

MARKETS.—Since the arrival of the news by the *Niagara*, and still later by the *Hibernia*, prices have risen rapidly. Wheat has sold for 5s. 10d. per bushel in this market. It has been brought forward pretty freely, considering that the farmers have been engaged in seeding. Montreal prices have advanced to 6s. 1d. for wheat, best quality. Flour, 29s. See table. We would say to all and sundry, *you can't be wrong in selling for a good price*

FOREIGN NEWS.—We shall hereafter take but little note of mere political news and occurrences not interesting to farmers as such.—We would state, however, for the satisfaction of those who may not see other papers, that the last arrivals from Europe inform us of the complete prostration of the rebellion party in Ireland. Nearly all their leaders, including Smith O'Brien, have been arrested, and some of them put upon their trial. As there has been no serious fighting, and the leaders were not taken in arms, it is not probable that the Government will hang them. For the present, therefore, Ireland is quiet. But a more fearful calamity, if possible, than civil war, daily threatens them, viz. **FAMINE.** The potato-crop, it seems, will be a total failure. We give below a few statements in regard to this painful subject:—

RAPID PROGRESS OF THE POTATO DISEASE.—Returns from potato growers in various parts of England are printed in the *Gardeners' Gazette* of Saturday, which report the rapid progress of the potato disease during the past week. In some places, fields which appear in luxuriance and health one day are found suffering under the mysterious scourge. Correspondents in Hampshire, Sussex, Surrey, Kent, Herts, Beds, Berks, Gloucestershire, Cambridgeshire, Herefordshire, Notts, Lancashire, Durham, and Yorkshire, describe the presence of the disease in a manner that shows its spread is rapid and destructive. The accounts from Devonshire and Cornwall are perhaps the worst; and the climate of those counties being so much like that of Ireland, furnish the worst augury. Accounts, however, from Ireland, place the rumour of the disastrous malady past speculation.

From Bandon we learn that the grounds of Lord Carbery and others have been attacked; the haulm sent us presented the true character of the disease. "For three nights a dark and heavy fog rested on the ground until about eight, a m.; on the third day it cleared up, when the disease appeared in an incipient state, but spread rapidly." About Bantry, or rather on the road to Castletown Berehaven, scarcely a field could be found (July 13) without signs of disease, and some gardens were completely blasted, "the stalks withered, and the potatoes, where formed, gone. At the same time the stench was so great as to be quite oppressive." The disease is reported to the same extent in the Kenmare Union. "You can scarcely breathe in the neighbourhood of these tainted fields." It is also reported, that fields near Glengariff, which on the 13th seemed free from disease, presented on the 16th (only three days later) "most alarming appearances." In Kilcatherine the crop is declared to be gone. In other places, previously reported safe, we find that alarming appearances are now beginning to manifest themselves. In fact, whole fields in the south have been suddenly attacked. "On the morning of the 13th," writes a correspondent at Kenmare, "to the astonishment of every one, the potato fields that had on the preceding evening presented an appearance that was calculated to gladden the heart of the most indifferent, appeared blasted, withered, blackened, and, as it were sprinkled with vitriol, and the whole country, has in consequence been thrown into dismay and confusion."

Accounts from the north of Ireland are more favourable. Our correspondent had seen no trace of the disease in a journey from Dublin to Belfast. Fortunately, other crops are universally reported to promise abundance. From Wales the reports concur in stating, that the disease has made, during the last few days, very rapid strides. The stems emit a strong odour; the tubers, however, with few exceptions, still remain sound.—*Nonconformist.*

We regret to learn that the disease is reported to prevail extensively in many parts of this Continent.

THE CROPS IN GREAT BRITAIN.—The information we have received leads us to believe that there will be an average crop of grain; but the potatoes are failing extensively. With regard to Ireland, a correspondent of the *Nonconformist* says: "Far more than disaffection, the position of the harvest is calculated to inspire painful apprehensions for the state of things in this country during the ensuing year. A failure, for the fourth time, in the potato crop, and a period of incessant rain, which has almost destroyed the wheat, present to the country the prospect of another famine, with greatly diminished means to meet it. The accounts with reference to the potato vary widely, according as they relate to the extent of the disease over the country, or in the portions where it has appeared, the amount of injury done to the tuber, and further, as they assume the probability of its progressing. From the mass of conflicting state-

ments, it is difficult to arrive at any probable estimate; but the loss sustained, up to the present time, in yield and waste, would seem to be about one-fifth of the entire crop. This is in a great measure compensated by the vast quantity sown, and the diminished demand consequent upon the destruction of the cottier system of tenancy. As the entire hope of the country was staked this year upon the crop, nothing can be imagined more awful than the state of the population in the event of the failure becoming general—broken, hopeless, prostrate, and destitute of all chance as of all expectation of relief."

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE PROVINCIAL SHOW.

The following are the rules which are to be observed by those who intend to compete at the Provincial Exhibition:—

1st. The payment of 5s. constitutes a person a Member of the *Provincial Agricultural Association* for one year, and *Two Pounds Ten Shillings for Life.*

2nd. No one but a Member will be allowed to compete for Prizes. 3rd. All Stock and Articles intended for Exhibition, must be entered in the Secretary's Books, at Cobourg, on or before 10 o'clock, on Tuesday Evening the 3rd October. If by letter, post paid, the person entering must remit 5s. for Membership, and 7½d for each article above four.

4th. Members exhibiting more than four articles for competition, to pay 7½d extra on each.

5th. Suitable Badges will be furnished Members, which admit them free of expense, to every department of the Exhibition during the week.

6th. Tickets for admission to those who are not Members, 7½d each time of admission. Carriages, including Driver, 2s 6d.; passengers to pay 7½d each.

7th. Every article exhibited for competition must be the growth, produce, or manufacture of Canada, except Agricultural Live Stock for breeding, which must be owned in the Province.

8th. A Ploughing Match will take place in the neighbourhood of Cobourg, on Friday, to commence at 9 o'clock in the morning, precisely.

9th. Discretionary Premiums will be awarded for such articles as may be considered worthy by the Judges, and the Executive Committee will determine the amount of premium.

10th. The Secretary of each District or County Society, is requested to furnish the names of three persons competent to act as Judges.

11th. On the evening of Thursday the 5th, a Dinner will be provided for the Members of the Association and the friends of Agriculture generally.

12th. The Public will not be admitted on the first and second days, on which days only the Officers of the Society, Competitors and Judges, will attend; but on *Thursday morning* the public will be admitted.

13th. No articles or Stock exhibited, will be allowed to be removed from the grounds till the awards are made, under the penalty of loss of the Premiums.

14th. Arrangements have been made with the Proprietors of Steamers that Passengers going to and returning from the Exhibition, together with Articles and Stock, will be conveyed at half price, as formerly.

15th. Arrangements have been made with the Hotel-Keepers of Cobourg to entertain at their usual charges.

16th. All communications upon the subject of the Provincial Exhibition, are to be directed to H. Jones Rutan, Esquire, Cobourg, C. W., Secretary to the Executive Committee of the Agricultural Association.

ADAM FERGUSSON, *President.*

Cobourg, August, 1846.

HOME MARKETS.

The following table gives the *highest* average prices at each of the three places:—

	Toronto Sept. 14.	Hamilton Sept. 14.	Montreal Sept. 12.
Flour, per barrel	£1 5 0	£1 2 6	£1 9 0
Wheat, per bushel ...	0 5 6	0 5 1	0 6 1
Barley, per 48 lbs. ...	0 2 7	0 2 6	0 4 6
Rye, per 56 lbs.	0 3 0	0 3 0	0 3 9
Oats, per 34 lbs.	0 1 6	0 1 3	0 1 8
Peas, per 60 lbs.	0 2 9	0 2 0	0 2 9
Oatmeal, per barrel ...	1 2 6	0 13 9	1 10 0
Potatoes, per bushel...	0 2 4	0 3 0	0 2 6
Hay, per ton	2 10 0	2 5 0	2 10 0
Beef, per 100 lbs.....	1 2 6	0 17 6	1 5 0
Pork, per 100 lbs.....	1 0 0	0 17 6	1 10 0
Lard, per lb.....	0 0 4	0 0 5	0 0 7
Butter (fresh) per lb..	0 0 7	0 0 8	0 1 0