $6 50 to $6 55; roughs, $5 25 to $5 35; stags, $4 to $4 50; dairies, $6 25 to $6 50; sheep and lambs—Receipts, 21,000 head; heavy lambs and sheep slow, handy lambs active, lambs 5c higher, yearlings 25c lower; wool lambs, $6 25 to $6 50, clipped lambs, handy, $5 75 to $5 90; heavy, $4 60 to $4 75; yearlings, $4 25 to $4 50; wethers, $4 to $4 10; ewes, $3 50 to $4 75; sheep, mixed, $1 50 to $3 85.

TORONTO, April 25.—City cattle market—Receipts, 93 cars with 1,670 head of cattle; 763 sheep and lambs, 500 hogs and 531 calves. Trade good, particularly for light butcher cattle of good quality, and from 950 to 1,000 pounds in weight. For the heavy cattle the market is a little dull, lacking a good export demand. These heavier cattle are offering at a lower price than they would fetch in a more active market, but some of the local men claim they are too heavy for the home trade, a lighter class of cattle being preferred at this season. Prices today were good and firm at yesterday's levels, with about the same decline of 10 cents to 15 cents on export cattle. Calves steady at $5 to $5 75. Sheep—Ewes firmer at $5 25; yearlings steady at $6 to $6 50. Spring lambs steady at $3 to $6 each. Hogs steady and unchanged at $6 45, fed and watered. Choice butcher steers and heifers, firm, at $5 60 to $5 90; medium, $5 15 to $5 40; common mixed butcher, $4 to $4 75, good to choice butcher cows, $4 50 to $4 75.

LIVERPOOL, April 24.—John Rogers & Co. report today that there was very little variation in the price of both cattle and sheep in the Birkenhead market, and Saturday's quotations remain unaltered, being: States and Canadian steers, 12½c to 13½c, wool lambs, 15c; clipped lambs, 11½c; wethers, clipped, 11½c to 12c per lb.

PRODUCE.

LIVERPOOL, April 24.—Wheat—Spot dull; No. 2 red western winter, no stock; futures easier; May, 6s 10¾d; July, 6s 10d; October, 6s 3½d. Flour—Winter patents dull, 27s. Hops (in London)—Pacific coast firm, £4 10s to £5 10s. Beef—Extra India mess easy, 92s 6d. Pork—Prime mess western dull, 81s 3d. Hams—Short cut, 14 to 16 lbs, steady, 52s. Bacon—Cumberland cut, 26 to 30 lbs, steady, 53s. Shoulders—Square, 11 to 13 lbs, dull, 34s. Lard—Prime western, in tierces, firm, 42s. American refined, in pails, firm, 43s 6d. Cheese—American finest white and colored, new, firm, 63s. Butter—Finest United States firm, 86s. Turpentine spirits—Strong, 67s. Rosin—Common steady, 7s. Petroleum—Refined steady, 6½d. Linseed oil—Steady, 50s.

MONTREAL, April 24.—Eggs—Fresh, active and steady, fresh, 19c to 20c.

TORONTO, April 24.—Eggs—New-laid, 17c to 18c.

NEW YORK, April 24.—Eggs—Firm; receipts, 4,328 cases; fresh gathered, 19c to 20c; storage packed, 15½c to 16½c; western packed, 16c to 17½c; fresh gathered dirties, 16c to 17c.

MINNEAPOLIS, April 24.—Wheat—May, 96¾c; July, 97¾c to 97⅞c; September, 97½c; cash, No. 1 hard, $1 00¼; No. 1 northern, 99½c to 99¾c; No. 2 northern, 96½c to 98½c; No. 3, 95c to 96½c. Bran—$7 to $7 50. Flour—First patents, $4 90 to $5 10; second patents, $4 70 to $4 80; first clears, $3 40 to $3 70; second clears, $2 80 to $2 90.

WINNIPEG, April 24.—May wheat opened unchanged, and was bid up to 97½c, but dropped back and eventually closed at 96½c, as against Saturday. The demand for cash was not as good as expected for the opening of navigation, and offers were out of line for export. July closed ⅛c down and October ⅞c. The oats market was quite active, and export business was reported booming in the early hours of the market, and May sold 1c higher, but later broke ½c and recovered ½c at the close, which was ⅞c under Saturday. Cash grades: Wheat—No. 1 northern, 97½c; No. 2 northern, 96½c; No. 3 northern, 93½c; No. 4, 88c; No. 5, 79½c; No. 6, 62½c. Oats—No. 2 Canadian western, 34c; feed barley—No. 3, 48c; No. 4, 45c. Flax—No. 1 northwestern, $2 25.

milk, 90c to 95½c, state, September quotations, 12c to 12½c.

TORONTO, April 25.—Wheat markets opened weak this morning, the usual reaction following an upward movement. Spot western was firm. Light deliveries at country points. Ontario wheat steady, at 1c to ½c higher, very little offering. Canadian western oats made a drop of ⅛c, close yesterday, and this morning opened weak. Ontario wheat—Winter wheat, No. 2, 84c to 86c outside. Manitoba wheat—No. 1 northern, 99c; No. 2, 96½c; No. 3, 94½c, at lake ports. Canada western oats—No. 2, 36c; No. 3, 37c, at lake ports. Manitoba flour—Quotations at Toronto: First patents, $5 10; second patents, $4 60; strong bakers, $4 40. Corn—No. 3 yellow, 51½c, c. i. f., bay ports. Ontario oats—No. 2, 32c to 33c outside. Peas—No. 2, 80c to 81c outside. Barley—No. 3 extra or malting, 48c to 49c outside, feed, 50c to 55c. Buckwheat—52c to 53c outside. Rye—Firm, 76c outside. Milfeed—Manitoba bran, $23, in bags at Toronto; shorts, $23, in bags at Toronto. Ontario flour—Ninety per cent patents, $3 25, at the seaboard.

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WINNIPEG, April 25.

[Special to H. C. Bechet.]

Wheat—	Close.
May	93¾c
July	94⅞c

CHICAGO, April 25.

[From Charles Head & Co., by private wire to J. J. Tearney.]

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—				
May	$ 90	90	89½	89⅞
July	87	87¼	86¾	87
Corn—				
May	51½	51¾	51⅛	51¾
July	52	52⅛	51¾	52⅛
Oats—				
May	31½	31½	31¼	31⅜
July	31½	31½	31⅛	31½
Pork—				
May	15 62	15 72	15 62	15 72
Lard—				
May	7 97	8 12	7 97	8 12

HAY

TORONTO, April 24.—Baled hay—No. 1 timothy, $12 to $13; mixed clover and timothy, $9 to $11. Baled straw—$6 50 to $7.

COTTON.

NEW YORK, April 24.—Cotton—Futures closed very steady. Closing bids: April, 14.96c; May, 15.02c; June, 15.07c; July, 15.13c; August, 15.18c; September, 15.24c; October, 15.02c; November, 15.04; December, 15.05c; January, 12.89c; March, 12.92c. Spot closed quiet, 5 points higher, middling uplands, 15.65c; middling gulf, 15.90c; sales, 100 bales.

DAIRY.

MONTREAL, April 24.—Butter—Easy at the decline; choicest, 22c to 22½c; seconds, 21c to 21½c. Cheese—Westerns, 11½c to 11¾c.

NEW YORK, April 24.—Butter—Steady; receipts, 4400 packages; creamery, 18c to 23½c; held, creamery, 17c to 20½c; state dairy, 15c of 22½c; process, 16c to 18c; factory, current make, 15½c to 16c. Cheese—Irregular; receipts, 2150 boxes; state whole milk, specials, 12c; Pennsylvania, 12c; Ohio, 12c; Ohio, 12c; Ohio