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The Farm.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

Prices of farm-products in England are, at last, becoming satisfactory to the tenants, whatever they may be to the consumers. *Wheat* has risen, since harvest, from 28s. to 34s. a quarter, a difference of 6s. (18 cts a bushel). (1) Now, as the average crop of wheat, this year, in England, is 32 bushels an acre, it follows that, even if no greater rise takes place, the rent of the land on which the wheat grew will be more than paid by the increased price, i.e., 24s. 6d., which is a good deal more than the average rent of land in England.

The price of *barley* has not risen so much as the price of wheat, 36s. a quarter being the highest quotation in mid-October; *oats*, too, remain at about the same figure as last year, though feeding-stuffs in general, particularly corn, have risen considerably in value. And the best of it is that, as very little grain has as yet been sold, the bulk of the crop of 1899 is still in the farmers' hands.

As for *dairy-goods*, Canadian butter has fallen 10s. a cwt. in value, and the trade in it is very slack for everything but the finest qualities of Irish creameries. In fact, the supply is, at present, more than adequate.

But *cheese* is in full demand, at good prices for the choicer lots. Finest new Cheddar is fetching 78s. a cwt. (112 lbs.); Double Glo'sters, 64s., while the following will give an idea of the value of what our family-tenants call *thin* cheese, i.e., a cheese made from milk the evening meal of

(1) Since 1898 2s. 6d. Ed.