

Dairy Trade Items.

The Commercial has been favored with a copy of the annual report of the Dairymen's Association of the Territories, just published in pamphlet form. The pamphlet contains over 75 pages, and gives much interesting and valuable information, particularly to dairymen in the Territories.

The Liverpool public cheese cable declined another sixpence on July 8 to 41, making 2s 6d decline in all since July 1. Notwithstanding this decline, prices advanced the same day in Ontario country markets, as the report of the Brockville market will show. At Brockville, Ont., on July 8, the cheese market took an unexpected jump of 1-4c. The offerings were 1,000 boxes of which 2,924 were colored. For first choice 81-8c was bid in three hands; 81-1c was then offered for Brockville delivery, and secured five lots. The competition was so keen that before the board adjourned all the buyers were clamoring for cheese at the top prices. After adjournment the balance of the cheese was sold at 81-8c and 81-4c, the former ruling. In all the business of the afternoon represented some 8,000 boxes.

The Hardware Trade.

Turpentine is easier in the south. The Montreal Gazette says: "The white lead market has developed considerable improvement of late, makers of dry have further advanced their prices, making a rise within the past few months equivalent to 5 per cent. Quotations for white lead in oil continue unaltered, but the feeling is firm with the probability of an early advance. The demand for mixed paints of all descriptions continues to be heavy. Prepared paints represent an increasing percentage of the whole trade year by year. The feeling in red lead is firmer and the inside price now for casks is 4c. A weaker feeling in linseed oil prevails and a reduction in prices is probable in the near future."

A Toronto report says: In bar iron the list of extras has been changed. Wire has also been slightly reduced, discount now being 35 per cent. off revised list. File list has also been changed but discount remains as before. Cut nails are down 10c per keg. The same remarks apply to bar wire, when reduction is 25c per 100 lbs.

Live Stock Items.

The Commercial has arranged for a telegraphic report of the Toronto live stock market. This with the telegraphic report of the Montreal live stock market, previously arranged for, will supply valuable information to our important live stock interests, and should make The Commercial more valuable than ever before to shippers and dealers in live stock throughout the West.

A correspondent at Carberry, Man. says that there are four ranchmen in that district from the north of Calgary, buying up young cattle for the ranges, and they have secured a large number.

The first train load of export grass cattle went forward this season on Monday, July 12, from Winnipeg. They were western range cattle. Last year the first train load of range cat-

tle went east from Winnipeg on July 17th.

A stockyard will be built at Yorkton.

Mr. Barton, agent for Pat Burns, has shipped a carload of hogs west from Whitewood for the Kootenay.

J. M. Stewart, of Birtle, took a car of hogs to Winnipeg recently.

A Toronto telegram of July 14 says: Cattle market receipts for the half year show a big increase in both cattle and hogs over 1896, cattle having nearly 50 per cent. and hogs 15 per cent. increase.

The Lumber Trade.

A sawmill is being erected at Mossy River, Dauphin district, Man. The river is tributary to Lake Winnipegosis.

There is quite a boom in red cedar shingles just now. The Pacific coast mills on both sides of the boundary have more orders than they can fill. Prices are firm. Speaking of this situation the Minneapolis Lumberman says: "With the advance in the price of red cedar shingles, owing to the active demand this spring, more of an opportunity is given to white pine shingles to go into consumption. The fact is plain, however, that the red cedar shingle mills on the west coast cannot make enough shingles to satisfy the demand at present, and white pine and white cedar shingles must be called upon to help out."

Freight Rates.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin says. There is a better feeling in the ocean freight market for grain, and ship agents have been enabled to secure 1 1-2d to 3d per quarter more for London and Liverpool, engagements have been made to the former port at 1s 9d to 1s 10 1-2d, and the latter at 1s 6d to 1s 7 1-2d. Glasgow is quoted at 6s 6d to 1s 9d and Bristol 2s. There is a fair business in sack flour at 7s to 7s 6d, Liverpool, 9s to 10s London, and 8s to 9s Glasgow. Eggs continue to go forward 15s measurement to Liverpool. Cheese 20s Liverpool and London, and 25s Glasgow and Bristol. Freight rates on butter are 25s Liverpool and London, and 30s Glasgow and Bristol. Cattle freights 42s 6d to 45s. In lake and river freights engagements are reported of corn from Chicago to Kingston at 21-8c to 21-4c with 1-4c canal tolls, equal to 43-8c to 41-2c through to Montreal. Late charters of wheat from Fort William and Duluth to Montreal are reported at 41-2c per bushel.

R. P. Ritchie & Co., of Victoria in their monthly shipping list say Vessels chartered for this year's salmon are now beginning to arrive, although of course loading will not begin until September. So far as can be judged at this early day the market has been decidedly over-provided for in the way of tonnage. The same sheet quotes grain at 22s 6d, San Francisco or Portland to Cork for orders and lumber at 31s 3d to Sydney and 57s 6d to United Kingdom ports, the latter from British Columbia ports.

The by-law has been carried at Fort William to raise funds by debentures to establish a system of water works.

Joseph Mulholland, of Montreal, formerly of Winnipeg, hardware merchant, is dead.

TORONTO PROVISION MARKET.

There is a very active demand for all sorts of hog product here, both for the local trade and from outside points, and dealers can scarcely smoke and cure fast enough to keep up with the demand. The inquiry for smoked meats is especially good. Stocks are now in small compass and prices are held very firm. Quotations are as follows:

Barrel Pork—Heavy mess, \$13; short cut, \$14, clear shoulder mess, \$12. Dry Salted Meats—Long clear bacon, ear lots 7 1-4c, ton lots 7 1-2c, backs 8 1-2c, shoulders 6 1-2c to 7c.

Smoked Meats—Hams, heavy, 11c; medium, 12c, light, 12c; breakfast bacon, 11c, backs 11 1-2c; picnic hams, 8c to 8 1-2c; rolls 8 1-2c; green meats out of pickle are quoted at 1c less than smoked.

Lard—Tierces, 6 1-2c; tubs, 6 3-4c; pails, 7c; compound, 5c.—Globe.

CARELESS USE OF POISON.

Mr. Dixon, of Battleford, came to the city on Friday with a lot of furs for Frank Fichtel. He says wolves are plentiful in the Saskatchewan country this season. Mr. Dixon says that stringent regulations should be made to govern the putting out of poison, as an enormous loss is being occasioned by the careless distribution of poison by inexperienced hunters. The poison often gets drifted over with snow in the winter and remains there until spring, when it is eaten by wild animals, which are thus destroyed. While at Prince Albert recently Mr. Dixon said he heard a trapper say that he had counted nearly one hundred dead animals along one of the northern trails, while on his way in with furs. At this rate the valuable fur animals will be exterminated. Some advocate the entire prohibition of putting out poison to secure fur bearing animals, and think that only traps should be permitted.

WHEAT STOCKS IN CANADA.

Montreal	236,000
Toronto	86,000
Kingston	30,000
Winnipeg	220,000
Manitoba elevators	1,300,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin	2,092,000
Total July 3	25,730,000

MANITOBA WHEAT MOVEMENT.

Receipts of wheat at Fort William for the week ended July 10, aggregated 277,737 bushels, the shipments were 406,439 bushels and the quantity in store was 1,713,431 bushels. For the corresponding week last year receipts were 341,824 bushels and shipments 129,819 bushels. Stocks in store a year ago were 2,108,625 bushels.

LEATHERS.

The Toronto Globe says: The advance in the price of hides has caused a stronger feeling in the market for leathers and prices of a few lines have been advanced. The demand is not very active but prices are very firm. Sole and splits are each 1-2c higher, and holders are asking the advance even on large quantities.

A. F. Geddes & Co., grocers corner McWilliam and Isabel streets, Winnipeg, have assigned.