

and that all grain which is really wanted should command a fair price."

Country dealers and storekeepers are complaining very bitterly of the lack of the usual volume of farmers' purchases occasioned by the refusal of agriculturists to accept current prices for their produce. The following letter taken from a leading commercial paper is very much to the point in question.

This letter is from a dealer in Peterboro' County:

"There is one thing which is a great drawback to the storekeeper in these parts, and that is our farmers holding on to their cattle and produce when they are offered the market price—saying that they must have bigger prices, and all this time telling the storekeeper it is impossible to pay 'until they sell something,' when in fact they are not trying to sell.

"Yet if the storekeeper buys anything from the farmer the latter must have their pay at once. We storekeepers have to sell our goods at the market price, no matter if it is high or low, and I cannot see why the farmer should not have to do the same."

The country dealer of these modern days should no longer be expected, as was the case in the olden times before railways, to advance goods to farmers and wait a twelvemonth for his pay. Markets for all kinds of produce are now too near every farmer's door to leave him any excuse for delay in marketing his produce; besides, the country roads are nearly, if not quite, as passable in the fall as the winter months. Further, the profits of the storekeeper in these days is not such as to allow of these long credits. The farmer who holds his produce for a higher price when he should have it sold and pay his debts is just as much a speculator as the man who buys wheat in Chicago with the idea that the price will advance. They are both in the same boat, only there is probably this difference, that he who buys in Chicago is speculating with his own money, while the farmer who holds his produce for higher prices and does not pay his bills is speculating with other people's money.

#### LIVE STOCK.

A change for the better has come over the British live stock trade, and our special cables to-day indicate an improved trade and a more healthy state of affairs, which has been brought about by diminished supplies from all quarters, which has enabled the markets to absorb much of the former excess and created a more active demand, so that the probabilities now point to better markets for the last shipments than seemed possible a week ago. There has been an improved demand all round at higher prices. Receipts of cattle from Canada and the United States have fallen off, in fact have been light, while the receipts from elsewhere have also materially decreased. Offerings, therefore, have been smaller and trade much better. At Liverpool to-day there was a steady demand at an advance of half a cent per pound, and a better clearance was effected than for a long time. The market closed steady at the advance. Prime Canadian steers were at 10½c, fair to choice grades at 10c, poor to medium at 9c, and inferior and bul's at 6½c to 6c. The sheep also was stronger owing to light supplies. At Liverpool to-day there were small offerings and a fair demand, values showing an advance of one cent compared with two weeks ago. Best sheep were at 13c, secondary qualities at 11c to 12c, merinoes at 10½c to 11½c, and inferior and rams at 8c to 9½c.

#### DRESSED HOGS.

The market for dressed hogs is steady and the demand fair; London prices are \$5 to \$5.50, Montreal \$5.75 to \$6.10.

#### CLOVER SEED.

The market for clover seeds can scarcely be said to have opened as yet. While there has been a few parcels offering, buyers are not anxious for business, from the fact that all the English and continental reports are very low and depressing. So much depends upon the crop both in this country and the States, that it is simply impossible to form an opinion. If prices should rule low, as everything indicates at present, the home demand will be much heavier than if prices rule high. Last year there was no export enquiry whatever for red clover, but on the contrary there was some 40,000 bags imported into the United States from Europe. The crop of seed in the States is estimated to be an average one.

#### CHEESE.

The market for cheese may now be said to be over for this year, and we think that dairymen have every reason to feel satisfied. The trade has been a healthy one, with a steady upward tendency from the time of opening till the close. It is true the dry weather has shortened the make very much in some sections, yet this can be very largely met by good management and forethought on the part of the dairyman sowing and feeding corn or some other green feed during dry weather; and it pays, too, no matter what the croakers may say.

#### BUTTER.

The Montreal market is quoted as follows:—Mail advices, dated November 20, report Cork butter 1s @ 2s dearest; firsts 107s, seconds 94s, thirds 87s, and fourths 76s. Superfine mild-cured firkins, however, were 1s lower at 114s. The London market on same date was reported better, with finest Danish at 137s and little sound American offering. Bristol advices of November 19 quote finest creamery 112s @ 117s, August do. 105 @ 110s, and Ontario dairy 75 @ 85s. In this market to-day there was nothing of interest, transactions being limited to the local trade. Some medium Townships sold at 16c.

Creamery, fancy	0	@25
" choice	0	@24
" good	22	@21
Townships, selected	00	@21
" finest	19	@19
Brockville, finest	18	@19
Western, finest	15	@13
" fair to good	12	@14
Low grades	10	@11

#### PRICES AT FARMERS' WAGONS.

Toronto, Dec. 1, 1886.

Wheat, fall, per bushel	\$0 74	0 75
Wheat, spring, do.	0 74	0 76
Wheat, goose, do.	0 68	0 69
Wheat, red winter, per bushel	0 74	0 76
Barley, do.	0 45	0 58
Oats, do.	0 33	0 34
Peas, do.	0 52	0 63
Dressed hogs, per 100 lbs.	5 25	5 75
Chickens, per pair	0 35	0 45
Butter, pound rolls	0 20	0 23
Tallow, (rendered)	4 4	
Eggs, fresh, per dozen	0 19	20
Potatoes, per bag	1 80	0 00
Apples, per barrel	1 25	2 50
Onions, per bag	1 75	0 00
Carrots, do.	0 40	0 50
Turnips, yellow	0 30	0 40
Turnips, white	0 30	0 40
Cauliflowers	0 50	0 75
Cabbage	0 30	0 40
Beets, per bag	0 20	0 80
Radish	0 20	0 00
Tomatoes	0 70	0 75
Hay, per ton	9 00	15 00
Straw	8 00	13 00

#### Hides and Skins.

HIDES—Green abundant and 25c. lower for No. 1 and No. 2 inspected. Cured also are easier; cars have sold at 9½c, with none offered for same figure at the close.

SHEEPSKINS—Prices of the best green advanced 10c. or to 90c. to \$1; country lots offered freely, and usually ranging from 75c. to 90c., unless very dry.

Following are quotations:—Hides, No. 1 inspected steers \$9; No. 1 inspected cows, \$8 25; No. 2 inspected, \$7 25; No. 3 inspected, \$5; calfskins, green, 11c. to 13c.; calfskins, cured, 13c. to 14c.; calfskins, dry, 11c. to 13c.; sheepskins, green, 65c. to \$1; wool, super., 23c; extra super., 25c.; wool pickings, 9c. to 10c.; tallow, rough, 2c.; rendered, 4½c. to 4½c.

#### NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

##### ADVERTISING RATES.

The regular rate for ordinary advertisements is 25c. per line, nonpareil, or \$3 per inch. No advertisement inserted for less than \$1. Special contracts for definite time and space made on application. Advertisements unaccompanied by specific instructions inserted until ordered out, and charged at regular rates.

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#### SHORTHORN BREEDERS' MEETING.

A MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE CITY HALL, GUELPH, ON

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, '86

at 8 o'clock p.m., to discuss the action of the Dominion Shorthorn Herd Book Association in excluding a large number of pure-bred Shorthorns from registration, and to consider what action should be taken under the circumstances.

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—OF—

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—ON—

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(Same day as the Woodstock Fat Stock Show.)

Sale to take place at 1.30 p.m., on the Market Square, in the Town of Woodstock.

About 20 head of Durham Cows, Heifers, Bulls and Bull Calves, all registered in the Dominion Herd Book. Terms, 12 months' credit on approved notes. For catalogues and further particulars address

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#### DAIRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN ONTARIO.

THE ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE ABOVE association will be held in the TOWN OF INGERSOLL, on the

12th, 13th & 14th days January next

Dairymen, and all interested in dairy products, are urgently invited to attend. Arrangements are being made for a reduction of railway fare; parties on starting will pay full fare to the place of meeting, and obtain a certificate from the secretary entitling them to a reduction on return. By order, Secretary's office, C. E. CHADWICK, Ingersoll, Dec. 1, '86. 252-a Secretary.

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