

The Live Stock Trade.

At London on April 19 there was a limited demand and a decidedly weak feeling prevailed. Prices for cattle declined $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1c per lb. Best United States sold at 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, and Argentines at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Prices for sheep declined $\frac{1}{2}$ c per lb., choice selling at 12c.

Another cable from London quoted choice States cattle at 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

A cable from Liverpool quoted refrigerated beef, hinds at 12c; sides at 10c, and fores at 8c.

Montreal Gazette says:—In regard to ocean freights, the demand continues good and further engagements have been made to Liverpool at 40s, 42s 6d and 45s; to London at 40s and 42 6d, and all the Glasgow space has been engaged for May and June at 45s.

At the East End Abattoir market, Montreal, on April 19, the supply was exceedingly small, and likewise the demand. Sales of heifers and steers for export were made at 4 to 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, but 5c would of been paid for really choice stock. Choice cows sold at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, and bulls at 3 to 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. A few good butchers' cattle were disposed of at 4 to 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, and lower grades at 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per lb., live weight. Spring lambs sold at \$2 to \$5 each.

At the Point St. Charles stock yards, Montreal, on April 19, trade in cattle was at a standstill and the offerings were extremely light. A few small lots of hogs were on the market, which met with a demand at prices ranging from 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ c per lb., live weight.

At the same weekly market at Toronto on April 20, the demand for export cattle was slow, at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 4c, and a few extra choice at 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Butchers' cattle sold well at 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c as to quality, with 4c paid for a few fancy. Stockers, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 3c for Buffalo. Sheep 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, with good demand, yearlings 5 to 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, lambs \$2.50 to \$1.00 per head. Hogs were steady. Choice selections of bacon hogs were soon disposed of at 5c per lb., off cars. Thick fat hogs were slightly firmer at 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ c, per lb. Sows bring 3 to 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per lb; stags, 2c. All kinds except stores are wanted.

Comparative Wheat Supply.

Stocks of wheat in the northwest are steadily working down to a position that justifies the conclusion that the supply to be carried forward to the new crop will be no more than will be needed by the mills to use until the crop of 1897 may be used with safety. Minneapolis has in store to-day a little above 14,000,000 bushels of wheat in public and private storage, against a little more than 20,000,000 bushels in the same storage a year ago, or 5,000,000 bushels less now than at the same time last year. There are about 9,000,000 bushels in the country elevators including independent houses, against 16,000,000 bushels a year ago. There are about 8,000,000 bushels estimated in farmers hands, against some 15,000,000 bushels estimated one year ago. If it is allowed that about the same proportion of the country wheat will come here as during same period from now to Aug. 1 last year, Minneapolis should show a supply of some

12,500,000 bu less to carry over, than a year ago, or say 8,000,000 bu against 14,500,000 in 1896. That will be little enough and would naturally put a good premium upon it, especially if the new crop is not a very early one.

There is said to be 500,000 bushels of wheat now in Minneapolis sold to go out to mills east of here, and country mills to the west of Minneapolis are buying more or less of stored wheat to be taken out of interior elevators for current use of their mills. How much such uses may reduce the Minneapolis supply can be conjectured only, but, that some Minneapolis mills may have to close for lack of supply is quite probable. July price is now under the price of May, while July is the month when the pinch will come and ought to be at a premium, equal to about the carrying charge.—Minneapolis Market Record.

Minnesota Crop Bulletin.

The Minnesota weekly crop report says: "A general snow storm on the 12th delayed work, but drying weather since then has dried out the soil rapidly, except near water courses. The flood of the Red river is receding rapidly, in its upper half and increasing towards its mouth. In the northern section some wheat has been sown in most favorable places and some is sprouted. Rye is looking well. In other sections the progress of seeding has varied according to the quality of the soil. In the counties with light soil drying has been more rapid, and in those wheat seeding is well advanced. In the regions of heavier soil the seeding has been delayed by wet soil, so that little or none has been put in. The fact that the season is probably ten days later than usual has tempted many farmers to sow their seed in land too wet. It was expected that wheat seeding would become general on the 19th, but it is possible that Sunday's sudden cold snap may cause a further, though slight, delay. A little barley and some oats have been sown in southern counties. In sections of the southeast winter grains have not wintered well. Warm, drying weather, to put the soil in good condition and start the pastures and hay, is much needed."

Seeding in North Dakota.

Bismarck, N. D. April 20.—The first regular crop bulletin, issued to-day says: "With this number the crop bulletin for North Dakota for the season of 1897 begins, and under more favorable circumstances than was anticipated the first of the present month. At that time the ground was entirely covered with snow in all parts of the state and prospects of farm work being done early was very poor. The weather however, changed about the first week and the snow melted very rapidly, and as the ground was not frozen to any extent, the most of the water was absorbed. In the western part of the state, as well as in the central portion, the surface of the ground soon dried so that considerable work and some seeding has been done,

but in the eastern portion where the land is generally low, but little has been done. With a continuance of the present weather a great deal of work will be done the present week."

Comparative Prices in Staples.

Prices at New York compared with a year ago.

	April 15, 1897.	April 17, 1896.
Flour, straight spring..	\$3.85 to \$4.00	\$3.10 to \$3.20
Flour, straight winter..	\$1.00 to \$1.10	\$3.25 to \$3.35
Wheat, No. 2 red.....	95 $\frac{1}{2}$	77 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn, No. 2 mixed.....	20 1-2	20
Oats, No. 2.....	22	23 1-2
Rye, No. 2, Western.....	42	47
Barley, No. 2 Milwaukee	41 1-2	47
Cotton, mid. upld.	7 7-16	7 1-16
Print cloths, 64x64.....	2 9-16	2 1-16
Wool, Ohio & Pa., X....	19c to 20	17 1-2
Wool, No. 1 comb.....	23 to 24c	21 1-2
Pork, mess new.....	8.75 to 9.25	\$9.75 to \$10
Lard, prime, cont'd.....	\$4.42 $\frac{1}{2}$	\$5.25
Butter, ex. creamery....	15c	16
Cheese, ch. east fr.....	12	10 1-2
Sugar, centrif., 90°.....	3 9-32c	4 1-2
Sugar, granulated.....	1 1-2c	1 1-2
Coffee, Rio, No. 7.....	8c	11c
Petroleum, N. T. Co....	\$8 1-2	\$10
Petroleum, rfd. gal., ..	8 05	\$8.00
*Iron, Bes. pg.....	\$9.75	\$13.25
*Steel billets, ton.....	\$14.75	\$20.25
*Steel rails.....	\$20.00	\$25.00
Ocean Steam Freights—		
Grain, Liverpool.....	2 1-2	1 1-2
Cotton.....	18c	18c

* Pittsburgh.

The New Tariff.

The new duty on wheat is 12 and not 14, as stated on another page. Following is a corrected report of the liquor duties: Spirituous or alcoholic liquors, spirit wine, etc., formerly \$2.12 $\frac{1}{2}$ per gallon to be \$2.40 per gallon. Alcoholic perfumery bay rum, cologne, etc., in bottles of more than 4 oz. each, formerly \$2.12 $\frac{1}{2}$ per gallon and 40 per cent. ad valorem, to be \$2.40 per gallon and 50 per cent. Nitrous ammonia, etc., formerly \$2.12 $\frac{1}{2}$ per gallon and 30 per cent. to be \$2.40 per gallon and 50 per cent. Vermouth, ginger wine, etc., 26 per cent. proof, formerly 80 cents per gallon to be 90 cents per gallon and more than 26 per cent. proof, formerly \$2.25 per gallon, to be \$2.40 per gallon. Medicinal or medicated wines containing not more than 40 per cent. proof to be \$1.50 per gallon.

Faines & Co., Brandon, Man., hotel, offering their business for sale.

Anderson & Graham, Carman, Minn. general store, are succeeded by Graham Fumerton.

W. Pitcher, Dauphin, Man., baker, sold out to John Bryce.

E. Smith, McGregor, Man., harness, sold out to one Scott.

G. Stewart, Methven, Man., general store, has sold out to E. Rogers.

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