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POULTRY RAISING IN VERMONT.

Butter and cheese are our chief products

but in the latter we have an opportunity

to build up other branches of farming

more than has been done. A great deal

of poultry goes from Vermont to the

cities of Massachusetts, also many eggs;

but cannot this branch of our farm work

be greatly improved? There are difficulties

in the way, and they must be considered. The first is distance

from markets. While we are not very far

from the cities, the elevators less than

usual, an inclination to go to the cities

for a low condition of visible stocks in

foreign markets, a disposition among

Russian sellers to hold up values, and

away in India the pitiful walls of im-

pending famine burden the air. This is

all favorable for the dealer; yet, the in-

formation is not very definite as to the

need of further shipments of our surplus

to feed a needy competitor, or as to

the quantity of surplus to be expected

from the coming crop. From exporting

countries reserves sufficient for current

wants can be obtained, but the future price

will depend on the coming supplies

from the southern hemisphere, and after

that upon the prospects for the crops of

Europe and America. It is not, therefore,

long before we are in these days to see the

probable course of events. Should ru-

man wars intervene, or sensational

speculation arise, we might expect a panic

and a boom in the wheat market.

The price of corn is low. The recur-

rence of the crop, to say nothing of a

low level of prices and its influence,

makes that fact inevitable. Yet corn is

good property at present prices. It is not

necessarily to seek cheaper substitutes;

much of the last crop is soft, and will

be of a poor crop for next summer, they

will rise materially; but with another

big crop, low prices will be sure to

be sure to come.

As to the increase in exportation

from 1,202,151 bushels in ten months of

1906 to 2,322,725 in the same period

and great activity of movement in the

country, all this tends to reduce stocks.

There is so large a proportion of inferior

quality that apparent abundance is de-

ceptive, and as to the breeding of corn

which should be expected, and certainly will

be sure to come.

A rise in corn will be followed by ad-

vances in the price of pork products.

In years of abundant crops, the

later winter and spring values are almost

invariably higher, and the demand for

pork is more certain, with fall or winter

crops. The chances are therefore

favorable for higher prices of cereals

and the products which they represent.

The ravages of hog cholera, which are

estimated for the single state of Iowa at

millions of dollars, and the heavy ship-

ping losses to the summer, are not to be

lost by waiting, have depleted the

stock, and will tend to advance prices.

We know that the increase of pigs for

the number of mothers available will be

expected in the spring; yet it is believed

that overstocking is not to be a

year to come, and therefore a stimulus

to values should be expected to bring

good fruit in the immediate future.

A study of the market is not to easily

be made. Some causes have conspired to

reduce numbers of cattle, and the severity

of the winter has already depleted the

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FRANCE.

No. 10.

LONDON TOWER.

(From our Special Foreign Correspondent.)

LONDON, ENGLAND.

We feel sure that while you are

with us in the opinion that grim, cruel

old London Tower is the most impres-

sive place in London, as well as histori-

cally interesting, the modern view of the

place is a very different one. It is a

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