

the drouth, resulted in a poor crop of both grass and grain. The land is still very dry, but the few showers we have had during the last two weeks have helped the potato and root crops very much. Potatoes will be about up to the average in yield, and there is no appearance of rot yet. The root crop of the Island will be small, on account of the ravages of the grubs in the early part of the season. Pasturage is exceedingly poor, no aftergrass to speak of. The milk supply at the dairy stations is getting pretty small, and this, combined with the low price prevailing for cheese, will make a very poor season for the dairyman.

The new market house in Charlottetown, built to replace the one destroyed by fire over a year ago, has been opened. It is a very fine building, constructed of our Island red sandstone, and cost about \$40,000. It will be a great convenience to both farmers and city customers. We are expecting one of the best exhibitions this month ever held here. The dates of the leading Maritime exhibitions are so arranged as to form a circuit this year, and we will have quite a number of stock exhibits from both Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. Secretary Smallwood reports a great number of entries already in.

The apple crop of the Island is as heavy as we ever had, and the quality A1. We have noticed very little spot on apples, even the Fameuse being almost clean. The plum crop is not so good. A good deal of young stock is going to the butcher just now, as winter feed will be scarce. Hay now sells as high as \$14 per ton.

Sees 50,000,000 Bushels.

Winnipeg, Sept. 9.—Weather continues warm and fine, giving a great impetus to harvest operations throughout the West. Theo. M. Knappen, Secretary of the Western Canada Immigration Association, has returned after a week's tour of the wheat-growing districts of Manitoba. Having heard various conflicting reports of damage by rust, he decided to make a personal inspection. Rust has appeared very generally throughout Manitoba, south of Neepawa, but not in the Territories. The damage, however, is greatly overestimated. As a result he submits the following figures:

Provinces.	Acreages.	Bushels.	Average per acre.
Manitoba	2,380,000	33,950,000	14.36
N.-W. T.	1,020,000	16,480,000	16.00

He estimates the crop of wheat at over 50,000,000 bushels, worth over \$42,000,000. More money will be paid out for wheat than ever before in the country's history.

MARKETS.

Wheat marketing has begun again, and in districts where the crop was good the magic price of "one dollar" quite frequently rules. Packers continue to reduce the price of hogs without any justification whatever, except that they can get what they want at lower figures. The excuse offered is the same old cry of lower prices in England; but it requires no great business insight to see how little effect Old Country quotations can have on products to be marketed some months hence.

TORONTO LIVE-STOCK MARKET.

Export cattle, \$4.70 to \$5.12½ per cwt., according to quality.  
Butchers'—Choice, \$4.25 to \$4.60; medium, \$3.80 to \$4; common, \$3.25 to \$3.40; inferior, \$2.75 to \$3.  
Feeders—Extra choice, \$4.25 to \$4.50 per cwt.; good, \$3.75 to \$4; fair, \$3.25 to \$3.50.  
Stockers—\$3 to \$3.25 per cwt.; common, \$2.50 to \$2.75.  
Milk cows from \$28 to \$60 each.  
Calves, \$4 to \$5.50 per cwt.  
Sheep, \$3.75; lambs, \$4.50 to \$4.75 per cwt.  
Hogs—Selects, \$5.25; lights and fats, \$5.  
London Ont., quotes the same for hogs.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Toronto Wholesale Prices.  
Wheat—The market is firmer. Old No. 2 red and white are quoted at \$1.05 to \$1.06, and new No. 2 red and white at \$1.02 to \$1.03, west or east. Goose is steady at 92c. for No. 2, east. Spring is steady at 96c. for No. 2, east. Manitoba wheat is higher, at \$1.07 for No. 1 northern, \$1.04 for No. 2 northern, and \$1.01 for No. 3 northern, at Georgian Bay ports, and 6c. more grinding in transit.  
Mill Feed—Is steady, at \$17.50 to \$18 for cars of shorts, and \$13.50 to \$14 for bran in bulk, west or east. Manitoba mill feed is steady, at \$19 to \$20 for

cars of shorts, and \$17 to \$18 for bran, sacks included, Toronto freights.

Barley—44c. for No. 2, 42c. for No. 3 extra, and 42c. for No. 3, west or east.

Rye—58c. to 59c. for No. 2, west or east.

Corn—Is firm. Canada is nominal at 52c. for cars, west. American is firm at 62½c. for No. 2 yellow, 61½c. for No. 3 yellow, and 60½c. for No. 3 mixed, in car lots, on the track, Toronto.

Oats—Are easier. New No. 2 white sells at 32c. low freights, and some ask 32½c. Old are a little lower, at 33c. for No. 1 white, and 32½c. for No. 2 white, bid east.

Peas—Are steady, at 63c. to 64c. for No. 2, west or east.

Beans—The market is quiet. Quotations are, \$1.25 to \$1.35 per bushel for prime, and \$1.45 to \$1.50 for hand-picked.

Baled Hay—The market is easy in tone, owing to the heavy offerings of new. Quotations are, \$7.50 to \$8 per ton for car lots on track here.

Baled Straw—Is firm in tone, and quoted unchanged at \$5.75 to \$6 per ton for car lots on track here.

Potatoes—Are offering more freely, and the market has an easier tone. Quotations are about steady, at 60c. to 70c. per bushel.

Butter—Is fairly steady in tone. Receipts continue large, but for the better grades the demand is good. Quotations are:

Creamery, prints	19c.	to 20c.
Creamery, solids	18c.	to 19c.
Dairy tubs, good to choice	13c.	to 14c.
Dairy, inferior grades	9c.	to 10c.
Dairy, pound rolls; good to choice	15½c.	to 16c.
Dairy, medium	13c.	to 14c.
Dairy, inferior	10c.	to 12c.

Cheese—Outside points report a slightly easier tone, but the market here is steady, and quoted unchanged at 9½c. for twins, and 9½c. for large.

Eggs—Are quoted unchanged, at 18c. per dozen for new laid. Receipts are about large enough to fill the demand, but there is no accumulation.

Honey—The supply is limited, but receipts here are fair. Quotations have a slightly higher tone, at 7c. to 7½c. per pound for strained, and \$1.50 to \$2 per dozen for combs.

Poultry—The demand is still good, but the stocks offering are larger, and the market is easier in tone. Spring chickens are quoted at 13c. to 15c., and old birds at 9c. to 10c.

Fruit—		
Lawton berries	\$0 07 to	\$0 10
Huckleberries, basket	1 00 to	1 10
Peaches, white flesh, basket	40 to	60
Peaches, yellow	60 to	1 25
Apples, basket	20 to	25
Apples, barrel	1 50 to	2 00
Pears	35 to	50
Plums	40 to	75
Canadian cantaloupes, 24-quart.	25 to	40
Grapes, Moore's Early	30 to	60
Grapes, Champions	20 to	50

Montreal Wholesale Prices.

Montreal.—Grain—There is no alteration in the general condition of the grain market. Export business in nearly every department is practically stagnant. A good inquiry still exists for oats for local use, but the receipts are still not equal to the demand. No. 2 white in car lots sell at 41c., and No. 3 at 40c. per bushel ex-store. There is a slow demand for rye, barley and peas. Export goods are quoted: No. 2 white oats, 37½c. afloat; No. 2 peas, 73c.; No. 2 rye, 62½c.; No. 2 barley, 50c. to 50½c.; No. 3 extra, 49c. to 49½c., and No. 3, 48c. to 48½c. afloat.

Mill Feed—Bran is now quoted at \$19, and shorts at \$21 per ton, including bags. All lines of mill feed are in good inquiry. Manitoba bran in bags, \$18 to \$19; shorts, \$20 to \$21 per ton. Ontario bran in bulk, \$17; shorts, \$20, and mouille, \$24 to \$28 per ton, according to quality.

Baled Hay—No. 1 is quoted at \$8.50, No. 2 choice at \$7.50 to \$8, No. 2 ordinary at \$7 to \$7.50, and mixed clover at \$6.50.

Eggs—A good demand continues for straight-gathered stocks, at 17½c. to 18c., while selected stock is in fair demand at 20½c. to 21c.

Beans—Choice car lots are selling better at from \$1.30 to \$1.35, and primes at \$1.25 per bushel.

Cheese—The market has been rather firmer, but is easier now. On late business as high as 9½c. has been realized, but the market was under that level to-day for finest. The demand is by no means large.

Butter—Trading has been mostly in Quebec creamery at a range of 18½c. to 18½c., with under-grade goods ranging nominal, but it would be difficult to induce buyers to concede more than 19c.

Cheese Markets.

Ingersoll, Sept. 6.—At the cheese market held here to-day 362 boxes last part August make offered. Sales, 62 boxes at 9c.

Woodstock, Sept. 7.—To-day there were offered 565 boxes of white and 478 boxes of colored cheese. The price bid was 8½c. There were no sales.

Pictou, Sept. 7.—Thirteen factories boarded 1,020 boxes, all colored; highest bid, 9c.; 245 sold.

Brockville, Sept. 8.—2,471 boxes were registered, 633 white, balance colored; 8½c. bid; no sales on board.

Kingston, Sept. 8.—1,179 cheese were boarded, 462 white, balance colored; highest bid, 8½c.; none sold.

Vankleek Hill, Sept. 8.—1,215 boxes of white and 100 boxes of colored cheese boarded. Bidding was opened at 8½c. for white and 8½c. for colored, which was the highest figure offered, and at that price only 254 boxes of cheese sold on the board. The rest of the patrons would not sell at above figures, so privilege was given to sell on the street.

Winchester, Sept. 8.—1,060 cheese were boarded here to-night, of which 414 was colored and the balance white; 8½c. was bid for white and colored.

Kingston, Sept. 8.—1,230 boxes boarded. Bidding opened at 8½c. and advanced to 8½c., but this figure the salesmen refused on the curb. Half the cheese sold at latter figure.

Napanee, Sept. 9.—1,900 boxes boarded, 680 white and 1,220 colored. Sales, 275 white and 400 colored, at 8½c.

Perth, Sept. 9.—2,200 boxes boarded to-day, 1,700 white and 500 colored; 8½c. offered; none sold.

Iroquois, Sept. 9.—790 colored cheese were offered here to-day; 8 11-16c. bid. A few sales on curb at this price.

Brantford, Sept. 9.—Offerings on the cheese board here to-day, 2,240 boxes. No sales.

Ottawa, Sept. 9.—There were 1,264 boxes of white and 595 colored boarded on the Ottawa cheese board to-day. The highest offered was 8½c. for colored, 8½c. for white. There were no sales.

South Finch, Sept. 9.—This evening 1,300 boxes were boarded, 600 colored, balance white. Price offered 8½c. for white, 8½c. for colored; none sold.

Kemptville, Sept. 9.—Just one lot of cheese changed hands on the board here to-night. The usual buyers were present, and 8 13-16c. was the highest bid.

Chicago Markets.

Chicago.—Cattle—Good to prime steers, \$5.60 to \$6.15; poor to medium, \$3.50 to \$5.25; stockers and feeders, \$2.25 to \$3.85; cows, \$3.30 to \$4.40; Texas-fed steers, \$2.50 to \$3.50; Western steers, \$3 to \$4.60. Hogs—Mixed and butchers', \$5.25 to \$5.85; good to choice heavy, \$5.50 to \$5.80. Sheep—Good to choice wethers, \$3.50 to \$4.50; fair to choice, mixed, \$3 to \$3.60; native lambs, \$4.25 to \$6.00.

London Hog Prices.

Prices for live hogs, for Thursday morning, Sept. 15th, delivered at the Canadian Packing House in Pottersburg (London, Ont.), are: \$5.25 for 160 to 200 lbs.; \$5.00 for hogs over 200 lbs.; \$5.00 for hogs under 160 pounds.

British Markets.

London.—Cattle are steady at 10c. to 12½c. per pound; refrigerator beef, 9c. per pound. Sheep, 10½c. to 12½c., dressed weight.

Bean Market.

Detroit.—Beans—Cash, \$1.57; October, \$1.62 bid; November, \$1.56 bid, \$1.59 asked.

Information and Views.

I enclose postal note for \$1.50 to pay my subscription to the "Farmer's Advocate and Home Magazine" for 1904. I was much interested in the information and views which you gave of B. C. DUNCAN C. McFADYEN. Victoria Co.

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GOSSIP.

From Mr. F. L. Houghton, Secretary and editor of the Holstein-Friesian Herd-book of America, Brattleboro, Vt., we have received a copy of volume 22 of their record, a very complete and handsome compendium of information for breeders of the great black-and-white dairy breed. It contains the pedigrees of 2,476 bulls and 5,566 cows. The records of bulls and cows are tabulated separately.