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FARMERS' ADVOCATE OFFICE, } London, Aug. 1, 1878. }

The almost, if not quite, tropical heat that the country has lately experienced has had the effect of hastening forward the growing crops to maturity too soon. Dairy products have also suffered, and much of both cheese and butter is more or less out of condition.

WHEAT.—The strain upon farmers in taking care of this portion of their harvest has been great. What with excessive heat, heavy straw and badly lodged, the operation on heavy clay land has been a tedious one. From what we can learn we do not think that the sample has been seriously affected by the heat, although some portions of late field are somewhat shrunken. Yet had the weather continued cool for a week or ten days longer the berry would have been much larger. From the information at our command, and this is borne out by others, we are of the opinion that there is at least one-third more acreage of fall and spring wheat to harvest over last year. Some calculators set the increase down at 144,000 acres in Ontario. This calculation is founded on the estimate that the decrease in the acreage of barley being made up in winter and spring wheat. But in our opinion this is not enough. The yield per acre will be quite equal if not better than last year.

The United States set their increase in acreage at 2,500,000 acres of winter wheat and 2,000,000 acres of spring. This, with an abundant yield, will give us an enormous quantity of wheat for export, which must find its way to the seaboard, and thence to the various European markets. What prices we are likely to realize is hard to foresee. However, one thing is certain that with an average European harvest we must see low prices, and may expect to see current rates considerably reduced before there is much movement in the new crop. Business in this article is at a standstill, and we do not look for much till farmers are well through with their harvest.

BUTTER.—About all we can report is nothing doing and stocks accumulating. We fear the heat has put a good deal of that now held throughout the country out of condition.

CHEESE.—Keeps steady and quiet although not much doing the past two weeks. The heated term has had a serious effect on some factories, in fact it will be hard to find a really fine article in the first half of July. We presume that two-thirds of the cheese-makers in the country never experienced such weather, yet whoever was in the business in 1868 will have distinct recollections of a similar July.

The copious rains which we have had the past few days will very materially help the growing crops, especially corn and roots. Even the oat crop was suffering for want of rain, and would have been almost worthless in some sections.

MONTEAL MARKETS.

Montreal, Aug. 1, 1878.

Flour—Receipts, 2,900 barrels; sales reported, 3,000 barrels; market quiet and business limited to present wants. The quotations are—Superior, \$5.10 to \$5.55; extra, \$4.95 to \$5.00; fancy, \$4.85 to \$4.90; spring extras, \$4.85 to \$5.05; superfine, \$4.60 to \$4.70; strong bakers, \$5 to \$5.25; Ontario bags, \$2.25 to \$2.30; city bags, \$2.45 to \$2.45.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

Wheat, 96c; corn, 38c. Receipts—flour, 7,350 bbls; wheat, 73,000 bush.; corn, 375,000 bush.; oats, 62,000 bush.; rye, 2,000 bush.; barley, 39,000 bush.

TORONTO MARKETS

Toronto, Aug. 1, 1878.

Barley, 65c to 75c; Spring Wheat, 95c to \$1.00; Red Winter, 95c to 97c; Treadwell, 95c to 98c; Deihl, 97 to \$1.00; Oats, 31c to 33c; Peas, 62c to 68c; Wool, 24c to 25c; Flour, \$4.40 to \$4.65; Butter, 10c to 15c.

LONDON MARKET.

London, Aug. 1, 1878.

Deihl wheat per 100 lbs., \$1.62; treadwell, \$1.07; red, \$1.60 spring, \$1.00 to \$1.50; spring generally, \$1.40; barley, 90 to \$1.00; peas, 85c to 95c; corn, 85c to 95c; beef per qr., 85.00 to \$7.00; lamb per lb., 8c to 12c; mutton, 6c to 7c; dressed hogs, \$4.00 to \$5.00 per 100 lbs.; live weight, \$3.50 to \$4; roll butter, 18c to 20c; tub do., 10c to 11c; eggs, fresh, 14c to 15c; packed, 10c; potatoes, 75c to \$1; turnips, 25c; carrots, 25c to 30c; lard per lb., 10c; wool 25c to 26c; cheese 11c to 12c; hay, new, per ton, \$8.00 to \$10.00; straw, per load, \$2 to \$4.50; cordwood, \$3.50 to \$4.00; flour, \$2.50 to \$3.25; cornmeal, \$3.00; fresh oatmeal, \$3.00; oats, 9c to 95c.

Oleomargarine Butter.

When several years ago Paraff created an excitement here on the oleomargarine butter question, and the subject of the patents of various parties was under discussion we made a very thorough investigation of the entire matter and predicted exactly what had since come to pass, that this new product would, in spite of the opposition of the dairy interest, gain a position among food products and that dairymen must expect to meet it. The difficulty at first, and one that we combated from the start, was that the manufacturers of it, insisted on selling it simply as butter without reference to the mode of manufacture. We insisted then as we have all along that it should be marketed on its merits. It is true that at first, under the imperfect methods of the early manufacturers in this country, it did not compare favorably with the dairy product, but the article produced now, under the Moge-Mouriez patents ranks above three-fourths of all the dairy butter brought to this market and but little under the finer grades of choice butter, and the manufacturers of it should have no hesitation, if indeed they do, in offering it on the market for what it is. It is useless for dairymen to fight this product except in one way, and that by making a better article at a low price. The process of manufacturing it is as little objectionable as those by which dozens of other food products are made. Indeed, we have visited several of the manufactories and invariably found them scrupulously neat and clean, and to reach the result attained such cleanliness is absolutely necessary. We do not pretend to say that objectionable material might not be tried to be used, but the product be certain to show it. If pure oleo-margarine oil is only used, with fresh milk, in clean vessels and with proper salt, in proper proportions and according to directions, the result must be an unobjectionable product so far as the quality of the materials is concerned. We have no interest, either remotely or contingently in this product, but we are confident that it will maintain a position in the market which will always have a wide influence on the price of the regular dairy product, and it cannot be thrown out of it by any appeals to science or prejudice. The only thing that we insist on about is that it shall be properly made and then sold for what it is.—The Grocer.

NEW FLOUR.—Messrs. Plewes & Peer, millers of London, Ont, shipped a carload of new flour from this city, July 21. The grain was grown on the farm of Mr. Lewis, Westminster. Who can beat this?

We have often urged the importance of establishing creameries in the different localities where there are large grazing districts. The Teeswater establishment now affords a good illustration of the advantage of these concerns. No less than twenty-two cents has been refused in this hot weather for the butter it now has on hand. Last year the Company realized 25 cents for their product. Now, it is difficult to obtain more than half this sum for country store packed, simply for the reason that it is badly mixed, and often badly cared for afterward.

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The Grangers.

A GRAND PICNIC TO BE HELD ON SEPT. 11th.

At a very large meeting of Grangers, held at the Dominion Hotel, Hamilton, it was determined to hold the annual picnic at Oaklands, on the 11th of September. Grand excursions of the brethren will take place from Niagara, Brantford and from the eastern townships. By direct invitation Mr. Leopold Bauer, of Oaklands, was present at the meeting and direct and conclusive arrangements were made. This picnic promises to be the largest ever held in Canada, and the grangers all over the country look forward eagerly to the event.

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