

Ottawa Seed Fair.

Arrangements are now well under way for the holding of a seed fair in connection with the Ottawa Winter Fair in March. The officers of the Eastern Ontario Seed-growers' Association, formed at the time of the Seed Fair last year, have an excellent prize list arranged, and, according to it, they expect to have about \$150.00 to offer in prizes for grains, seeds and potatoes. The various township and county councils are assisting the Association by granting money toward the prize list, and several private donations have been received. It is proposed to have one or two of the sessions in the lecture-room devoted to the discussion of topics relating to seed and farm crops, along somewhat similar lines to those at the Experimental Union at Guelph. Eastern Ontario farmers have no opportunity like that offered at Guelph to hear addresses on field agriculture, and it is generally conceded that it would be good policy to introduce these subjects at the time of the Winter Fair. The speakers, several of whom would be from Western Ontario, may be assured that they will receive a cordial welcome and that their addresses will be appreciated.

The Local Secretary.

To the Editor "Farmer's Advocate":

Sir,—According to reports of the meeting of Farmers' Institute workers at the Ontario Winter Fair, a speaker attributed the lack of interest in Institute meetings to the local secretaries. No one will pretend that all officials are equally gifted as organizers and promoters of enthusiasm, but, judging by those in my own district, the local institute secretaries deserve credit, and not censure. It is all very well for high officials to blame the local men, but if there is a class of officers in this country who give a big return in labor for small remuneration and little or no glory it is the local institute secretary. If any one doubts this let him try the work for a couple of seasons, keeping the records of the board and public meetings, looking after the delegations of speakers, advertising meetings, keeping the local papers posted, driving late and early, arranging for halls and excursions, keeping up the membership and other duties, and he will soon get his eyes opened. It is quite possible that Institutes may wane in interest like other organizations, but I certainly cannot wonder if the hard-worked and, in many cases, underpaid local secretary should sometimes feel like waning to the vanishing point. In my judgment, also, the pay of the travelling speakers is not adequate for the time and intelligence required for the proper discharge of the important functions of public agricultural teachers upon the platform.

I. M.

MARKETS.

A Nova Scotia Report.

We have had lots of cold, rough weather, so that if we had spring now we would think we had had winter enough. The cold winds have been pretty hard on milking cows, but other stock is doing all right. The roads have been quite badly drifted.

The beef cattle market is a little brighter than a month ago, though good beef has been in fairly good demand for some time. There is an increasing demand for good feeders. Pork is down to "rock bottom," selling at 5½c., dressed weight. Butter is in demand at 20c. to 22c. Eggs are worth 25c. to 27c., and a few have been sold at 30c. a dozen. Chickens or any other fowl are retailing at 14c. to 15c. per pound.

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Buffalo Markets.

East Buffalo.—Hogs—Heavy, \$4.95 to \$5.05; mixed, \$4.90 to \$4.95. Sheep and Lambs—Lambs, \$5 to \$6.25; yearlings, \$5 to \$5.50; wethers, \$4.50 to \$4.60; ewes, \$4 to \$4.25; sheep, mixed, \$2.50 to \$4.25.

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Toronto Markets.

Prices for all classes of produce showed strength during the past week, and in some cases substantial advances were made. Supplies of export cattle scarcely equalled the demand, consequently there was a slight advance for the best lots, the best prices being paid early in the week. Wheat continues steady, and oats have risen in response to the advance in the rolled product. Sellers of grain are confident, owing to the firm tone of outside markets. Canadian dealers in wheat at Winnipeg learned with some surprise that the Japanese agent, S. Tamura, could not handle the best grades of Manitoba on account of the price, but took rather 500,000 bushels of Pacific coast wheat. A leading grain dealer states that Manitoba wheat will shortly reach \$1.00 in that Province. Quotations on this market are:

Cattle.—Best exporters, \$4.60 to \$4.90 per cwt.; medium, \$4.40 to \$4.60; bulls, \$3.50 to \$4.00; butchers' cattle, choice picked lots, \$4.25 to \$4.50; fair to good, \$3.70 to \$4.10; feeding steers of good quality, \$3.50 to \$3.80; bulls, \$3.00 to \$3.25; cows, \$3.25 to \$3.50; milch cows, \$3.00 to \$3.25.

Sheep and lambs.—Lambs, \$5 to \$5.85; yearlings, \$5 to \$5.75; wethers, \$4.50 to \$4.75; ewes, \$4 to \$4.35; sheep, mixed, \$2.50 to \$4.50.

Hogs.—Best bacon, \$5.20 to \$5.25; lights and fats, \$5.

A Montreal dispatch says: "The market for live hogs was strong this week, prices being unchanged at 5½c. for straight lots, off cars. Deliveries were light, and demand active. Abattoir dressed hogs were active and prices were strong at 7½c. to 7½c. Country dressed, frozen, were offered at 7c. to 7½c. per lb. in a jobbing way; carloads were offered at \$6.60."

PRODUCE.

Wholesale Prices.

Flour.—Holders of 90-per-cent. patents are offering to sell at \$3.10, buyers' bags, f. o. b. main lines west. Buyers are willing to pay \$3.07½. Manitoba flour is steady to firmer. First patents are quoted at \$4.65 to \$4.90, second patents at \$4.35 to \$4.60, and strong bakers' at \$4.25 to \$4.50, bags included, on the track Toronto.

Wheat.—Ontario—No. 2 red, white and mixed are quoted at 79c. for milling. Spring is steady at 74c. for No. 1 east, and 73c. for No. 2 east. Goose is quiet at 71c. to 72c., east. Manitoba—No. 1 hard is quoted at 93c., No. 1 northern at 90c., No. 2 northern at 87c., and No. 3 northern at 84c., on track, lake ports. Milling-in-transit price for each grade is 6c. more.

Corn.—Canadian, 39c. for yellow, and 38c. for mixed, cars west. Old American, No. 2 yellow, 56c.; No. 3 yellow, 55c.; No. 3 mixed, 54c., in car lots, on the track at Toronto. New, 51c. for No. 3 yellow, and 50c. for No. 3 mixed, in cars, on track here.

Oats.—No. 1 white are quoted at 31c. low freights, 30½c. middle freights, and 29½c. high freights; No. 2 white, 1c. less.

Barley.—Market is quiet; No. 2, 42c. to 43c. middle freights; No. 3, extra, 40c. to 41c., middle freights, and No. 3, 38c., east or middle.

Rye.—Steady; No. 2 is quoted at 52c., low, middle or high freights.

Peas.—No. 2 are 62c. low freights, 61½c. middle freights, and 61c. high freights.

Buckwheat.—Market is steady; No. 2, 47c. low freights, 46c. middle, and 45c. high freights.

Mill Feed.—Ontario shorts, \$16.50 to \$17, and bran is \$14.50, in bulk, cars west. Manitoba mill feed, \$20 for shorts, and \$18 for bran, in car lots, bags included, on the track, Toronto.

Oatmeal.—Steady, with prices unchanged. Bags are selling at \$4.10, and barrels at \$4.35, in car lots, on the track, Toronto. Broken lots, 30c. more.

Baled Hay.—Prices are unchanged and steady. Car lots, on track, Toronto, are selling at \$9 per ton.

Baled Straw.—A quiet trade is passing, with no change. Car lots on track are quoted at \$5 per ton, on track, Toronto.

Potatoes.—There is a good demand for best stock

Prices are steady and unchanged. Car lots, on track here, are quoted at 65c. to 70c. per bag, and potatoes out of store are selling at 75c. to 90c. per bag.

Butter.—

Creamery prints 21c. to 22c.
Creamery solids 19½c. to 20c.
Dairy, pounds rolls 16c. to 17c.
Dairy, large rolls 14c. to 16c.
Dairy, tubs, best 15c. to 17c.
Dairy, common to medium 12c. to 14c.

Cheese.—A quiet trade is reported.

Cheese, large, per lb. 10½c. to 11½c.
Cheese, twins, 11½c.

Eggs.—

Eggs, new-laid, per dozen 33c. to 35c.
" selects, per dozen 28c. to 29c.
" storage, per dozen 25c. to 26c.
" limed, per dozen 23c. to 24c.

Poultry.—

Turkeys, per lb. 12½c. to 14.
Geese, per lb. 10c. to 11c.
Ducks, per lb. 9c. to 11c.
Chickens, per lb. 9c. to 11c.

RETAIL PRICES, TORONTO STREET MARKET.

Wheat, white, per bushel 82½c.
Wheat, red 82c.
Wheat, goose 75c. to 76½c.
Wheat, spring 83c.
Barley 45c. to 46c.
Oats 32½c. to 38½c.
Peas 69½c.
Buckwheat 46c.
Rye 57c.

Hay and Straw.—

Hay, timothy, per ton \$9.00 to \$10.50
Hay, mixed, per ton 6.00 to 8.00
Straw, sheaf, per ton 9.00 to 9.50

Seeds.—

Alsike, choice, No. 1 \$5.20 to \$5.50
Alsike, good, No. 2 4.00 to 4.50
Alsike, fancy 5.75 to 6.00
Red, choice 5.50 to 6.00
Red, good, No. 2 5.00 to 5.40
Timothy seed 1.00 to 1.50

Potatoes.—

Potatoes, per bushel 70c.
Potatoes, per bag 95c. to \$1.00

Dressed Hogs.—Heavies, \$6.75 per cwt.; lights, \$7.25.

Butter, 20c. to 24c. per lb.
Eggs, 35c. to 40c. per dozen.

Poultry.—Chickens, 60c. to \$1.00 per pair; turkeys, 13c. per lb.

Canadian Live Stock Exports.

Live stock shipped from the ports of St. John, N. B., and Portland, Maine, for week ending January 8rd, as compiled by Robert Bickerdike & Co., Ltd., Dominion Live-stock Exchange, Montreal: Cattle, 4,421; sheep, 3,798.

British Markets.

London.—Live cattle, easier, at 11c. to 11½c. per lb., for American steers, dressed weight; Canadian steers, 10½c. to 11c. per lb.; refrigerator beef, 8c. per lb. Sheep, 11½c. to 12½c. per lb.; lambs, 13½c. dressed weight.

Chicago Markets.

Chicago.—Cattle—Good to prime steers, \$5.10 to \$5.75; poor to medium, \$3.50 to \$4.75; stockers and feeders, \$2 to \$4.15; canners, \$1.50 to \$2.40; bulls, \$1.75 to \$4; calves, \$3 to \$6.25. Hogs—Mixed and butchers', \$4.75 to \$5; good to choice, heavy, \$4.95 to \$5.05; rough, heavy, \$4.70 to \$4.95; light, \$4.50 to \$4.85. Sheep—Good to choice wethers, \$4.25 to \$4.50; fair to choice mixed, \$3 to \$4; native lambs, \$4.50 to \$6.15.

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