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## The Farm.

#### NOTES BY THE WAY.

A very curious thing is the great difference in "prices," in the English markets. For instance; why should carefully selected Irish hams sell for 100 shillings the ewt. (112 lbs.), while the picked hams of Canada only fetch 62s. ? The same thing holds good with lard; the best Canadian lard sells dor 62s. the cwt., while lard from the States only fetches 44s.! difference of two to four shillings a cwt. one can understand; but where it is a question of 38s., in the one case, and 18s. in the other, the variation seems to require elucidation.

"Prophecies."-Very sanguine, or very anxious to vaunt the marvellous quality of the land and climate of our great North-West, are the gentlemen who make tours of inspection over that very extensive country. We used to flatter ourselves that, some forty or fifty years ago, we were pretty good judges of the probable vield of a standing wheat-crop a fortnight or so before it was fit to cut; but our inspectors go far beyond that: they predict the yield of a whole country before all the seed is in the ground. It is all very well; but the man who supplied the papers, or on about the 10th of May, with the information that Manitoba would certainly produce next harvest upwardsof forty million bushels of wheat, was stating what was