AGRICULTURAL AND OTHER NOTES.

HEALTH OF FARMERS.

BY ALEXANDER HYDE.

It may be at the risk of a man's reputation to talk to farmers about the necessity of sleep. It has been so long customary to think and speak of the time spent in sleep as so much wasted, that to utter the sober truth on this subject may subject one to the suspicion of being either a sluggard or a lunatic. Has not Solomon, the wisest of men, said, "Drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags," and again, "Love not sleep, lest thou come to poverty," and, still again, "O, sluggard, when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep?" Yes, Solomon has said just so, and he has also said, "The sleep of a labouring man is sweet," and David, the father of Solomon, has said, "It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late," and again, "He giveth His beloved sleep," and the disciples of One greater than either David or Solomon, said, "Lord, if he sleep he shall do well." Now Scripture is its own best interpreter, and in-...

CONSERVATIVE PICNIC AT BARRIE.

A PLEASANT EXCURSION AND SUCCESSFUL MEETING.

BARRIE, Aug. 10.—A most successful picnic was held to-day at Orillia, under the auspices of the Barrie Branch of the Liberal-Conservative Association of North Simcoe. A party of about 500 left Barrie this morning at nine o'clock by the steamer Lady of the Lakes, and arrived at Orillia about noon. The excursionists proceeded to the grounds of Mr. Quinn, West street, and passed a most pleasant afternoon in the enjoyment of dancing and other amusements.

At two o'clock a meeting was organized at which Mr. M. H. Spencer, presided. Among those present were Mr. M. C. Cameron, M.P.P., Mr. D'Arcy Boulton, M.P.P., Mr. W. C. Little, M.P., Mayor Boys, Mr. J. Hogg, ex-Warden of the County, Colonel R. C. Banting, Colonel O'Brien, Mr. Dalton McCarthy, Q.C., and others.

Mr. W. C. LITTLE, M.P., having been called upon by the Chairman to address the meeting, said that some years ago the constituency returned to Parliament a good Con-...

IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.

COMMERCIAL.

WEEKLY REVIEW OF TORONTO WHOLESALE MARKETS.

WEDNESDAY, August 12.

The inactivity of the preceding week has continued unabated since our last. There has been very little of anything offered for sale; but that little appears to have been quite as much as was wanted. Prices, however, have been rather firmer than in last week, at least in the case of flour; but all seem to have made up their minds to have lower prices ruling as soon as the new crop comes into market. It seems probable that we shall not have to wait long for its advent. Reaping seems to be nearly at an end in this neighbourhood, and now wheat, barley and oats have already been sold on the street market. Outside markets have been rather firmer than in the preceding week—at least the decline has been less heavy. New York stood on this day week at $1.24 to $1.28 for No. 2 Chicago and to-day at $1.25. Chicago stood at $1.06½ for August and to-day at $1.02½. English markets have varied considerably. There has been a fall of 1s on flour; 2d on red winter, and 1d on white wheat, and 9d on corn; with an advance of 3d on red wheat. On Tuesday the weather was reported as being wet and unfavourable to crops; but no change in prices was reported to-day. Cable advices report the total supply for the week ending on the 1st., as equal to 243,000 to 271,000 quarters of wheat; arrivals off the coast small, and the stock in London on the 1st., 130,000 to 140,000 barrels of flour, and 150,000 to 160,000 quarters of wheat, which shows an increase of 30,000 to 40,000 quarters of wheat during the month. Mail advices to the 25th ult. state that trade continued very quiet under the influence of bright weather, which had been varied during the preceding week by occasional showers, highly beneficial to crops in general and not unfavourable to wheat. Wheat cutting had become pretty general, and the reports spoke favourably of the result, tending to confirm the expectations of an excellent crop. Home-grown grain, however, was in limited supply, but losing value as harvest approached, markets remaining very languid; foreign wheat had suffered a fall of about 2s. per quarter during the week. The farmers' deliveries of home grown wheat in the 150 towns in England and Wales for the week ended July 18th, 1874, were 23,694 qrs. (and in the Kingdom estimated at 94,776 qrs.,) at an average price of 61s 10d per qr, against 21,418 qrs for the corresponding week in 1873, at an average price ...

FREIGHTS.

LAKE FREIGHTS.—There is nothing whatever doing either in grain, lumber or coal, and rates are purely nominal.

RATES BY STEAMER.—The Royal Mail Line takes flour to Montreal at —c per barrel, and propellers take it at 15c, and grain at 5c.

THROUGH RATES TO ENGLAND.—The Grand Trunk Railway Company is now taking flour to Liverpool or London per Dominion Line at 4s 3d to Liverpool, and 4s 3d to London; and grain to Liverpool at 8s 9d per qr.; bacon or boxed meats to Liverpool or Glasgow 53s per ton of 2,240 lbs.; lard at 55s; butter and cheese at 60s.

GRAND TRUNK R. R. RATES.—Summer rates now stand as follows:—To Halifax, flour 80c, grain 40c; to St. John, flour 85c, grain 40c. Steamers leave Portland for Halifax twice a week. Rates to railway stations are as follows:—To Kingston, 20c for flour and 10c for grain; to Prescott, 23c for flour and 12c for grain; to Montreal, 25c for flour and 13c for grain; to Point Levis, 50c for flour and 25c for grain; to Portland, 75c for flour and 38c for grain; to Boston, via steamer from Portland, 80c for flour and 40c for grain.

Rates to Montreal from outside stations west of Toronto remain unchanged until Carleton is reached. From Carleton they are 35c for flour and 18c for grain. From Brampton they are 40c for flour and 20c for grain. Thence they are unchanged until Petersburgh is reached, whence they are 50c for flour and 25c for grain.

Rates to Montreal from outside stations east of Toronto are unchanged until Whitby is reached, whence they are 27½c for flour and 14c for grain. Thence they are unchanged to Brighton, whence they are 25c for flour and 13c for grain.

PROVISIONS.

TRADE—Has remained steady and fairly active all week.

BUTTER—The market has been excited and active at an advance of one or two cents on last week's prices. Large quantities have changed hands both here and at outside points; in fact, it is thought that the entire of the first make has been cleared off within the last ten days. ...

LUMBER.

Business has been decidedly dull of late. The demand is quiet, and the tendency of prices is downwards. Common box, culls and flooring have all declined in price since our last, and the more common grades are decidedly weak. Receipts by rail have fallen off, as some mills have been shut down, owners being discouraged by the condition of both the local and States markets. Shipments are almost at an end; there is nothing at all going to the States, and the movement to Quebec is very small.

HARDWARE.

The market continues to be fairly active, but with little change in the situation since our last. Pig copper is rather easier. Tin plates are selling fairly well, and IC coke have declined 25c. Canada plates are now in good supply and selling freely. Galvanized iron continues active and firm. Iron wire has declined 25c. Nails are unchanged.

The *Economist* of the 25th ult. reviews the state of trade in England, as follows:

The very warm state of the weather acts in its usual way on the production of iron; drought is also so extreme as to have put a stop to some works dependent on hydraulic apparatus. At the same time there is essentially very little business which could produce activity, falling prices, primarily in the coal trade, and falling wages being still the main causes, keeping buyers out of the market. An improvement is, however, visible on the whole; the chief districts are still in a state of half-employment, but prospects are better in South Staffordshire, now that the colliers' strike is at an end, and a fall in the price of coal, extensive enough to be of value to the iron interest, is expected within a few weeks. In the north of England contracts for heavy iron are reported on the increase, but prices are not considered very remunerative at present, although factories are well employed for the time; a further reduction in colliers' wages is contemplated, which, if it be made without disturbance, will no doubt be sufficient to help materially the descent of prices to a healthy basis. Few of the minor districts are in an average state of activity; Sheffield reports special depression, while in South Wales the state of prices appears to be totally at variance with the small demand and trifling production now exist-...

CANADIAN SECURITIES.

CATTLE.

HIDES, SKINS AND WOOL.

LEATHER.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

COAL AND WOOD.

PETROLEUM.

BIRTHS.

MEAD—At Toronto, on the 4th instant, the wife of J. B. Mead, of a daughter.

JENNER—At Ember Farm, Weston, on the 3rd Aug., the wife of Geo. Jenner, Esq., of a son.

TAYLOR—At 97 Union avenue, Montreal, on the 2nd instant, Mrs. John Taylor, of a son.

GREENAWAY—In Hamilton, on the 2nd instant, the wife of Mr. J. Greenaway, of a son.

JAMONT—In Toronto, on the 4th inst., the wife of Mr. H. Jamont, of a son.

MUSSON—In this city, on the 6th inst., the wife of Mr. Thomas Musson of a son.

BURSTALL—In Quebec, on the 3rd inst., the wife of Mr. John Burstall, of a daughter.

INNES—In Kingston, on the 5th inst., the wife of Mr. John C. Innes, City Engineer, of a son.

LAMONT—In Toronto, at 36 William-Henry street, on the 4th instant, Mrs. Hugh Lamont, of a son.

GORDON—In Simcoe, on the 4th instant, the wife of Mr. Frank Gordon, of a daughter.

STEWART—In Hamilton, on the 4th August, at No. 47 Duke street, the wife of John Stewart, Jr., of a daughter.

MACKINTOSH—In Strathroy, on the 5th instant, the wife of Mr. F. P. Mackintosh, of a son.

JOHNSTON—In Ingersoll, 5th instant, the wife of Mr. W. L. Johnston, of a daughter.

WILSON—At Almonte, on the 6th instant, Mrs. Robt. Wilson, of a son.

BARNES—In this city, on the 9th, the wife of John Barnes, of a son.

MACKINTOSH—In Strathroy, on the 5th inst., the wife of Mr. Fred. P. Mackintosh, of a son.

HIAM—On the 6th inst., at 317 St. George street, Montreal, the wife of William H. Hiam, of a son.

BAILEY—On Wednesday, 5th inst., the wife of Mr. John Bailey, of a daughter.

EMERY—At Port Burwell, on the 6th inst., the wife of W. J. Emery, of a son. Mother and child doing well.

PILLAR—On the 9th inst., at 342 Brock street, the wife of Wm. Pillar, of a daughter.

EVANS—On the 9th inst., at 34 Avenue road, Yorkville, the wife of Wm. B. Evans, of a daughter.

HILDRID—In Brantford, on the 7th inst., the wife of Mr. William Hildrid, of a son. Still born.

WARWICK—At Kingston, on Friday, the 7th inst., the wife of Mr. C. J. Warwick, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

PATERSON—BROWN—At Indiantown, on the 6th inst., by the Rev. James B. Lawson, Mr. Alexander Paterson, of Houlton, (late of Douglas, Lanarkshire, Scotland,) to S. Annie, eldest daughter of W. G. Brown, Esq., Postmaster.

WHITE—ADAMS—On the 20th ult., by the Rev. T. Reid, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. William White, of the Township of Minto, to Miss Martha Jane Adams, of Listowel.

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