

Weather and Crop Items.

Our Hay correspondent, "L.," writes us at date of June 7, 1864, as follows:—

"When I wrote to you last, the 10th of May, the prospects of the farmers in this locality were gloomy indeed, but a few days brought a change. The weather dried up after the 18th, and we have had fine growing weather since. Most of us had to sow when the ground was too wet, it has now got very hard, and a genial rain would be very welcome. I had occasion to travel through a portion of this township, on the last day of May, and found a good many farmers still sowing grain. The braid of spring crops looks very well where not sown too early. From all accounts, a larger quantity than usual of barley has been sown. The fall wheat is rallying fast, and bids fair to be an average crop after all. I saw some fields of it, the other day, in the shot blade. Upon the whole, the prospect brightens, and it is pleasant to see the farmer smile again, and hear his hearty salutation of—" Good day, sir! fine growing weather!"

Our correspondent adds:—

P. S. "June 9th. I open this letter before the mail leaves, to inform you, that we have had a heavy frost this morning. Our early potatoes, and garden vegetables, that were up, are badly punished, and I am afraid that it will have hurt the fall wheat, wherever it is well forward."

"C. G." writes from Manvers, June 6, 1864: "There has been a great breadth of fall and spring wheat sown in this township. A great deal of the fall wheat has been killed, but the spring crops of all sorts, so far, look first rate."

The *Sarnia Canadian* says: "The spring crops in this locality are beginning to show a healthy appearance. Spring Wheat, Peas and Oats look well for the time they have been in the ground, and farmers are expecting a good crop of grass. The fall wheat is admitted to be a failure. Much of it has been ploughed up, and what remains is not very promising in appearance. There is a prospect for a good crop of fruit. We are glad to see that many of our farmers in the country are giving more attention to this branch of industry than formerly. We had the pleasure of a flying visit through the north part of Plympton, last week, and of noticing the signs of industry and prosperity. Sheep were being sheared, and the crop of wool was fully equal to the expectations of the owners. The spring work was nearly completed. Much attention has been given to orchards and fruit gardens, and the result is very satisfactory in present appearances. Captain Hyde, Messrs. Rawlings, Haggarty, Symington, and others can look with pleasure on the result of their efforts in the horticultural department. We hope many of their neighbours will visit some of these orchards and gardens when the fruit ripens, and be induced to follow their example."

The *Waterloo Chronicle* says:— The weather for the last few weeks has been very dry and for the most part singularly cold. On Monday night a heavy frost committed great ravages in the gardens, proving especially destructive to beans, cucumbers, melons and corn. Grape vines were also very severely dealt with. The crops for the most part do not present a very flattering prospect, and if the present dry and cold weather be much prolonged the yield will prove very much below an average. The Fall Wheat fields look very spotted, though a fine field may be met with now and then. In a trip of upwards of thirty miles through Waterloo and Wentworth counties, we have, however, found the good fields the exception instead of the rule. A gentleman who travelled through Toronto Township informs us that in that section wheat will prove a complete failure. People are however apt to take gloomy views, especially in hard times, so that the result may prove more favourable than the anticipations that are now entertained would promise."

JUNE MONTHLY CATTLE FAIR AT GUELPH.—At the monthly Cattle Fair to-day there was a good attendance of buyers. The number of cattle on the grounds was not so large as at previous fairs, and good cattle were in demand. A few of the cattle offered were good ones, but the larger portion were mitch cows and second-class cattle. Prices were a shade below those of the last fair, and may be quoted at from \$3 25 to \$4 per cwt., live weight.—*Guelph Advertiser*, June 1st.

Farmer's Song.

[For the Canada Farmer.]

In a pure healthy spot with a farm of his own,  
Secluded from tumult and strife;  
The farmer more blest than a king on his throne,  
Enjoys all the comforts of life.  
  
When the sweet smiling Spring sheds its perfumes around,  
And music is poured from each tree,  
With his well-guided plough he furrows his ground,  
And feels independent and free.  
  
When Summer to fruit the sweet blossoms transforms,  
And his harvest-fields wave in the breeze,  
His heart with glad hope and expectancy warms,  
And rests in contentment and ease.  
  
When bountiful Autumn her treasures bestows,  
And his crops are all gathered and stored,  
His soul to the Giver with gratitude glows,  
And plenty presides at his board.  
  
When Winter howls dimly over the earth,  
And want tells its tale at his door,  
Serenely he sits by his bright, blazing hearth,  
And dispenses relief to the poor.  
  
Then let idle ambition her baubles pursue,  
True wisdom looks down with disdain;  
The home of the farmer has charms ever new,  
There health, peace and competence reign.

A. T.

Markets.

Toronto Markets.

"CANADA FARMER" Office, June 13, 1864.

Flour dull and lower. Superfine, nominal at \$3 50 to \$3 75 per barrel. Extra \$4 40 to \$4 60. Fancy, none in market, Superior \$4 75 to \$5 10; Bag Flour \$4 00 per 200 lbs.  
Fall Wheat, weaker, 80c to 85c for common to extra per bushel.  
Spring Wheat 75c to 78c per bushel.  
Barley nominal at 50c per bushel.  
Oats in good supply at 35c to 38c per bushel, for common to good, 40c to 41c for good to extra, occasionally a load brings 42c to 49c.  
Peas 45c to 50c per bushel for common to good; 52c to 65c for good to extra.  
Hay \$3 00 to \$11 00 per ton. Straw \$5 to \$7 per ton.  
Hides (green) at 5c per lb., tanned, 5c to 6 1/2c per lb.  
Calf-skins at 8c to 10c per lb. Sheep-skins at \$1 90 to \$2, the latter for extra. Wool, 44c to 45c per lb.  
Coal \$1 25 to \$9 per ton. Wood \$4 25 to \$4 60 per cord.  
Provisions—Hams 10c to 11 1/2c per lb. wholesale. Fitch Bacon 7 1/2c to 9c per lb. wholesale, 8 1/2c to 10c retail. Cheese, wholesale 11c to 11 1/2c per lb., retail 14c per lb.  
Beef—Inferior \$5 to \$5 50 per cwt.; extra, \$6 to \$6 50 per cwt. wholesale; 7c to 9c per lb. for ordinary; 10c to 12 1/2c for superior, retail.  
Calves scarce at \$4 50 to \$6, upwards.  
Sheep, clipped, \$3 to \$4 50. Lambs \$2 to \$3 00 each.  
Butter—Fresh, wholesale, at 15c to 16c per lb., retail 18c to 20c per lb. Tub butter, dairy packed, 18c to 15c according to quality, wholesale, retail, 15c to 17c.  
Eggs—10c per dozen, wholesale, retail 10c to 12c per doz.  
Salt—\$1 25 to \$1 50 per barrel. Water Lime—\$1 60 per barrel.  
Potatoes—25c to 40c per bushel, wholesale, 45c to 55c per bushel, retail.  
Apples—Common to good, \$1 50 to \$2 25 per barrel, extra \$3 per barrel.  
Coal Oil—30c to 37c for Canada; 40c to 58c for Pennsylvania.

London Markets.—June 11th.—Fall Wheat at 80c to 87 1/2c for extra. Spring Wheat at 70c to 74c. Oats at 38c to 40c. Peas at 48c to 50c. Hay at \$7 to \$9 per ton. Wool at 46c to 47 1/2c per lb. Butter at 10c to 11c per lb. by the basket.—*Free Press*.

Montreal Wholesale Cattle Market.—Beef—Market brisk, extra \$7 to \$7 50, 1st quality, \$6 75 to \$7, 2nd do, \$6 25 to \$6 50; 3d do, \$5 to \$6. Ordinary (bulls, cows, and refusal of lots), \$4 to \$4 75. No yearlings, two-year old, \$20 to \$25 and \$28. Milch Cows, good, \$30, \$35 to 40. Sheep—Prices have a downward tendency, extra, \$8 to \$10, good do, \$4 50, \$5 to \$6. Sheep and Lambs, by the lot, \$4 to \$5. Spring Lambs in good demand at \$2 50 to \$4. Calves dull; price ranges from \$2 to \$3, up to \$7, according to weight and quality. Hogs—Fair supply; live weight, \$5 50 to \$6. Dressed Hogs, \$8. Hides brisk at \$6 per 100 lbs. Clipped Sheepskins, 40c to 50c, with wool, \$2 to \$2 50. Lambs Pelts, 40c to 50c.—*Herald*, 13th.

Albany Markets.—June 10.—Wheat—White Michigan at \$2 00; Canada Club sold at \$1 60. Corn steady; Western mixed sold at \$1 54. Oats, State at 90c to 91c; Canada at 89c to 90c.—*Statesman*.

Detroit Markets.—June 9.—Trade has been quite active during the past week under the stimulus of the advance in gold. The produce market is firm and prices are advancing. No. 1 white wheat is very firm at \$1 78. Corn is firmer and in greater demand. Flour closes firm, with considerable inquiry on the part of buyers. Superior has sold in lots at \$8 25, and high extra at \$8 00. The latter was a choice quality. Oats nominal at 75c. Transactions are light, and the inquiry is rather limited. Barley is dull and prices are decidedly down. Wo quote at \$2 40 to \$2 50 per hundred, with downward tendency. The barley season is passed, and a further decline in prices may be anticipated. Salt—We note an advance. Saginaw is quoted at \$2 50; Onondaga \$2 50; dairy with bags \$5 30, five cents extra for cartage.—*Detroit Free Press*.

Oswego Markets.—June 9.—Flour—Unchanged, with a fair demand at the following quotations, from No. 1 spring \$7 50 to \$7 75; from winter red at \$8 00; from white at \$8 50 to \$8 75 and XX from prime white at \$9 25 to \$9 50. Wheat continues quiet, but in consequence of limited supplies transactions are unimportant, white Canadian at \$1 85. Oats quiet with a slight downward tendency, Canadian at 80c. Peas, fair demand for shipment at \$1 20 to \$1 22, but holders ask \$1 25. Salt—Selling at \$2 37 per bbl (280 lbs.) for fine; solar (coarse screened) \$2 42, do unscreened \$2 37; solar dairy \$2 95 per bbl; factory filled dairy \$3 07 per bbl; bags (14 lbs.) 18 1/2c.—*Advertiser*.

Chicago Markets.—June 9.—The advance of Gold this morning caused an increased speculative and shipping demand for general produce, and the leading markets were more active and firmer. There was a good inquiry for Flour, and we note an advance in prices of 5c to 10c per bbl., with sales at \$8 50 to \$8 60 for medium white winter extras, \$7 75 for good red winter extras, \$6 25 to \$7 25 for spring extras, and \$5 65 for spring super. Wheat was buoyant and active—the market closing firm at \$1 35 for No. 1, and \$1 30 for No. 2. Oats opened dull but closing firm at 70c for No. 1. Barley was quiet at \$1 28 to \$1 30 for No. 2, at which range of quotations we note light sales. The Provision market was quiet and neglected. Mess Pork is in but limited request at \$30. In Beef Cattle the market has been unusually dull and inactive, with a decline on the current rates of the market on Saturday last of \$1 per 100 lbs. on shipping grades, and of \$1 25 to \$1 60 on coarse oxen and thin steers; sales at \$5 to \$8, mostly at \$6 to \$7 per 100 lbs. The demand for Hogs has been less active, and we note a decline of 5c to 10c on extra grades, and of 10c to 15c on medium to prime qualities, on yesterday's quotations; sales at \$7 to \$8, principally at \$7 to \$7 80 per 100 lbs.—*Tribune*.

New York Markets.—June 13.—Receipts 19,712 barrels; market quiet and without decided change; sales 9,000 barrels at \$7 60 to \$7 75 for superfine State; \$7 95 to \$8 for extra State, \$8 05 to \$8 10 for choice do., \$7 60 to \$7 75 for superfine Western; \$8 20 to \$8 25 for common to medium extra Western; \$8 35 to \$8 50 for common to good shipping brands extra round hoop Ohio. Canada Flour quiet and steady, sales 400 barrels; at \$8 to \$9 10 for common; \$8 15 to \$9 35 for good to choice extra. Rye Flour steady at \$5 75 to \$7. Wheat—Receipts 132,476 bushels; market firm and fair export demand; sales 126,000 bushels at \$1 78 to \$1 80 for Chicago spring; \$1 75 to \$1 81 for Milwaukee Club; \$1 82 to \$1 83 for amber Milwaukee; \$1 85 to \$1 90 for winter red Western; \$1 91 to \$1 92 for amber Michigan. Rye quiet \$1 70. Barley quiet and steady. Corn—Receipts 96,782 bushels; market dull and declining; sales 13,000 bushels; at \$1 52 to \$1 55 for new mixed Western. Oats quiet at 90c for Canada and State; 91c for Western. Pork firmer. Beef firm.

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NOTICE is hereby given that at the next Annual Meeting of the Agricultural Association, the Council will propose the Amending of Clause 15 of the By-Laws so as to give a fixed number of Single Admission Tickets to Members instead of Season Tickets.

(By Order)

HUGH C. THOMSON,  
Sec. B'd of Ag.

Board of Agriculture Office,  
Toronto, June 1, 1864.

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MARKHAM, 30th April, 1864.

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