

Grain Prices in England.

L. Norman & Co., of London, write as follows on September 25:—

Notwithstanding the weakness in the American markets the wheat trade here has maintained a steady tone since our last report. This may no doubt be attributed to the improvement in English wheat, the scarcity of which is fully recognized, and the market for this article has advanced one shilling per qr. during the past week. In foreign wheats there is more disposition to operate for distant shipments, and it is only the premium asked by shippers that restricts business. Red American and Indian wheats are held too high for buyer's ideas, but in Russians a good business has been done for shipments up to December. Near shipments are somewhat neglected, buyers keeping in mind the large stocks to which we referred in our last.

Hard Manitobas—Sellers for shipment in a month ask 27s 9d c.i.f. London, but no transactions are reported.

Barley—Good English malting in request. In grinding qualities the market has been dull and drooping.

Oats—Quiet and meet with poor demand. No 2 Canadian white oats are offering at 17s c.i.f. London, September-October shipment.

Peas—In London this article remains quiet but steady. Liverpool and Glasgow also show no change. To Bristol Channel demand poor and 25s 6d has been taken for 1000 quarters prompt shipment.

Hay—Keeps steady for parcels for near shipment, but buyers want a discount for distant months. Foreign supplies are liberal, and the prospect of the second English crop being ready for use in a month or so tends to prevent any advance in values. For Canadian £5 c.i.f. London is asked with only few buyers thereat. To Liverpool we quote £1 10s c.i.f., and to Bristol Channel £4 17s 6d c.i.f.

Cattle in North Dakota.

According to the statistics furnished by the Agricultural Department, North Dakota takes the lead as a safe state for the raising and fattening of cattle. These statistics show that the winter losses in North Dakota only average three-tenths of one per cent. while in Texas the average is four per cent., and others of the range states average all the way down to four-tenths of one per cent, which is Montana's average, and the next lowest is North Dakota's. In the total losses from all causes this state shows even a better record, being but one and three-tenths per cent. as against eight and four-tenths per cent in New Mexico, and other states ranging down to two per cent. for Arizona, which is the only state coming near North Dakota in small averages.—Fargo Commonwealth.

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