

GENERAL STATE OF TRADE IN ENGLAND.

THE CATTLE MARKET.

THROUGHOUT the whole of England, especially in the midland Counties, the panic occasioned by the cattle disease is increasing, and has now assumed formidable proportions. Our own opinion is, that cattle, like grain and all vegetables, have been by high farming brought to too high a state, and nature, therefore, rebels against the unnatural forcing. The same as in the human body, over-indulgence produces sickness. The attempt in England to produce obese cattle by all sorts of high feeding, has, after a series of years, we are persuaded, caused this evil. Some fifty years ago there was a great murrain amongst cattle in Great Britain, but that was caused by the short and poor quality of the food, and was in its features entirely different from this which is at present raging. So far, the disease seems more or less confined to Middlesex, especially London, where cows are very artificially fed; and the Government are taking prompt measures to ascertain how far the disease has spread, and to see what precautions can be taken against it. The price of cattle has not as yet been particularly affected.

DRY GOODS TRADE.

In Manchester, we note a very fair amount of business being done, and prices of Yarns and Cottons have advanced. The chief business in Yarns was done on German account. The excitement in the Liverpool Cotton Market was in a great measure the cause of the improved feeling. Very little advance in price was obtained, but the tendency was upward. In Leeds, a lull is experienced in the Cloth trade, most of the large buyers having purchased freely for the Fall (both domestic and foreign) trade. The manufacturers continue in good employment, and prices of woollen and yarn goods are alike steady. In Nottingham there was a fair enquiry for hosiery yarns, and prices were about the same as heretofore.

GROCERIES.

London Market.—Sugars have been very firm, and prices have been fully maintained; by latest advices, we note an advance. Tea has sold freely at full prices. Coffee stocks are light, and prices very firm.

PRODUCE.

The weather generally continues of a most treacherous character, anything but propitious to the harvesting of grain—general complaints of sprouting and mildew; so that neither good yield nor quality are expected. Lately, from the Continent we have heard the same reports, but they must be received *cum grano salis*. It would be very unwise to speculate on the rather doleful accounts given by the *Mark Lane Express* and the *Times*. There is no doubt but that present prices will be fully maintained; the only question is, whether, after the vast accumulation of grain in the West is brought forward, prices will advance; indeed we certainly consider they will not. In France, the rapid bringing forward of the Wheat crop, in the chief wheat-growing districts, has killed the previous buoyancy of the markets, and prices have slightly receded. In Belgium the harvesting is nearly completed, and the crop of Wheat is not considered more than three-fourths of a good harvest.

Germany.—Our Hamburg advices state that, in the North, the harvesting was in full operation, and, by all advices, the Wheat crop would yield a fair average—the quality, partly fine and partly harsh, owing to excessive heat; the weight mostly fair. We have no later news from the Black Sea.

THE PRODUCE MARKET.

LITTLE movement in Produce can be noted this week, nor can much activity be looked for till the Fall crops come more generally into market, and more tonnage, with lower freight, are available. The high prices and general buoyancy of Provisions in Britain have maintained an active competition for the leading articles here, and considerable business has been done in Butter and Cheese for export at a high range of prices.

FLOUR.—Little change can be noted in the general features of the market since our last. Arrivals continue light, and the demand very limited. Latest British advices, being more favourable, have partially reassured holders, who show less anxiety to sell, but intending purchasers hold off for more definite advices before operating beyond their immediate wants, as while firmness is expected to continue till the crops come more generally on the market, the impression is general that, failing a decided advance in Britain, prices will decline as soon as supplies exceed the local requirements. The enquiry for the higher grades has perceptibly abated, owing to the relatively high prices obtained as compared with recent sales in the American markets. Superior Extra is offered at \$7 to \$7.25, and Extra \$6.40 to \$6.50, without inducing much attention. Fancy is in equally restricted demand, only finding buyers to a small extent at quotations. Transactions in Supers have been mostly in single hundreds or broken parcels for city use. There is still a deficiency of strictly choice Canada Super for sponging, and the few brands suited to that use bring extreme rates, but many brands formerly in favour have for a time been let down in quality, and now only rank among ordinary samples; \$5.00 to \$5.40 may be given as the range, covering all descriptions; No. 2 and Fine have been more enquired for, and the supply being small, satisfactory prices have been secured for any offered. The lower grades are neglected, and quotations of such are nominal. *Bag Flour*.—The supply and demand, which are both limited, have been pretty equally balanced, and no change in value can be noted; most of the offerings are deficient in the important essential of strength, and the few parcels of such offer-

ed have the decided preference over the general average.

WHEAT.—Arrivals are small, and the quantity in stock is light. Few transactions can be noted, as buyers and sellers are somewhat apart in their views. The asking price of Western is \$1.07½ to \$1.10, and of U. C. Spring \$1.10 to \$1.12½. No White Winter in stock.

PEASE.—A few transactions have taken place, mostly for forward delivery, at rates not permitted to transpire; recognized rates are 75c. to 50c. per 60 lbs.

BARLEY.—Sales to a limited extent have been made at 67c. to 68c. per 48 lbs.

PORK.—The stock of Mess is gradually working into consumption at \$23 to \$24. Of other kinds there is no supply, and during the course of next month a limited quantity of Prime will be needed at high comparative prices, for the shipping then expected.

BUTTER.—The demand during the week has been very active, and for primo parcels very full rates have been paid. Good to fine may be quoted at 19 to 20 cents; and for strictly choice, still higher prices have been secured.

Shipments from this port to Britain continue to be liberal, and when the bulk of them are placed on the market, it remains to be seen what the effect on prices will be; up to the present, the receipts here have not exceeded the requirements of the trade. That there has hitherto been a lighter production of the article than usual is certain, but it is also pretty generally admitted that large quantities are held back in New York State, which sooner or later must find a market. If the present high range of prices do not bring it out as soon as the weather is cool enough to allow it to travel in safety, and when there is a demand for both Britain, California, and the Southern States, it is to be feared there will be a repetition of last year's experience—of Butter being forced upon the market at a time when selling was impossible, and completely breaking down both their own and our markets, already weakened by want of demand and heavy stocks.

Most holders in Canada have pursued a wiser course, sending their Butter to market while the demand has been active, and realizing gradually advancing prices. Should any be holding back here, and refusing the handsome rates now ruling, they will meet with little sympathy if they sustain loss by a fall.

LARD.—There is a good deal of enquiry, but the stock is run out.

CHEESE is in moderate demand for good factory; and, with all other articles of provisions at so high a figure, it seems probable that somewhere about present prices will be maintained during the season.

TALLOW has somewhat advanced, owing to an improved feeling in Britain and the West.

ASHES.—Pots have slightly rallied from the extreme depression, and are now saleable at \$5.15 to \$5.17½ for firsts and inferiors. Pearls quiet, at about \$5.32½—the market closing steady, but without animation. Any improvement is the result of temporary deficiency; British advices continuing very much depressed.

PRICES OF GRAIN.

	Average Prices on						Highest Price %	Average for week.	Corresp't last week 1864.
	Friday Sept. 1	Satur. 2	Monday 3	Tuesday 4	Wednesday 5	Thursday 6			
Flour, Superior Ext. 0	7.25	7.25	7.25	7.25	7.25	7.50	7.25	4.75	
Extra	6.87½	6.87½	6.87½	6.87½	6.75	7.00	6.83½	4.55	
Fancy	5.75	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.25	5.96	4.34½	
Superfine	5.37½	5.37½	5.37½	5.37½	5.20	5.50	5.25	4.17½	
No. 2	4.75	4.75	4.75	4.75	4.80	4.85	4.78	3.90	
Fine	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.40	4.30	3.55	
Bag Flour, 112 lbs.	3.10	3.10	3.10	3.10	3.10	3.20	3.10	2.42½	
Oatmeal, 100 lbs.	4.62½	4.62½	4.60	4.60	4.60	4.70	4.61	4.97½	
Wheat . . . . .	..	..	..	..	1.11	..	1.11	..
Peas . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Barley	0.67½	0.67½	..	..	..	..	0.67½	..
Oats . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

Custom House Returns.

We give receipts at the Custom House for week ending 7th Sept.

DATE.	1864.	1865.
September 1st	\$32,266.08	\$13,196.76
" 2	6,862.74	7,086.64
" 4	5,619.05	12,499.16
" 5	51,022.08	29,094.90
" 6	24,178.54	23,892.15
" 7	150,462.79	17,771.62
1st Jan. to 31st August..	\$269,912.28	\$103,541.23
	2769,363.61	2001,675.18
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