

MARITIME MARKETS

Halifax, Aug. 24th, 1904.

On Saturday night a fierce gale raged throughout this province and considerable damage to the apple crop. At some points trees were left without a single apple upon them. Many branches were broken off, numerous trees uprooted and valuable fruit strewn upon the ground. Late varieties such as Follow-Waters, Ben Davis, Kings, and Baldwins suffered much. The loss is very unequally distributed, but leading specialists such as W. H. Chase, C. R. H. Starr and J. W. Bigelow estimate that the average destruction will not exceed five per cent of the entire crop. Halifax will have cheap apples for a time as much of the dropped fruit is being gathered and shipped to this market. Notwithstanding the damage, it is believed the apple crop will not fall far short of last season if conditions from now forward are favorable. Advances from Great Britain are to the effect that orchardists need not expect as good a price as they obtained last year. The shipping facilities have been somewhat improved, a number of new warehouses having been built along the line of railway.

The make of butter is now small, throughout Nova Scotia, as this province seems to have suffered from the drought more severely than New Brunswick, where the make both of butter and cheese is even larger than last season. In Prince Edward Island the make of cheese has been lessened from the fact that a number of factories are continuing to make butter the season through, whereas last year they produced cheese. Refreshing rains have been general all over the provinces during the past two weeks, greatly benefiting the pastures. At this date the factorymen are holding out firmly for the advance, but buyers seem determined to hold off, considering that the situation does not warrant high prices. Our Charlottetown correspondent will have something to say on the subject, but my advice is that most of the cheese boarded there last week was not sold, as the factorymen wanted 8½ cents and buyers were not prepared to give over 8 cents for July's. Our buyers say they are not going to repeat the mistake of loading up with dear cheese, which they will have to market later on at a loss. Good dairy butter is now scarce and in excellent demand. Eggs are also firmer and stocks light, although sales are being somewhat affected by the high prices. Jobbing quotations at Halifax are as follows: Fresh creamery prints 20 to 21c; creamery solids 19 to 20c; selected dairy 17c; undergrade dairy 13 to 15c. Cheese, large, 9c; cheese, twins and flats, 9½c. Eggs 17 to 18c.

The shortage in the hay crop, both in this province and New Brunswick,

has led farmers to anticipate very high prices. Some shippers are talking of \$16 and \$17 a ton, but they fail to take into account the large quantity of hay in Quebec, upon which dealers here will draw liberally. The price here will be governed largely by Quebec, and it is, therefore, likely that this article will be little if any higher than last season. I am speaking now of the Halifax market. In isolated localities which depend largely on the local supply no doubt those who have hay to sell will get high prices.

Within the last month the retail price of flour has advanced about 60 cents per barrel. This is a staple which nearly every Nova Scotian farmer has to buy. In New Brunswick and P. E. Island in late years the most enterprising farmers have grown enough wheat to supply their own households. The wheat grown is of fair quality, but the local methods of milling have until recently been imperfect, and are in many localities today still of the crudest sort. The bread produced is very wholesome though dark in color.

The Nova Scotia Exhibition takes place in this city on Sept. 7th to 14th inclusive. It is held earlier than usual so as not to clash with exhibitions at St. John and Charlottetown. The interest promises to be well sustained. A large number of young men will leave here next week on the farm laborer's excursion to Manitoba, the extremely low rate of passage leading a number to make the trip.

John Miller Dead.

There died at Broomham, Ont., on Monday last, Mr. John Miller, one of Canada's most successful breeders and importers of pure-bred stock. Both in the United States and Canada, where good stock is kept, his name was known and appreciated. Perhaps no one on this continent has done more to develop the important pure-bred live stock interests of both countries than he. His was a record to be proud of, and one that might well be copied by the young men of today.

He died at the advanced age of 87, leaving a family of ten sons and daughters.

A fuller appreciation of Mr. Miller's life and work will appear in a later issue.

Keeping a Dairy Herd.

There are two things I firmly believe in: (1) Raise lots of heifer calves so that as they get to be cows you can weed out all the poor ones and have enough good ones left. I consider this plan better for the average farmer than buying from other breeders. (2) Do not palm off on your cows hay cut after the blossom has left it. I am writing what I have proved for myself. Taking

the same field of grass, there is enough difference in it from the 10th to the 25th July to make a profit of (\$228) two hundred and twenty-eight dollars. I have preached this doctrine some at home, but people that have ideas do not like to give them up and people that have none do not want any. Dairying is only a side issue with us, so that I excuse my neighbors on that account.

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