

Boston Markets.

Boston, April 27th.

Corn 59c to 36 oats 46 to 52c; wheat \$1.10 to \$1.20; rye \$1.20 to \$1.25; barley \$1 to \$1.15; shorts per ton \$17 to \$18; fine feed \$18.50; middlings \$20 to \$21; hay per ton \$20 to \$24; straw, 100 lbs. \$1 to \$1.75; apples per bbl. \$2.25 to \$2.75; butter creameries 28c to 30. V. & N. Y. 22c to 25c, common 12c to 17c; beans per bush. \$2.20 to \$2.75; cheese 6c to 15c; potatoes per bush. 70c to 90c.

New York Markets.

Flour common per bbl. \$4.40 to x x \$8, rye flour \$5.50 to \$5.60; wheat \$1.22 to \$1.25; barley dull and nominal; malt unchanged; corn 60c to 61c; oats 45c to 51c; hogs steady. New Yorks 12c to 28c; potatoes dull and weak, peerless \$2.12 to 2.37, rose \$2.25 to \$2.50; butter dull, weak, state 12c to 27c cheese unchanged and quiet; lard firm \$11.62 1/2.

Chicago Market.

Wheat active and higher, \$1.01 1/2; corn 42c for cash; oats 36c; pork \$17.45 to \$17.50; lard \$11.30; hogs, light grades \$5.90 to \$6.15, mixed packers \$5.75 to \$6.45; cattle, moderate common to fair shipping \$4.75 to \$5.15, exports \$5.75 to \$6.10, corn fed Texans \$4.40 to \$4.80, butchers cattle \$2.50 to \$4.45.

Montreal Cattle Market.

Montreal, April 25.

Owing to a continued liberal supply of cattle and a limited demand, prices were easier, ranging from 31-2c per lb to 41-2 for good to choice butchers cattle live weight. There was some demand for shipping cattle, a purchaser buying 100 head at 4 1/2 to 5 1/2c. Calves were scarce and in good demand the sale being reported of 11 good ones at \$4.75 each; Sheep at \$8 to \$12 each, some large ones selling at the latter figure. Small and inferior sheep were sold at \$2.50 to \$3 each. Hogs were dear, sales occurring at \$7.50 per 100 lbs.

Stock Notes.

The Guelph Fat Stock Show, which was held on the 6th of April, was a decided success. The Directors have decided to hold a Christmas Fat Stock Show in December next.

Mr. Hugh Love, of Seaforth, Ont., recently sold to T. Robson, of London, Ont., an entire colt, two years old, for \$1,000. The dam of this colt is Mr. Love's imported Clydesdale mare "Bonnie Gean," and his sire is imported "Sterlingshire Champion," which was recently sold for \$2,500.

It is reported that the farmers of Prestom, Manitoba, are building large stock-yards to enable them to keep all the cattle of the neighborhood in a drove during the summer, under the care of a mounted herdsman. Cows giving milk will be taken home from the yard in the evening by their owners, and returned in the morning, where they will join the outgoing drove.

Few men have ever exercised so much influence upon the horses of a large country as Mr. Dunham, of Ills., U. S. Within the last few years he has brought over more than 1,500 Percheron mares and sires, which are in use in the U. S. and Canada. We all know the influence pure-bred animals exercise over the common stock of the country. How great a change must such a large number work!

The Osborne Self-Binder.

We are pleased to call the attention of our readers to the advertisement of Messrs. A. Harris, Son & Co., of Brantford, which appears in another part of this issue of the ADVOCATE. We had the pleasure of visiting the factory in Brantford quite recently, and found it a scene of busy activity. About 150 men were employed and all hands were working full time. The machines made by this enterprising firm are known all over the Dominion, and must be favorites among Canadian farmers, or so large a factory could not be kept so steadily employed in building them. "The New Brantford Mower" and "The New Brantford Reaper" are a pair of new machines recently brought out by the firm to meet the demands of those farmers who desire light weight, combined with efficiency and strength. They are true Canadian machines, are patented both in Canada and the United States, and their popularity is shown from the fact that one of the largest manufactures in the State of New York has already purchased from Messrs. A. Harris, Son & Co. a set of patterns and the right to manufacture in the United States. The patentees claim special practical features in these machines, which must prove of great advantage in the hay and harvest fields. "The Osborne Self-

Binder," built by this firm, is one of the most wonderful among labor-saving machines. The prejudice against harvesters of this class has long been overcome, and now the Messrs. Harris' informs us that the only trouble is to fill the orders, which are poured in upon them from British Columbia, Manitoba and Ontario. "The Osborne" is the only self-binder in the market that can either cord or wire for binding in the same machine, and thus makes farmers independent in the matter of binding material.

Horse rakes are of two kinds, some good and some bad. We have heard of horse rakes being sold to farmers which looked all very well in every respect, but as soon as put to work have been left in the fence corner to rot, the teeth having been of poor material. Mr. J. O. Wisner & Son, of Brantford, Ont., are careful manufacturers, and are so particular that they put every tooth under a severe test before putting it into a rake; thus a person can safely depend on doing the work with his rake.

Farmers having papers or valuables that may be mislaid, stolen or burned, in their possession, would find a fire and burglar-proof safe a good investment. We have had three safes, but by far the best is one made by Goldie & McCulloch, of Galt, Ont. We think it quite equal to any safe of its size made in the States, and far superior to some we have seen made by others in Canada. If you want either a large or a small one, send to them for their circulars.

Mr. McCrae, of Guelph Ont., writes us that he intends going to England this spring, where he will select a few Galloways to replenish his herd. He reports his sales good for the last five months, having in that time sold 20 head.

The Board of Agriculture and Arts held a meeting in Toronto on the 27th of April. Mr. Jno. Wade, of Port Hope, was elected as the new secretary. Mr. Klotz, of Berlin, has discovered some gross misconduct on the part of Mr. Graham, the treasurer, which, if thoroughly investigated, may perhaps cause that official to disgorge a greater or less sum to the funds of the Association. The farmers require more light, truth and justice.

There are now many members on the Board who desire these ends. Every honorable member should aid to the full disclosure of every improper act; when this is done, and the Board reduced to working power, much good may be done by it. As the agricultural department of this paper is now struck, we must defer further comment until the next issue. Two prizes are to be offered for the best essays on Forestry:—1st prize \$30, 2nd prize \$20. The treatises to include a description of the best methods of preserving our present forests, and a list of varieties of trees best suited for forest planting. Similar prizes are to be offered for essays on the best methods of restoring fertility to partially worn out soil; these essays not to exceed twenty pages each of foolscap; to be sent to the Secretary not later than August 15th. A special committee shall be appointed to judge the same and award the prizes. On a motion from Prof. Croft it was decided that the prizes on the restoration of the soil be confined to essays from practical farmers. Perhaps some of our subscribers may try for them.

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