

Miscellaneous.

A Word to Smokers.

As fires, when they occur in winter, owing to high winds and other causes, are often very disastrous, we should take especial pains to guard against them.

A smoker should never lay his pipe away, or cast the stump of his cigar down, without being certain that the last spark has been extinguished.

"If you ever think of marrying a widow," said an anxious parent to an heir, "select one whose first husband was hanged; for that is the only way to prevent her from throwing his memory into your face, and making annoying comparisons."

An innkeeper lately complaining to a gentleman, that his house was greatly infested with rats, and that he would willingly give a considerable sum to get rid of them, was on the following morning thus accosted by a Frenchman, after he had received his bill, "I shall tell you what way you shall get rid of de rat."

RACING AT AGRICULTURAL FAIRS.—The California Farmer complains of the "meagre and pitiful" exhibition of agricultural products at their late State Fair.

WORLD'S FAIR FOR 1867.—Preparations for the Paris exhibition of 1867 are going on. The park which is to surround the central building is to be laid out in the English style and will contain an international theatre, and a lawn where the games of all nations will be played.

HOW TO JUDGE THE WEATHER BY THE SKY.—The colours of the sky at different times afford wonderfully good guidance. Not only does a rosy sunset presage fair weather, but there are other tints which speak with clearness and accuracy. A bright yellow in the

evening indicates wind; a pale yellow wet; a neutral gray colour constitutes a favourable sign in the evening—an unfavourable one in the morning. The clouds are full of meaning in themselves. If they are soft, undefined and feathery, the weather will be fine; if the edges are hard, sharp and definite, it will be foul.

Markets.

Toronto Markets.

"CANADA FARMER" Office, Dec. 15, 1865

We have to report a dull and declining market. In the absence of grain, quotations are almost nominal.

Flour—market nominal, no demand, and few transactions. Fall Wheat dull at \$1.20 to \$1.30, according to quality. Spring Wheat—Sales at \$1.00 to \$1.10. Barley dull at 60c to 70c per bushel. Potatoes—quiet, at 35c to 65c. Oats quiet, at 35c to 36c. Provisions—improving; Butter inactive, at 18c to 20c per lb for keg; choice dairy, 20c to 21c. Hides 60c to 65c. Cheese—American prime, 14c to 15c. Eggs—market steady, with fair supply; selling at from 15c to 18c for packed; 18 to 21c for fresh. Hops—dull, and selling at \$7.00 to \$8.00 per cwt.; pork, quiet; mess, \$21 to \$22 per barrel; prime do., \$21 to \$22. Hay—in good supply at from \$3.50 to \$4.00 per ton. Live Stock—The market is moderately active and prices are firm. The hogs here given are off red by the butchers and drovers in this market per 100 lbs, dressed weights:—Cattle, 1st Class, \$7, do 2nd class, \$6; do inferior, \$5 to \$5.50. Calves, \$5 to \$6. Sheep, prime heavy, each, \$5 to \$6, do light, each, \$4 to \$4.50. Lambs, each, \$2.50 to \$3. Pigs—prime, farmers' packed, \$1.50 to \$2.50, good shipping barrels, \$2 to \$4.

Hamilton Markets.—Dec. 11.—Flour, XXX, \$7.50; extra, \$8 to \$9.50; Family, \$6; superfine, \$5.50. Corn meal, per 100 lbs, \$1.75 to \$2. Oatmeal, per 100 lbs, \$2.75. Buckwheat Flour, per 100 lbs, \$3.50. Bran, per 100 lbs, 62½c. Beef, per 100 lbs, \$4.50 to \$5.75. Mutton, per 100 lbs, \$4 to \$5. Lamb, per 100 lbs, \$4 to \$5. Pork, per 100 lbs, live at factory, \$5.75 to \$7.50, medium weights \$5.50 to \$6. Potatoes, per bushel, 50c. Onions, per bushel, 60c. Apples, per box, \$1 to \$1.25. Butter, per lb, 20c to 22c; do in brick, 18c to 20c. Eggs, per doz, 25c. Lard, per lb, 20c. Hay, per ton, \$10 to \$12. Straw, per ton, \$7 to \$8. Tallow, rough, per lb, 7½c; do refined, 10c. Hides, green, per 100 lbs, \$5.50 to \$5.75; do, dry, \$9 to \$10. Sheepskins, \$1.50 each.—Spectator.

London Markets, Dec. 11.—Very little off ring to-day, and prices generally heavy at quotations. Fall Wheat—superior \$1 to \$1.05; ordinary samples \$1.12 to \$1.20; good to extra \$1.20 to \$1.40; Spring Wheat \$1.05 to \$1.08. Barley—bright malting, 55c. Peas—Sound white 50c. Oats 28c to 30c. Corn 62½c to 70c. Buckwheat 40c to 45c. Flax seed \$1.50 to \$1.75 per 60 lbs. Butter—prime dairy 20c; No. 1 store 16c to 18c; fresh, by the basket, 20c. Dressed hogs \$8.50 to \$7.50 per 100 lbs. Skins—Green hides \$5, calf, dry, 15c; sheepskins, fresh, 87½c to \$1.50. Wool, pulled, per lb, 40c. Tallow at 7c; rendered 10c. Hay, per ton, \$7 to \$10. Straw, per load, \$2.50 to \$3.50. Peas \$2 to \$3 per load. Potatoes, by the load, 30c to 40c. Carrots, by the load, 15c to 16c per bushel. Turnips 10c to 15c per bushel.—Free Press.

LONDON LIVE STOCK MARKET.—The great rush of American cattle dealers is somewhat subsiding in this district, owing to the growing evenness between the Canada and New York markets. On Saturday Durham milch cows were held at from \$30 to \$40, while for cows and heifers of the ordinary species, prices from \$25 to \$27 were asked and obtained.—Free Press.

Galt Markets, Dec. 11.—Flour, per 100 lbs, \$3 to \$3.75. Fall Wheat, per bushel, \$1.30 to \$1.45. Spring Wheat, per bushel, \$1 to \$1.12½. Barley, per bushel, 60c to 65c. Oats, per bushel, 50c to 52c. Flax seed, per bushel, \$1.25 to \$1.40. Butter, per lb, 18c to 20c. Eggs, per dozen, 18c to 20c. Peas, per bushel, 60c to 62½c. Beef, per 100 lbs, \$8. Pork, per 100 lbs, \$7 to \$8. Hides, per 100 lbs, \$5 to \$5.50. Calveskins, over 3 lbs, 8c. Lambskins, 7c to 8c. Potatoes, per bushel, 40c to 45c. Hay, per ton, \$8 to \$10. Apples, per bushel, 37½c to 75c.—Reformer.

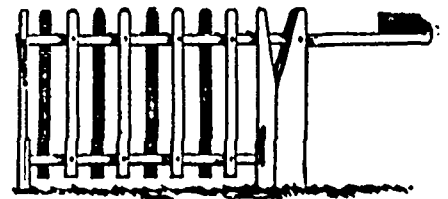
Oswego Markets, Dec. 11.—Flour—Market dull, but unchanged; sales at \$3.50 for brands from No. 1 Spring; \$10 from red winter. \$11 to \$11.25 from white; and \$12 for double extra from prime white wheat. GRAIN—Wheat continues quiet and we have no sales to report. Corn quiet. Barley inactive and nominal. Rye dull, Canada at 95c. MILL FEED—Shorts are quoted at \$10, and shipstuffs at \$22 to \$24 per ton. Corn meal—100 lbs. bolted at \$2 to \$2.10; do, unbolted at \$1.90 to \$2; 50 lbs bolted in paper sacks \$1.05; do, 15 cloth da \$1.15. Salt unchanged; fine is quoted at \$2.45 per barrel; and 14 lb sacks at 20c. Waterlime—\$1.60 wholesale, \$1.70 retail per barrel. Master quoted at \$1.30 per barrel.

New York Markets, Dec. 11.—Cotton dull, 45c to 46c for middling. Flour—Receipts, 25,000 bbls; market dull and unsettled and 10c to 20c lower; \$7 to \$7.25 for superfine State; \$7.75 to \$7.95 for extra State; \$8 to \$8.25 for choice do; \$8.95 to \$9.20 for superior Western; \$7.65 to \$8 for common to medium extra Western; and \$8.20 to \$8.60 for common to good shipping brands extra round-loop Ohio. Canadian flour 10c to 20c lower; sales at \$7.85 to \$8.10 for common; and \$8.15 to \$11 for good to choice extra. Wheat—Receipts, none; market dull and 1c to 2c lower for common grades; good to extra choice amber Milwaukee \$1.75 to \$1.76—an outside price. Rye quiet; State at \$1.11. Corn—Receipts, 11,000 bushels; market dull and heavy; sales at 83c to 92c for unsound; 90c to 91c for sound mixed Western. Oats dull and heavy, at 45c to 60c for unsound; and 57c to 60c for sound. Pork—lower; sales at \$23.50 to \$25.25 for mess, closing at \$28.75 for cash. Petroleum quiet; 41½c to 42c for crude, 67c to 68c for refined in bond, and 55c to 57c for do. free.

LATEST MARKETS.—Flour closed dull and unsettled, and 10c to 20c lower. Wheat closes dull and 1c to 2c lower for common grades. Corn closes dull and about 1c lower. Pork closes unsettled, mess \$23.75 cash. Lard closes firm at 15½c to 20c

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