

MAPLE PRODUCTS: Maple products are all in fair demand, and prices are steady at last week's quotations.

POTATOES: There is no relief in sight for potatoes, and the market is very firm under small supplies.

BEANS: This commodity retains its firm tone, and prices have strengthened a little.

Eggs:		
New laid	0.44	
Poultry—Live:	Per Pound.	
Fowls, 5-lb. and over	0.26	0.28
Fowls, small	0.24	0.25
Storage Poultry:		
Turkeys	0.32	0.33
Old Turkeys, cocks	0.27	0.23
Fowls, hens	0.20	0.21
Do., roosters	0.17	0.18
Chickens	0.22	0.23
Do., crate fattened	0.25	0.28
Squabs, per pair	0.35	0.45
Geese	0.18	0.19
Ducks	0.23	0.24
Maple Products:		
Pure maple syrup, quart cans	0.40	
Pure maple syrup, 9-lb. tins	1.10	1.20
Extra choice syrup, 13-lb. tins	1.75	1.90
Pure maple sugar, per lb.	0.14	0.16
Honey:		
Buckwheat 5-10-lb. tins	0.09	0.10
Clover in comb	0.14½	0.15
Do. in 5-10 lb. tins	0.12	0.12½
Potatoes:		
New Brunswick, Delawares, 90-lb. sacks	4.00	
Quebec's, 80-lb. bags	4.00	4.15
Green Mountains	4.50	
Beans:		
Can. hand-picked, per bush.	8.50	9.00
Yellow eyes	7.90	8.25
Rangoon	8.00	8.40
3 lb. pickers	7.50	7.90
5 lb. pickers	7.00	7.25

DRIED FRUITS & NUTS.

Prunes are occupying the centre of attention in the dried fruit market at present. Some importers are informed that the production of prunes will be much larger than anticipated, and will result in a moderation of the price to a certain extent. "It must be remembered, however," said one wholesaler, "that an immense demand exists for the Allied troops, and we may find ourselves here at home short of supplies on that account. There has been an association formed," he went on, "which includes some 75 per cent. of the growers, and its opening price is bound to be higher than that quoted by the independent grower, and for that reason I expect that we will see higher quotations."

Apricots are firmer at an advance, while figs are coming from California in very small lots, the stocks there being pretty well cleaned up.

The market for nuts is steady, but with a firm undertone and in some cases prices have been marked up. This latter remark applies particularly to peanuts, which are now being quoted to jobbers at present retail prices. Some dealers express the fear that there will not be sufficient supplies to meet the demand.

Present prices are as follows:

Dried Fruits:		
Candied Peels (futures)—		
Citron	0.32	
Lemon	0.24	
Orange	0.27	
Currents:		
Filiatras, fine, loose, cleaned	0.18	0.21
Do., packages, cleaned	0.20	0.22½
Dates—Loose Hallowee	0.13	
Khadrawee	0.09½	0.11
Figs—California bricks	0.11½	0.12
Do., fancy tables	0.16	
Spanish mats	2.40	
Prunes, California	0.12	0.13½
Santa Clara	0.09½	0.10½
Raisins—		
Malaga, table box of 22 lbs. 3-crown cluster	3.75	
Muscatsels, (loose) 2-crown	0.10½	
Muscatsels, (loose), 3-crown, lb.	0.11	
Cal. Seedless, 16 oz.	0.12½	0.14
Choice seeded, 16 oz. layers	0.12	
Valencias, 4-crown layers	0.11	
Evaporated Fruits:		
Apples, choice winter, 25-lb. boxes	0.13	
Apples, choice winter, 50-lb. boxes	0.13	
Apricots (old crop)	0.15	0.19
Slabs	0.19	
Choice, 25's, faced, new crop	0.28	
Peaches, choice	0.11½	0.13
Pears, choice	0.15	
Nuts:		
Almonds, Tarragona	0.20	0.21
Do., shelled	0.39	0.41
Brazils (1916 crop)	0.21	0.22
Cocoanuts, 100 in bag	7.25	
Filberts (Sicily)	0.18	0.20
Hickory Nuts	0.10	0.12
Peanuts	0.15	0.16
Pecans	0.20	0.21
Do., "Paper shell," large	0.40	
Do., Shelled	0.75	0.80
Walnuts, Grenoble	0.18	0.20
Do., Marbot	0.13	0.16
Do., Shelled	0.50	0.52

FLOUR AND FEED.

It came as somewhat of a surprise to dealers that millers had dropped the price of flour. Early in the week winter wheat grades advanced 50c, to \$8.00 and \$8.15, but the volume of business was quite small. On Tuesday last, spring wheat flour was marked down \$1.00 to \$15.50 per bbl., with no change in the winter wheat varieties. Trade remained quiet at the decline. On Friday quotations were dropped another 90c, while winter wheat patents declined \$1, both movements due to the break in wheat in Winnipeg and Chicago. Millers decline to discuss the situation in any detail, and refuse to offer any explanation of the drop, except that it is a reflection of the wheat market. All dealings in flour and spot wheat are by means of private sales, and the quotations given below are merely nominal. Some of the millers complain at being unable to obtain wheat.

In the feed market there is nothing new. Prices generally are maintained, but with pasturage conditions improving, the demand for all grades of mill-feed is falling off. Bran is in the dull market, but is fairly steady at the recent decline.

Prices follow:

Flour:		per 98-lb. bag.
First patents	7.30	
Second patents	7.05	
Strong Eakers	6.95	
Rye Flour	5.80	
Winter wheat flour, 90 per cent.	7.25	7.40
Corn Flour, bbls.	12.00	
(An extra charge of 30c is made for flour bbls.)		
Cereals:		
Roller Oats, 90 lb. bag	4.25	4.50
Oatmeal, 98-lb. bag	4.30	
Roller wheat, 100-bbl.	4.40	
Bag	5.05	
Feeds:		Per ton.
Bran	40.00	
Shorts	46.00	
Middlings	48.00	50.00
Moullie, pure grain grades	55.00	
Do., mixed	52.00	
Barley feed	47.00	
Crushed Oats	49.00	
Oatfeed	33.00	
Hay, best grades	13.50	14.00
Do., No. 2 ordinary	13.00	
Do., No. 3 Timothy	11.50	
Clover, mixed	10.50	
Peas, per bush.	3.90	4.00
Buckwheat, per bushel	2.65	2.75

LIVE STOCK.

MONTREAL: The offerings of live stock on the local market during the past week were 1,250 cattle, 225 sheep and lambs, 2,650 calves and 1,850 hogs as compared with the receipts of the previous week of 1,275 cattle, 150 sheep and lambs, 4,100 calves and 2,850 hogs. An easier feeling developed in the market for cattle and prices ruled about 25c per 100 lbs. lower than the week before. The reason of this decline was that the supply of cattle on sale was larger than has been the case for some time past. Butchers also were in an indifferent buying mood as they have stocks of beef on hand ample for present requirements. Trade on the whole was, as a consequence, rather slow, except perhaps in the market for canning cattle where packers bought fair-sized lots around the seven dollar mark.

A feature of the trade in small meats was the weaker feeling in the market for spring lambs and prices declined \$1 to \$2 per head, which was due to the very limited demand for them on account of the fact that butchers generally have still fair supplies of frozen stock on hand. A few spring lambs sold at from \$7 to \$10 each as to size and quality. The trade in sheep and yearling lambs was quiet and prices were unchanged. The market for calves was active and steady. The demand for hogs was good and prices were firmly maintained with sales of selected lots at \$17.75 to \$18, rough stock at \$17.50, selected lots at \$17.75 to \$18, rough stock at \$17.50, sows at \$15.75 to \$16, per 100 lbs. weighed off cars.

TORONTO: Receipts of live stock at the stock yards during the past week amounted to 6,517 cattle, 569 sheep and lambs, 2,068 calves and 11,648 hogs as compared with the previous week's figures of 5,409 cattle, 290 sheep and lambs, 1,290 calves and 10,887 hogs.

An extra heavy run of cattle for the opening market of last week had the effect of loosening prices, and, although there was a partial recovery, trade was slow and draggy for the succeeding markets, while prices were pared at the close of the week. The heavy receipts of over 3,400 cattle on Monday gave packers an opportunity to bring down the scale of prices. There were a number of loads of choice heavy cattle on sale, but this class was neglected. Trading was inactive at the start, and there was some delay before buying began in earnest. The handyweight butchers' sold better than the heavier cattle. Prices were shaded to the extent of 10c to

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25c, the decline being most marked in the case of weighty steers and heifers, and with light butchers' of good finish steady to 15c lower.

The fact that shipments of cattle were heavier than usual was no doubt responsible for the paring of prices, but dealers do not expect these conditions to continue for longer than a couple of weeks. The records of previous years show lighter runs during the latter part of May, and until early in July, when the pasture-fed cattle come on the market.

The run of hogs for the week was about 800 in excess of the total for the preceding seven-day period. Prices advanced 35c to 40c per hundred-weight and the market closed firm. There was a fair fall for choice calves at \$11.50 to \$13, but medium and common calves were slow. Sheep were steady, with light ewes at \$12.50 to \$14, and yearlings at \$15 to \$16. Spring lambs were decidedly weaker, and most offerings were cashed at \$5 to \$9 each.

THE GRAIN MARKETS.

Trade in cash wheat here was fairly good at the beginning of last week, but gradually dwindled down to a very quiet market. Country buyers were in the market and some sales of Manitoba sample wheat were made at \$2.60 ex-track, with feed barley at \$1.22. Owing to the prevailing conditions on the Chicago and Winnipeg Exchanges prices here generally declined and although they grew firmer at the end of the week trade was on the whole dull. Manitoba feed wheat closed firm and higher.

At Winnipeg trade on spot was good all week, offerings being liberal and a number of buyers in the market. The agent of the Allied governments took practically all offerings and released futures as has been the case for some time past. Some of the mills are short of wheat and created a keen demand towards the latter part of the week.

The sudden action of the directors of the Chicago Board of Trade in decreeing 48 hours stoppage of all new buying of future deliveries and in simultaneously fixing maximum values for the settlement of existing July and September contracts resulted in an instant paralysis of speculation. Three minutes of excited trading sufficed to close up urgent outstanding deals in wheat. The rest of Tuesday the market acted as if cholera reformed. Wide fluctuations continued to be recorded on the blackboards, but the volume of business formed only an insignificant total. This was followed by a heavy break in prices due to the assurance given that the established limits on high prices would continue indefinitely. The bears ruled the market till Friday, when the report that the Allies would liquidate holdings did not materialize. Prices shot up again. There is a rumor to the effect that maximum prices for cash wheat would be fixed.

The local cash grain situation is as follows:

Grains: (Wheat prices are nominal).		Per bushel.
Spring wheat, Manitoba, No. 1	3.20	3.24
Do., No. 2	3.00	3.03
Do., No. 3	2.80	2.80
Do., No. 4	2.70	2.70
Winter wheat Ontario, No. 2	2.18	2.22
Sample wheat, Manitoba	2.60	
Feed wheat, Manitoba	1.55	1.57½
Oats:		
No. 2 C. W.	0.88½	0.89½
Do., No. 3 C. W.	0.86	0.87
Do., Extra No. 1 feed	0.86	0.87
Do., No. 2 feed	0.85	0.86
Ontario Oats, No. 2, white	0.77	0.79
Do., No. 3	0.75	0.76
Barley, No. 4 C. W., Rejected	1.30	
Do., feed	1.22	
Corn, American, ex-track	1.70	1.71