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Editorial.

The new crop is on the market, the first bale being sold early in the month.

Cotton. What movement there is at present, however, is strictly confined to hand-to-mouth buying; as it will be some weeks yet before the main body of the crop will be so advanced as to preclude damage. In the north east part of the cotton belt the crop is only one week late, instead of three, as was some time ago anticipated. Conditions in general are considered very favorable, and a large crop is looked for. Middling cotton is now 7½¢. In 1896, at this time, it was 7¼¢, in 1895 and 1894, 7¼¢.

Wool Exports.

Canadian wool growers have received good prices for this season's clip, and have had it taken off their hands with much more than the usual expedition. During one week last month nearly one million pounds were exported from Toronto, and two Hamilton firms exported half a million pounds in almost as short a time. Account must also be taken of the numerous shipments made from local points, which would not pass through Toronto or Hamilton, though bought by dealers there.

N W T. Wools.

The new clip is now on the market in the North West, as the shearing has been finished some little time on most ranches. The prospects of the sheep rancher are decidedly looking up, as the yield of lambs is quite beyond the average, and the clip is reported extra good. A well known Ontario manufacturer who recently returned from a tour of the Territories, says the crossing of Montana ewes with Shropshire and other choice breeds has produced a quality of wool superior to much now put on the market in Ontario, and he looks forward to the wools from that region taking a commanding position in the trade at an early date. The bulk of the season's clip has already been shipped to the United States. One Winnipeg dealer has 100,000 lbs. of wool stored at Pembina, just across the boundary, waiting for the duty to be imposed.

London Wool Sales.

The fourth series of the colonial wool sales opened July 6th with a large attendance of buyers. Competition was keen. Greasy merinos suitable for America sold at 5 per cent. higher than closing of last series, while other descriptions of merinos ruled unchanged. A fair collection of Cape of Good Hope and Natal wool was bought by Germany, and the home trade without alteration in price. Cross-breds were in keen demand at unchanged rates. The support given the market by American buying has been a feature of the present sales which was not altogether expected, as it was thought that holders on their side had on hand all they cared to carry. The American demand for the better grades has been well maintained throughout in spite of this. New Zealand wools have been largely in demand.

U. S. Wool Schedule.

The tariff bill as it passed the Senate contains several features which differentiate from the House bill. The most important is that washed fleeces of the second class are dutiable at double the unwashed duty. Although the rates on unwashed fleeces of the first and second classes