

LIVE STOCK.

MONTREAL: Receipts of live stock at the Montreal markets last week amounted to 2,900 cattle, 1,900 sheep and lambs, 2,200 hogs and 800 calves. Owing to the colder weather last week, which was more favorable for keeping stock, the demand from packers for all grades of cattle was brisker and prices consequently advanced about 25c. The demand for inferior cattle for United States shipment was heavier than usual. Supplies were fair, being about sufficient to meet the requirements of the trade for the week.

Small meats were firm at unchanged prices, as offerings were lighter than for some weeks past in spite of the brisk demand for calves, sheep and lambs. Hogs were firmer, and prices scored an advance of 25c a 100 lbs with prospects of still higher values in the near future.

TORONTO: Prices of cattle held firm at the Toronto stockyards last week as offerings on the whole were light. Choice butcher steers and heifers were much in demand but there were very few on the market, as the average quality of offerings was poor. Cannery and cutters were steady. Sheep and lambs were firmer, and the same applies to hogs and calves.

Current prices are as follows:

	Per cwt.			
	Montreal.	Toronto.	Montreal.	Toronto.
Butcher steers, best	8.00	8.25	8.35	8.50
Do., good	7.50	7.75	7.25	7.65
Do., fair	6.50	6.75	7.10	7.25
Do., medium	6.00	6.25	6.00	6.25
Do., rough	5.50	5.75	5.25	5.75
Butchers' cows				
Choice	6.25	6.50	6.25	6.50
Do., good	5.75	6.00	5.75	6.25
Do., fair	5.25	5.50	5.00	5.25
Butcher bulls, best	6.55	6.75	6.85	7.10
Do., fair	6.00	6.25	6.50	6.60
Do., medium	5.00	5.25	5.00	5.50
Cannery cattle, bulls	4.90	5.25		
Do., cows	3.90	4.25	3.85	4.25
Heavy Sheep	6.75	7.50	6.50	8.00
Light Ewes	7.25	7.50	8.50	9.00
Lambs	11.00	11.25	10.75	11.25
Do., monnon	10.50	10.75		
Calves, best	9.00	10.00	10.75	11.50
Hogs, select, weighed				
off cars	11.25	11.50		11.00
Do., heavy				
weights				11.25

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES.

FRUIT: In anticipation of the coming holiday trade many varieties of imported fruits are coming on to the market. Lemons are a little weaker owing to larger arrivals of stock in New York. The first consignment of California navel oranges arrived last week, so that to-day practically all the regular varieties of oranges are offered on this market, including Porto Rico, Jamaicas and Floridas. Prices are about the same as last year's. There is a very good demand for Almeria grapes owing to the poor crop of Emperor grapes from California so that the market is depending on the former variety at the present time. Apples are high and moving slowly, as the demand is limited for Nova Scotia apples as those reaching this market are not particularly popular here. Ontario apples are running into three's and the Quebec crop is unusually poor. Large quantities of American apples from Maine are coming forward, and are underselling the Canadian varieties, even after paying a duty of 90c a barrel. Cranberries are firm, but a slight decline is looked for after the American Thanksgiving holiday. No cranberries have arrived as yet from Nova Scotia, but shipments will be arriving before long. The market for bananas still remains very strong, the demand greatly exceeding the supply owing to conditions in the tropics, as advised in a previous article. Hurricanes and storms have caused a serious shortage, and prices have consequently risen. These conditions are likely to continue until next spring when the new crops come forward.

VEGETABLES: The attendance of farmers at the Montreal markets shows a decided falling off as stocks of vegetables have been pretty well bought up all over the country. The potato market shows a little weakness due in part to the prominence given to it in the press of late. As a result of the efforts of Montreal dealers large supplies of potatoes have been rounded up all over the country and are arriving in good quantity in the cities. How far the press is justified, in its attitude is a question, but if any dealers are wilfully forcing up prices under present unhappy circumstances they deserve the severest punishment. It is most likely that these supplies are destined for winter use and if the dealer prefers to store his stock in cars on the siding it is a matter to be settled between him and the railway. Some potatoes probably were frozen when

the weather changed suddenly, but no one can state definitely how much damage has been done. Onions are very high and will likely continue so as Spanish onions are difficult to obtain. Some firms are importing onions from the West, but this trade is being hampered by the lack of rolling stock.

Apples:		
Cranberries, per bbl.	10.00	11.00
Cranberry, pippin, per bbl.	4.50	5.00
Greenings, per bbl.	5.50	6.00
Pewaukies, per bbl.	4.00	4.50
Mackintosh Reds, per bbl.	5.50	7.00
Fameuse, per bbl.	6.00	7.00
Bananas, per bunch	2.75	3.00
Grapes, Tokay, per crate	3.50	3.50
Do., Almeria, per keg	5.50	7.00
Grape Fruit, Porto Rico	3.75	3.75
Do., Jamaica	3.00	3.00
Lemons, Malagas, per box	3.00	4.00
Limes, per box	1.75	1.75
Oranges, California, Navels, per box	4.50	4.50
Do., Porto Rico	3.25	3.25
Do., Floridas	3.25	3.25
Do., Jamaicas	3.00	3.00
Pears, Winter Nellis, per box	4.50	4.50

Vegetables:		
Artichokes, per bag	1.25	1.50
Beets, per bag	1.00	1.00
Beans, American, per hamper	3.50	4.00
Brussels Sprouts, per qt.	0.18	0.20
Cabbage, Montreal, per doz.	0.75	0.75
Carrots, per bag	1.00	1.00
Cauliflower, Canadian, per doz.	2.50	3.00
Celery, per doz.	0.75	0.75
Horse Radish, per lb.	0.20	0.20
Lettuce, head, per doz.	0.85	0.85
Do., curly, per doz.	0.25	0.35
Onions, Spanish, per case	5.75	6.00
Do., Canadian, per 75 lb. bag	2.75	2.75
Marrows, per doz.	1.50	1.50
Pumpkins, per doz.	1.00	1.00
Potatoes, Montreal, per 80 lb. bag	2.00	2.00
Do., Green Mountains, per 80 lb. bag	2.20	2.20
Do., Sweet, per basket	2.00	2.00
Parsley, per doz. bunches	0.25	0.35
Salsify, per doz. bunches	0.60	0.60
Turnips, per bag	1.00	1.00
Tomatoes, hothouse, per lb.	0.25	0.30

THE GRAIN MARKETS.

WHEAT: After fairly steady markets at the beginning of the week the price of wheat dropped suddenly on Friday and Saturday last, although as we go to press the market is showing a slightly upward tendency from the lowest point. Chicago values closing \$1.73½ or 9 cents under last Monday's close for December. Winnipeg has also declined heavily, closing values being \$1.89 as compared with \$1.97½ on November 20. Cash premiums have declined to practically nothing to-day owing to the approach of the close of the November option. Heavy buying on the part of the Allied Governments maintained the market at the beginning of the week, but talk of an embargo on the exportation of wheat from the United States induced many holders to sell. This liquidation in the market consequently depressed prices and in the absence of further Government buying the bears gained the control of the market. Lack of enough readily available freight room on vessels for Europe tended further to discourage buyers, and so, too, did complaints of a shortage of railway cars, especially as restricting trade operations of millers in the northwest, a condition made more acute by the approaching close of traffic on the Great Lakes. Latest advices from Argentina are to the effect the rains have fallen sufficient to be of actual benefit to the crops.

COARSE GRAINS: There was only a moderate demand for coarse grains in the Montreal market during the past week, due in part to the difficulty of obtaining ocean freight space. The market for oats declined somewhat in sympathy with the break in wheat. There was a fair demand for malting, barley and American corn was in good demand for domestic account.

Grains:	Montreal per bushel.	Toronto per bushel.
Wheat Manitoba,		
No. 1 Northern	2.04	2.04½
Do., No. 2	2.01½	2.01½
Do., No. 3	1.96	1.96½
Do., No. 4	1.87	
Ontario Wheat,		
No. 2 Winter	1.82	1.84
Oats, No. 1 C. W.	0.74	0.74½
Do., No. 2 C. W.	0.73	0.73½
Do., No. 3 C. W.	0.72	0.72½
Do., Extra No. 1		
feed	0.72	0.72½
Do., No. 1 feed	0.71½	0.72
Do., No. 2 feed	0.71	0.71½
Quebec and Ontario		
Oats, No. 2 white	0.71	0.66
Do., No. 3 white	0.70	0.65
Barley No. 3 C. W.	1.26	1.18
Do., No. 4 C. W.	1.16	
Corn, American,		
ex-track	1.18	1.08

DRIED FRUITS AND NUTS.

DRIED FRUITS: The situation in the market for such dried fruits as come from the Mediterranean shores and other Eastern points is largely dependent on shipping facilities, which unfortunately are very irregular at the present time. A cargo of dates arrived in New York from the Azores last week, but the arrival of the next steamer will be delayed until February, as it is reported to have collided with another steamer on its way. The cargo fortunately was not injured, but it was found necessary to proceed to Bombay for repairs. The market for Hallowis is firmly held at the present time, but a lower basis of prices is expected on bulk Persians after the new year. A cargo of currants is dated for about December 6 in New York. California dried fruits, such as raisins apples and prunes, present no new features. Prices are very firm with a tendency to increase in most cases. The demand is good and becoming heavier with the approach of the holidays, but stocks though not large are sufficient to take care of present requirements.

NUTS: Nuts are actively in demand for the Christmas season, and supplies for the most part are in with the exception of walnuts. New York reports very low stocks of walnuts, but heavy shipments of Cornes and Marbots have arrived from France during the last few days, but owing to the congestion at the docks deliveries have been delayed. The steamer Chicago arrived recently from Bordeaux with large quantities of walnuts on board which arrived in a fire ridden condition, so that her cargo was a total loss. Selected long large Naples show a tendency to advance as stocks are very small. Brazil's are firm and unchanged. Pecans are also strong on an advancing market, stocks on spot being very low.

Current quotations follow:

Dried Fruits:		
Apples, choice winter, 50 lb. boxes	0.11	
Apricots	0.20	
Peaches, choice	0.11	
Candied Citron peel	0.29	
Candied lemon peel	0.23	
Candied orange peel	0.24	
Currants, loose cleaned	0.18	
Currants, carton cleaned	0.19	
Dates, loose Hallowis	0.12	
Dates, Fards choicest	0.12½	
Do., Carton, pkg.	0.09	
Do., California bricks	0.09	
Prunes, Santa Clara, 60-70's	0.09½	
Raisins, 4 Crown	0.09½	
Prunes, Santa Clara, 60-70's	0.09½	
Do., 3 Crown	0.11	
Do., Muscatels	0.10½	
Do., California seedless	0.11½	
Nuts.		
Walnuts, Grenoble	0.16	0.19
Do., Marbot	0.17	
Almonds, Tarragona	0.18½	0.19
Filberts, Sicily	0.18½	0.19
Brazil's, large, washed	0.22	
Pecans	0.19	
Almonds, shelled	0.40	
Walnuts, shelled, Bordeaux fine split	0.40	
Chestnuts	0.19	
Peanuts	0.10	0.13
Hickory nuts	0.09	

NO CHANGE IN COFFEE PRICES.

No appreciable change has taken place in the coffee market of late, this being the one commodity of which the price has not been increased by the events brought about by the war. In fact, prices of coffee to-day are identical with quotations in 1914. The even tone to the market is the result of the cessation of the demand from Austria and Germany owing to the rigid enforcement of the British blockade. Normally the Central Empire consumes very large quantities of coffee, and thus with these countries eliminated from the markets of the world, supplies have been adequate to supply all requirements and prices have been kept at so low a figure that dealers have been able to meet the increased cost of such general expenses as labor, tin, duty and freights, without changing prices to the retailer. Shipping from South and Central America although irregular and at times very difficult has not been sufficiently deranged to hamper this market to any extent, as stocks have been sufficient to tide over periods of delay. Some grades of Mexican coffee cannot be obtained at the present time, as owing to the unsettled state of affairs in Mexico deliveries have been seriously impeded of late.

Current quotations are as follows:

	Per lb.	
Mexican	0.25	0.29
Jamaica	0.21	0.23
Maracaibo	0.20	0.25
Santos	0.20	0.23
Rio	0.17	0.19