

Commercial.

THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE OFFICE,
London, Ont., Oct. 1, 1882.

The weather the past month has been all that could be desired, with one exception, and that is the want of sufficient rain to facilitate seeding operations. Still there has been a good breadth sown, and, in fact, there is a good deal of seeding only just done, and some yet to be done. Should October continue dry and cool, the wheat plants will have a poor provision for winter.

WHEAT

Has had a very decided downward tendency for a long time, and seems to have about touched bottom; still, with the immense crops in prospect from all quarters, we cannot look for very much, if any, improvement over present prices. Freights are likely to be a prominent feature in the keeping of prices low, particularly after the close of navigation; there is certain to be a marked advance in inland freights, and we cannot count on a corresponding advance at English, German and French ports, as these markets will likely be liberally supplied from sources other than American ports, while in the spring they count on liberal supplies of new wheat from Australia and the Pacific coast. We shall not be surprised to see freights 15 to 20 cents per bushel higher this winter over last. This alone is a considerable decline. The rapid increase in the area under wheat in all parts of the world the past few years, has changed the situation very much, and any one not familiar with this great change will be very likely to be led astray. The movement so far this fall has been almost nothing compared with the past two or three years, seven farmers out of ten seem inclined to hold their wheat. Whether this will have any effect on the market remains to be seen. The sample throughout Western Ontario will be somewhat irregular, and more or less damp and sprouted, although some sections are much worse than others for this. Others again, who threshed early and have not attended carefully to their wheat, will find it musty. There is an enormous crop of wheat all over America, and, no doubt, many farmers will be slow to market their wheat at these prices.

BARLEY.

The low price of wheat no doubt will stimulate farmers to bring their barley to market first, and we may look for a pretty free movement in barley the coming month.

PEAS

Where not drowned out with the wet, the crop will be a pretty good one. No doubt a good many of these will also be marketed before the wheat.

OATS

Are not nearly so fine as last season, being light in weight, and the yield per acre will be a long way short of last season.

CORN.

The weather the past six weeks has been most favorable for the maturity of the corn crop, both in Canada and all through the States. The estimates for the United States put the corn crop of 1882 at 50 per cent. larger than 1881, and 5 per cent. larger than 1880. This estimate was made at the end of August, and the unusually favorable weather all through September will tend to raise this estimate even higher. As a large number of our farmers are interested in feeding stock, this will be of interest to them.

APPLES.

The Chicago Inter-Ocean says of this year's apple crop:

It is generally admitted that New York and Canada will have a light crop. Michigan will vary from a quarter to a half crop, while Illinois and

Missouri will probably have the largest and best crop of apples gathered for many years. While the East may have only a light crop, it must not be presumed that there will be no apples to ship from those States, as a short crop in nine cases out of ten is greatly under-estimated. However, allowing there will be a short crop, the liberal crop in Illinois and Missouri will no doubt make up the deficiency in the East. Besides, other Western States which do not ship apples will have a good crop for their own use, and there may not be so urgent a demand from interior points as usual, and the present outlook warrants dealers in making the statement that the public need not fear very high prices for apples the coming winter.

The foreign crop of apples it is reported is almost a failure, and reports from abroad intimate that large importations of American apples will be required. This will tend to enhance the value of apples to some extent, and a good trade will no doubt exist during the fall and winter months at reasonable prices.

CHEESE

Has ruled extremely dull for the past 3 or 4 weeks, and there is no life in the trade. The shipments are not excessive, and much behind that of last year this time. But the trouble seems to be that prices have been too high all summer, and the result has been that the consumption has been very much decreased from this cause. The shipments from New York up to 31st of August, have been— for 1881, 83,085,539 lbs.; for 1882, 60,613,216 lbs.; decrease in 1882, 22,472,323 lbs., or about 400,000 boxes. Part of this decrease, however, is made up by an increase of the shipments from Montreal up to 31st of August, of about 90,000 boxes over same date last year. There is a large percentage of the August cheese in Canada still on the factory shelves, and much of it is in very poor condition, and would be much better away and into consumption. The make of September and October will be unusually fine, and we may look for some improvement later on. Still, should factory-men have to sell August, September and October at 11 cents, they will have made a good average for the year, as there has been no serious decline this summer. We hear of 11 for August and 11½ for Sept. and Oct. having been accepted for some few lots.

BUTTER

Rules steady, and no doubt strictly fine butter will be wanted, and will command good prices from this out. Those farmers who have held their summer butter will not get the price for it that fine, fall-made butter will command.

FARMERS' MARKET.

LONDON, ONT., Oct. 5th, 1882.

	Per 100 lbs		Per 100 lbs
Red wheat...	\$1 45 to \$1 65	Eggs, small lots...	22 to 28
Dehl...	1 50 to 1 65	Potatoes, bag...	60 to 75
Treadwell...	1 50 to 1 60	Apples...	1 00 to 1 75
Clawson...	1 40 to 1 55	Tomatoes, peck...	14 to 15
Corn...	1 50 to 1 70	Roll butter...	25 to 28
Oats...	1 40 to 1 55	Tub...	16 to 18
Poultry (Dressed)...	0 50 to 0 70	Crock...	20 to 25
Chickens, pair...	0 50 to 0 70	Cheese, lb...	12 to 12½
Ducks, pair...	0 65 to 0 70	Onions, bush...	1 00 to 1 25
Geese, each...	0 50 to 0 60	Honey...	20 to 25
Turkeys, each...	1 00 to 1 50	Tallow, clear...	7 to 7½
Poultry (Undressed)...	0 50 to 0 70	" rough...	4 to 5
Chickens, pair...	0 50 to 0 70	Lard, per lb...	14 to 15
Ducks, pair...	0 60 to 0 70	Wool...	20 to 25
Hops, 100 lbs...	21 00 to 30 00	Clover seed...	5 00 to 6 00
Live Stock—		Timothy seed...	3 00 to 3 25
Milk cows...	30 00 to 50 00	Hay, per ton...	10 00 to 11 00
Live hogs...	8 00 to 8 00		

FLOUR AND MILL FEED.

	Wholesale	Retail
Pastry Flour...	\$2 75	\$3 00
Family...	2 25	2 50
Oatmeal, fine...	2 75	3 00
" coarse...	3 00	3 25
Commeal...	2 25	2 50

TORONTO, ONT., Oct. 5th.

	1 50 to 2 25		1 50 to 2 25
Wheat, fall...	\$ 90 to \$ 94	Apples, bri...	1 50 to 2 25
Wheat, spring...	1 04 to 1 05	Tomatoes, bu...	0 50 to 0 75
Wheat, goose...	0 78 to 0 78	Beans, bu...	1 00 to 0 60
Barley...	0 80 to 0 82	Onions, bu...	1 00 to 0 00
Oats...	0 39 to 0 40	Chickens, pair...	0 40 to 0 60
Peas...	1 00 to 0 00	Fowls, brace...	0 50 to 0 70
Flour...	0 00 to 4 75	Ducks, brace...	0 00 to 0 00
Rye...	0 70 to 0 72	Geese...	0 00 to 0 00
Beef, hind qrs...	7 50 to 9 00	Turkeys...	1 25 to 1 50
Beef, fore qrs...	6 50 to 7 00	Butter...	0 22 to 0 25
Mutton...	7 50 to 8 00	Butter, dairy...	0 18 to 0 21
Lamb...	9 00 to 10 00	Eggs, fresh...	0 18 to 0 21
Veal...	6 00 to 8 00	Wool, per lb...	0 18 to 0 20
Hogs, per 100 lb...	8 00 to 8 25	Hay...	13 00 to 15 00
Potatoes, bag...	6 00 to 6 70	Straw...	7 50 to 12 50

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

MONTREAL, Oct. 5.—The local grain market was quiet and without any change to-day. Canada white and red winter wheat is quoted at \$1 05; Canada spring wheat is nominal; No. 2 red winter American is quoted at \$1 05. Oats are quoted at 36½¢ per bush. Peas unchanged. Barley and rye are nominal. Flour quiet and without change; 125 brls superior extra sold at \$5 50. It is said that superiors sell as low as \$4 80 in bond. Extras are quoted at \$5 20 to \$5 25; 125 brls superior extra at \$5 50; 125 brls medium bakers' at \$5 45; 100 brls fine at \$3 95; 100 brls Pollards at \$3 55. Quotations: —Superior extra, \$5 40 to \$5 50; extra superfine, \$5 20 to \$6; fancy, nominal; spring extra, \$5 25 to \$5 35; superfine, \$4 70 to \$4 80; strong bakers', Canadian, \$6 to \$6 60; do. American, \$7 to 7 50; fine \$3 80 to \$4 00; middlings, \$3 60 to 3 90; pollards \$3 40 to 3 60; Ontario bags, medium, \$2 75 to \$2 80; do., spring extra, \$2 70 to \$2 75; do. superfine, \$2 40 to \$2 50; city bags delivered, \$3 45 to \$3 50.

PROVISIONS.

The butter market is showing a little more life. The views of shippers and holders are, however, still considerably apart. A sale of a lot of 75 tubs of creamery is reported at 24¢, and also one of 160 packages of selected townships at 20½¢. Two lots of September creamery of 100 tubs each, have been bought at 25¢; 40 tubs of August at 21½¢; and a 100 tubs of August at 22¢. We quote with an addition of about two cents as the prices for the jobbing trade. Creamery, fine flavoured extra, 22½¢ to 23½¢; do. good to fine, 21¢ to 22¢; eastern townships, 18¢ to 20½¢; Morrisburg and Brockville, 18¢ to 20¢; Western 15¢ to 16¢. While it is claimed that 11½¢ and over is being paid in the country for cheese, the market here shows no alteration, and certainly does not warrant any change. Quotations namely:—August, 10 to 10½¢; September and October, 11¢ to 11½¢. Eggs still command 22½¢. Hog products are unchanged. Western pork, \$24 25 to \$24 75; Canada short cut, \$25 50; inspected Canada mess, \$25 to \$25 50; thin mess pork, \$22 50 to \$23; hams, city cured, at 15¢ to 15½¢; do., canvassed, at 15½¢ to 16¢; bacon, 14¢ to 14½¢; lard in pails, 15¢ to 15½¢.

Liverpool, Oct. 5.—Flour, 12s; spring wheat, 8s 9d; red winter, 8s 4d; white, 9s 2d; club, 9s 6d; corn, 6s 4d; oats, 6s 3d; barley, 6s 6d; peas, 7s 4d; pork, 102s 6d; lard, 63s; bacon, 72s; tallow, 45s.

DAIRY MARKET.

Liverpool, Eng., Oct. 5.—Per cable: Cheese, 54s to 56s. Little Falls, N. Y., Oct. 2, 1882.—The Cheese Sales are 11,000 boxes of factory make at 11½¢ to 12¢, and 300 boxes of farm dairy at 10½ to 13½¢. There is little to be said about the market except that it was a continual boom. Small cheese weighing from 33 to 50 pounds, are coming to occupy quite a prominent place on the Utica market, and as they bring from 1 to 4¢ above year to year. From 1 to 4 of the sales reported to-day at 12½¢, and upwards were of small cheese, altho' the highest price quoted is on some fine shipping cheese. Those quoted at private terms are partly small cheese. Transactions for the day are as follows: 871 boxes, 10 lots at 11½¢; 38 lots, 3,634 boxes, at 12¢; 15 lots, 1,620 boxes, at 12½¢; 200 boxes at 12½¢; 9 lots, 1,256 boxes at p. t.—Sales, 7,581 boxes; commissions, 1,214 boxes, total 8,795. Ruling price 13¢.

INGERSOLL CHEESE MARKET.

Ingersoll, Oct. 3rd.—Twenty-six factories offered 11,630 boxes cheese; 7,000 August make, 3,000 September make. Two factories offered September and balance of season's make. No sales. On account of improved price paid at Little Falls and Utica yesterday, holders were firmer in their ideas, offering August make at 11¢, and declined to offer September and balance except they could get 12¢ or over. Sales of August have been made the past week at 10½¢.

THE HOP MARKET.

Utica, N. Y., Oct. 3.—About 3,000 bales have been sold by dealers in this city during the last ten days, at prices ranging from 62 to 65¢ cash, and 65 to 68¢ time; 65¢ is the highest cash sale by dealers that we have heard of. Emmet Wells remarks: "High as our prices seem, we are just 10¢ per lb. lower to-day than Germany. If we can keep within this range, England will give us the preference; if not, she will buy from Germany first. German hops laid down in New York would cost to-day 82 to 86¢ per lb., the expense of getting them here, including duty, freight and insurance, being about 10¢ per lb."

A prominent brewer says that we can not spare a bale of hops, and that our shortage, occasioned by exporting to England, will have to be made up from Germany. A late cable from Germany reports the market excited and advancing.

LIVE-STOCK MARKETS.

BRITISH MARKETS, PER CABLE.

Liverpool, Oct. 1, 1882.—Supplies of States cattle have been moderate, and the general demand for cattle good. The demand has not been very brisk, but values have strengthened some during the week.

Prevailing prices are as follows:

	Cents @ lb
Finest steers...	16½
Good steers...	15½
Medium steers...	14½
Inferior and bulls...	9@11

[These prices are for estimated dead weight; offal is not reckoned.]

The sheep market has been rather strong and prices remain firm as follows:

	Cents @ lb
Best long wooled...	15@18
Seconds...	13@15
Merinos...	11@12½
Inferior and rams...	9@10½

[These prices are for estimated dead weight; offal is not reckoned.]

GLASGOW—PRE CABLE.

Glasgow, Sept. 29, 1882.—The general market has been less active, but values remain without quotable change. Best Canadian cattle are firm. Sheep are dearer, and trade is fairly good.

Present prices for cattle, and sheep (dressed weight sinking the offal) are as follows:

	Cents @ lb
Top Canadian steers...	16 @ 17
Canadian sheep...	17 @ 18
American sheep...	14 @ 17