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(From our own Correspondent.)

London, 25th May, 1897. The kaleidoscopic change in the weather referred to in my last has materialized this spring and dashed into summer. Intensely hot all the week, the bright spell is and quietness has reigned supreme. The collapse of the Greeks-more complete than their worst friends could have adumbrated-has placed Turkey in a position to dictate terms, and her agreement to cease hostilities in obedience to European command shows that peace is desired all round pegs on which the bulls could hang their hopes are knocked away, and the position is again bear. Large grain neets reported heading for this port or lading depress the market also, and so spot business as well as forward is conducted at lower levels and in a restricted compass. Flour was all right on Monday but has since joined the rest. However, European crops are not out of the wood yet after the bad times with frost and cold winds and long continued damp, and if they get a good turn of we may see higher rates yet this side of

LIVE STOCK, ETC. The hot suns and muggy nights exper-

ienced in my last have not been conducive

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to a great meat trade. Yet business therein has not been conducted at a loss, nor have the transactions passing been of a com pletely tame character; for supply, though about the same as at corresponding periods has not been ahead of demand. Sales have therefore been put through at firm variety does not even reach an active position, nor could it be said with truth that the frozen article is extremely profitable to handle. But the live specimen is in demand, and he goes off well. In London Thoman's Crop Report for June only have there been sales of Canadians and these have gone at middle prices between States and Argentines, say at 3s 8d to 3s 10d-the range for the best of all kinds offering being 3s 4d to 4s ld. In as against 25,510,791 acres seeded las neat weights pay best. Big beasts cannot be kept for manure, I know. They have got to be sold. But their chance is in the winter. Every one is more or less of a connoisseur in warm spells, and the butcher becomes keenly alive to the necessity of being in the van in this respect. He between 60° and 80° work marvellous changes in the side of beef, which become accentuated when the period of detention on the premises becomes prolonged, and he will not buy great bulks with the offchance of a visit from the sanitary inspector, besides the knowledge he possesses that appetite runs on lean under the circumstances. So, as the antiseptic refrigerator is not commonly in use by the retailer, he buys light weights and will pay the price for them. This is the reason why Canadians occupy the middle position this States competitors. Still, the evidence that London is filling is borne out by the fact that all Metropolitan markets close clear, other centres being steaded by our requirements also.

There has been pretty nearly a slump in this article of necessity since my last and not a brand has escaped the decimating influence of warm weather and abundant supplies. Our dairy farmers turn most of under cultivation to spring wheat approxitheir milk into money without the intervention of the churn. But this applies only to those who are near the towns or 10,454,000 acres. The total breath har have casy access thereto by rail. The vested last year was practically 11,843,000 new-laid dodge may work with eggs weeks acres, and in the Northwest 8,795,000 old, but it cannot be played with milk, and acres, thus showing increases of 19.4 per \$2,000,000 unless supplies can be got to consumers cent, and 18.9 per cent, respectively. within the 24 hours they cannot be marketed. There is a great deal more butter for the whole area is 94.2 per cent., against made in this country than ever before, and 95.5 per cent. last June, and in the North-Ireland does not cease to improve and west it is 94.5 per cent., as contrasted with extend her output. The dating of some | 96.4 per cent. on the corresponding date brands from across the St. George Channel last year. The season thus far has been lemand for Irish butters, as has the the exception of some complaints of dry adoption of butter packages in place of the weather in South Dakota, reports are uniout of date tub, and with the adoption of formly good. The plant has seldom shown right up-to date methods, the extension of more flattering promise in Minnesota and the separator in farmers' hands, and the North Dakota than at present. The prosspread of technical education throughout pective yield, based upon the condition, is the country, the expansion of the butter in the neighborhood of 229,000,000 bushels, rade goes on and must prosper. Super- of which quantity Minnesota and the Da-LA BANQUE JACQUES CARTIER fine guaranteed Danish with the bloom on has this week been no better off than 90s to 94s, which it would be correct to say has not by any means been reached for the bulk of the landings, and next week's arrivals are booked at 90s to 92s, and will a total spring wheat harvest of 64,000,000 probably go lower. While this is the case Irish has fetched 86s to 90s for the best creameries. The price is not high, but it is comparatively so, as any amount of good to fair butter has been obtainable in the vicinity of 80s, between which and 88s Australasian has been sold. The Antipodes are about closed with, but Argentina amounts to nearly 38,000,000 acres, as has been in the field again with some decent lots disposable of at 80s to 86s. There has not been much Canadian showing; what there has been selling around 85s. It is to be hoped that with increased facilities Canadian butter exports will forge ahead, but the moral of my remarks is that it will pay to ship only the finest.

CHEESE.

There is a tired aspect about the cheese market which makes it very uninteresting o write about. Buyers are evidently waiting for the new make and only make purchases even at the reduced rates ruling, merely to satisfy immediate consumptive requirements. New Zealand is 4s below Canadian for finest, which keeps demand Ju on it a great deal and Septembers are not Ma above 58s, while lower grades, which are most in demand, are selling at havoc, three Ju shillings less. There is, however, a pretty good clear up for the new make.

BACON.

It is quite refreshing to see the way Canadian bacon is forging ahead, forcing its way against great competition into consumption and getting hold of buyers' Europe and America. I prophesied a good here had a good word to say for it-when, [78,000 bushels." week, and from winter we have spurted past indeed, they all called it "American." which is the worst libel that could be made against it now. I said it would go inbroken at time of writing. The wheat ahead with patience on shippers' part and market has reflected the changed condition attention to feeding. I got the Board of Trade to insert imports from Canada in the Returns, so that all might watch its progress, and those who have watched it as 1 have done must have been impressed by the advance made, both in imports and in the hold on public attention it has secured. There is a good future in store for it with and is likely to be secured. Thus all the attention strictly paid to feeding. One of the leading trade journals here, which some while back said that buyers would not come back again for Canadian bacon because of the peculiar flavor imparted to it by pea-feeding, this week says it is the scientific feeding adopted by Canada which has caused it to make its way here, and advises home feeders to copy! Times change. It is easy to say this now when it. As a matter of fact, it is the finest drought to complete the catalogue of ills quality, admittedly superior to Danish, by prices. This week all arrivals have bushels." sold well, because importers take moderate prices in comparison, and buyers are leaving Continental for it. At 52s to 54s for No. 1 sizeable, 48s to 50s for No. 2, and 46s to 47s for fat sides, the market is firm and there is a good outlook; 66s is the top Prices have been put out by canners, but for Irish, but you could buy a lot below orders are slow, as the prices named, while Canadian prices. "American" sides are 38s to 42s! Canadian feeders have only Buyers generally expect lower prices to be got to be careful and shippers wise enough to ship sufficiently to make a market with- subject to guarantee against lower prices rates, especially for beef. The chilled out overloading us for this trade to become one of Canada's big things.

Winter wheat acreage-The final estinate of the acreage under cultivation to winter wheat places it at 23,530,117 acres 1896.

Winter wheat, condition-Present returns make the condition for the whole breadth 77.7 per cent., as against 80.6 per cent. last month, and 74.7 p r cent. on the corresponding date one year ago. The knows that 24 hours with the thermometer falling of is due to dry weather in California, and unfavorable weather in Or-gon. The condition in California shows a loss during the past month of 15 per cent., and in Oregon 4 per cent.; Ohio, Indiana, and Kausas show slight improvement as compared with a month ago, while Michigan, Illinois, and Missouri show some deteriora tion. The average condition for these six principal winter-wheat states is a little higher than on May I, it being 71.2 per cent. as contrasted with 71-0 per cent, and as against 66.4 per cent. on June 1 last year So far as can be judged from present week, being larger and rougher than their returns, the prospective yield of winter wheat is practically 300,000,000 bushels, as against 314,000,000 last month and 270,-000,000 inshels harvested last year. The indicated yield in the six surplus states east of the Rocky Mountains is 148,000,-000 bushels, against an equal quantity on May 1, and as contrasted with 136,000,000 bushels harvested last year. The propective yield on the Pacific Coast equals Enter Sol. Exit good prices for butter. in the neighborhood of 50,000,000 bushels, of which California contributes 36,000,000 bushels.

> Spring wheat, acreage-The area now mates 14,000,000 acres, of which total Minnesota and the Dakotas contribute

Spring wheat, condition-The condition has made a great improvement in the very favorable for germination, and, with kotas promise practically 170,000,000 bushels. Last year the total harvest of spring wheat was 165,000,000 bushels, and in the Northwest, approximately, 123,000,-000 bushels. Present indications point to bushels more than in 1896, of which excess Minnesota and the Dakotas contribute 47,000,000 bushels.

> Wheat, acreage of both spring and winter-The acreage now under cultivation to both spring and winter wheat

Wheat, prospective barvest-Based upon present returns, the total harvest for this year is indicated as, approximately, 530,000, 000 bushels, as against 435,000,000 bushels harvested in 1896.

Live Stock Exports.

The following is the Live Stock Report for the week ending Wednesday, June 2nd, as prepared by Mr. R. Bickerdike of the

ive Stock Exchan	ge, Montreal :		
	Cattle, Sheep		heep.
ny 27 Grecian,	London	557	
4 27 Victoria,	44		••••
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ine 1 Gerona,	"	381	••••
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me 2 Pomeranian,	Glasgow		• • • •
· 29 Avlona,	Newcastle	260	• • • • •
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A Big Cargo.

A despatch from Kingston reads as Transportation Company's steamer "Rose | at daylight on the dates given below: mount" reached here with the largest attention against all the offerings from cargo that ever entered Kingston harbor. Her last cargo-76,000 bushels-was the trade for Canadian bacon when no one largest up to that time. This trip she has

Canadian Mineral Colors.

Captain Stewart of the Allan liner 'Pomeranian' has remarked the change that has overtaken the Atlantic trade during his experience. His immense vessel now comes out comparatively light, but always returns home at her full depth One apparent change is that she carries home repeated shipments of red earth paint, while in former years it was brought here from England. The Canada Paint Co. have 176 packages on board of her this trip and have 90 barrels waiting the "Monte Videan," all for English markets.

Wheat Harvest Commenced.

A despatch from Dallas, Texas, says:-"Thousands of reapers and mowers are in operation in Central and North Texas and every one is buying Canadian who can get the Pan-Handle, and if the rain will hold off for two weeks the State will have the bucon on the market to-day in point of largest grain crop in its history. Conservative estimates the wheat yield at from and far away ahead of Irish, while the twenty to twenty-five million bushels. gulf between it and American is shown The oat crop is estimated at 40 million

Canned Goods.

The California Fruit Grower says:-There is some evidence of business in futures: low, do not prove attractive at this time. named. Orders booked at this time are up to time of shipment. The price lists to hand are as follows:

	Extra Standard	Standard.
	Apricots \$1.05	\$.90
	Cherries, white 2.05	1.75
•	" black 1.60	1.50
.	Pears 1.25	1.15
ŀ	Peaches, L.C 1.40	1.30
- 1	W . II	1.30
i,	" Y.F 1.30	1.10
t	Plums 1.00	.90
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These prices are f.o.b. California, terms 60 days or 11 off for each in 10 days. We 1715 NOTRE DAME ST., MONTREAL learn of sales being made for new pack as follows: Apricots, 90c; pears, \$1.10; yel low free peaches, \$1.10; cling peaches \$1.20 per doz f.o.b. Canners are working on cherries, paying 3 to 4c per lb. for white in picking boxes.

Baltimore packers are offering future tematoes, full standards, 2 lb., 421c and 3

realized by the Montreal Fruit Auction Co. for the week ending June 3rd, 1897: Thursday, May 27, 1897.

One car strawberries, 41c to 10c; pin apples, 4½c to 7½c. Friday, May 28, 1897.

One car bananas, \$1.20 to \$1.25. One car strawberries, Sc to 13c; cucum bers, \$1.45 to \$1.50 per basket.

Saturday, May 29, 1897. One car strawberries, 74c to 94c. Monday, May 31, 1897.

One car pineapples in bulk, 43c to 6c. in barrels, 43c to 10 in cases, 5]c to 8]c Two cars bananas, \$1 to \$130; wine ap apples, \$2.75 per barrel. One car strawberries, 83c to 101c.

Tuesday, June 1, 1897. Pineapples in crates, 4c to 81c; straw berries, 73c to 9c.

Wednesday, June 2, 1897, at depot. I car strawberries, 71c to 101c. Wednesday, June 2, 1897, at store-1 car strawberries, 8c to 12c.

The Last Large Fruit Sale.

The S.S. " Escalona" cargo. The cargo of the S.S. "Escalona" was put up for auction on Tuesday last. The weather was much better than that of the previous sale, although it was cold and far from being an ideal day to sell fruit. This is the fourth and last cargo of fruit that will be offered this season, mostly all the outside buyers had supplied their wants and left for home. All the local wholesal trade were present and purchased most of the large lots, while the smaller lots were well distributed amongst the smaller jobbers, who were quite numerous at this sale. The bulk of the fruit offered con sisted of Valencia oranges mostly purchas ed steck by the principal local and West ern houses and considerable quantity was withdrawn owing to the poor prices realized, and it is stated that in most cases they did not realize cost, which was a considerable loss to the importers. Mr. T. J. Potter, the newly elected auctioneer of the Montreal Fruit Auction Company, conducted the sale. The following is a list of against 35,335,000 acres harvested last the fruit that was catalogued before any lots were withdrawn: 1,325 half boxes of Catania oranges, 16 boxes Messina, 5,704 cases Valencia oranges and 1,159 boxes of Messina lemons. Catania oranges sold all the way from 90c to \$1.45 per half box, Messina oranges \$3.30 per box, Valencia 714s \$1 to \$5 per case and 420s \$2.25 to \$3.50 per case.

Messina lemons ranged from 50c to \$1.20 per box, while some wasty lots sold as low as 30c. The following buyers were present-The Western buyers were: Messrs. J A. Brouse, H. A. Brouse, of Ottawa. The Eastern buyers were : R. Barden. The principal local buyers were: Messrs. John Barry & Sons, Hart & Tuckwell, T. S Vipond, J. J. Vipond, Jos. Brown, O. & E. Hart, Vipond, Peterson & Co., J. T. McBride, Irwin Harris, A. Bowes, J. R. Clogg & Co. Montreal Fruit Exchange, John Caldwell & Co., L. Sylvester, Vipond, McBride & Co., P. Rheaume, Moquin & Cote, Thos. Johnston, A Lagare 12 ST. PETER ST. 1069 and L. Beauchamp and Ed. O'Shea.

Steamers Leaving Port.

The following are some of the principal follows: "On Saturday night the Montreal steamers that are expected to leave port

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Robt, Reford & Co., agents, 23 and 25 St. St ment St., Montreal. SS. Tritonia leaves Montreal for G'gow, June SS, Kildona " " Newcastle

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SS. L. Superior leaves Montreal for L'pool,
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Elder-Dempster Co., 219 Commissioners St., Montreal. SS. Alberta leaves Montreal for Bristol, June

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