

## MARKET REVIEW AND FORECAST.

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November 21st, 1898.

The warm, unsettled weather during the week has had a tendency to lessen activity in general trade circles. Eastern business houses are paying more attention to trade in Manitoba and the Territories, and an increased volume of business from that quarter is reported. Wholesale merchants state that payments have been better during the past few weeks than for several years past, which is a very healthy sign.

## Wheat.

The world's wheat markets are still influenced by the political complications of Europe. Producers are anxiously watching the situation with the hope that things will come to a climax soon. The Canadian farmer is holding back his product more than the American farmer. Since July 1st the aggregate exports of wheat and flour from the United States were equivalent to 77,230,000 bushels, as compared with 89,319,000 bushels for the same time last year, though there is more wheat to export this year. The visible supply in the United States and Canada increased 2,194,000 bushels since a week ago and the world's supply 1,394,000 bushels.

A special cable to the *Trade Bulletin* of Nov. 17th reads: "The price of wheat on Mark Lane, the Baltic, and at Provincial markets has declined from 3d. to 6d. per quarter on the week; but to-day a steadier feeling has set in, more on its own merits than from political consideration." The feeling at Chicago has a stronger tendency and December futures sold higher at the end of the week. The business at Montreal is merely nominal, as nothing has been done on that market. The Toronto market is firm, and Ontario red and white is quoted at 69 to 70c. north and west. Goose wheat is steady at 70c. north and west. No. 1 hard Manitoba is quoted at \$1 to \$2c. Toronto, and 71 to 71½c. afloat Fort William. On the local farmers' market here red and white wheat brings from 74 to 75c. per bushel; goose, 71½ to 73c., and spring 6c., 72c.

## Oats and Barley.

Receipts of American and Russian oats are more liberal on the London market, and Canadians have sold lower than a week ago. The Montreal market has ruled firm during the week at from 30½ to 31½c. afloat, and 31½c. in store. There is reported to be large quantities of oats in store throughout the country. The market here is steady at 26c. north, and 27c. east. On the local market oats bring from 31½ to 32½c.

The Montreal barley market is firm, No. 1 malting grades being quoted at 58 to 59c. The market here is steady at 48 to 50c. f.o.b. west, and 51c. east. On the local market it brings 49½ to 52½c. per bushel.

## Peas and Corn.

The London market for peas continues firm under light receipts, but prices are considered too high. The Montreal market has been steady with quotations 68 to 69c. in store. Peas here are quoted at 59 to 60c. north and west, and on the local market at 69 to 69½c. per bush.

Corn is firmer on the British market. Reports from the West indicate a shortage before spring. The Montreal market is steady and through cargoes for export bring 40 to 40½c. for No. 2, Chicago mixed. American corn is quoted here at 40 to 41c., and Canadian at 31 to 32c.

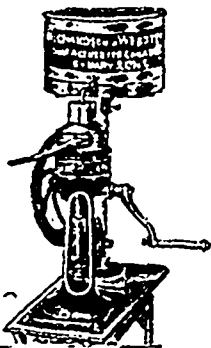
## Rye and Buckwheat.

There is a good demand at Montreal for rye, which brings from 57 to 57½c. afloat. It is quoted here at 48 to 50c. north and west. Nothing doing in buckwheat here. The Montreal market is firm at 53c. afloat, and 52 to 52½c. in store, which is an advance of 1½c. over last week.

The same thing over and over again. Read what the AMERICAN has done this time.

## WILL PAY ITSELF IN 4 MONTHS

BLYTHESWOOD, ONT., JUNE 8TH, 1898.  
MESSRS. RICHARDSON & WEBSTER,  
St. Mary's, Ont.



DEAR SIRS,—Enclosed find settlement for the Separator and oil received from you on May 28th. I placed the Separator on trial with Mr. S. D. Wilkinson, Leamington, and after 4 days he bought it. He is perfectly satisfied. I have tested the skim milk several times for him and it has never shown more than a trace of butter fat. I consider it a perfect machine in every respect and would like to act as your agent in this part of the county. Mr. Wilkinson is one of the most prominent dairymen around here. He says he will save enough in butter to pay for the Separator in 4 months. Yours truly, (Signed) F. A. LEAK.

Write RICHARDSON & WEBSTER, St. Mary's, Ont., for Catalogue and Prices. It will pay you to have a Separator as well as others.

W. G. GLENN, Agent for Owen Sound and vicinity

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## Bran and Shorts.

A scarcity of bran is reported at Montreal owing to the extraordinary demand from the United States. Ontario bran is quoted there at \$12.50 to \$13 in bulk; Manitoba at \$11 to \$11.50, and shorts at \$14 to \$15. The market here is stronger at \$11 to \$13 for shorts, and \$10 to \$11 for bran west.

## Timothy and Clover Seed.

There have been several large shipments of clover seed from Toronto of late. Prices on the local market are the same as those quoted last week.

## Eggs and Poultry.

The London market for eggs is reported quiet but firm, with no change in prices there or at Liverpool. There have been large receipts of pickled stock at Liverpool and Glasgow, and the latter market is easier. The Montreal market continues fairly steady at about last week's prices. Strictly new-laid in large lots bring from 20½ to 21c. Eggs are not in large supply here, and the demand for good stock is active and the market firm at 18 to 19c. for new-laid and 14 to 15c. for held stock. New-laid eggs on the local market bring from 22 to 25c. per dozen.

The indications are that Canada will ship more poultry this year than ever before to the English market. Already extensive arrangements and purchases have been made by dealers for this trade. One Montreal firm expects to handle from 65,000 to 85,000 head of live poultry. Choice dry-picked turkeys at Montreal bring from \$1½ to 2c. per lb.; chickens, 7 to 7½c.; geese, 6 to 7c.; and ducks at 7 to 8c. The Toronto market is steady and the demand fair at 7 to 9c. per lb. for turkeys, 5½c. for geese, 30 to 60c. per pair for ducks, and 25 to 45c. for chickens.

## Potatoes.

The Montreal market is firm at 50 to 55c. in car lots. In a jobbing way they bring from 60 to 65c. per bag. Potatoes are quiet here, and are quoted at 50 to 60c. in car lots. They sell for 60 to 65c. out of store. They bring from 50 to 65c. on the local market.

## Hay and Straw.

The problem of getting rid of this year's big hay crop is still unsolved. Farmers in Quebec are reported to be plowing up their meadows, so that there may not be such big things next year. There has been a fairly active demand for baled hay at Montreal at \$5 to \$6 per ton for clover on track, and \$7.50 to \$8 for No. 1 timothy. The market here is quiet at \$7 to \$7.50 for cars on track. Baled straw is quoted at \$4.50 in car lots. Hay brings from \$6 to \$8 on the local market.

## Fruit.

There is very little change in the fruit market. \$2.75 to \$3.25 continue to be the ruling prices for No. 1 apples, while poorer quality brings from \$1.90 to \$2.25 per barrel at Montreal, which will give some idea of what can be paid at country points for export.

## Cheese.

The cheese situation just now is in a very much healthier condition than it was last year at this time. There is not so much cheese held by factorymen, and the quantity in the country is not so large. Last season, at the close of navigation, we had shipped 373,000 boxes in excess of the year previous, while this year, when navigation closes, our shipments will be about 200,000 boxes less than a year ago. Besides there will be a great deal less to go forward. One large exporter has made the statement that by next spring the total shipments from Canada and the United States will be 700,000 boxes short of last year, and he seems to have good ground for thinking so. Up to Nov. 12th the total shipments from Montreal and New York show the large decrease of 454,842 boxes as compared with the same period last year, so that it only requires a couple of hundred thousand boxes to make up his estimate.

The London market is firm but quiet, the recent advance not stimulating consumption. Finest Canadians are quoted there at 45s. 6d. to 47s., and good to fine at 41s. to 44s. More activity is reported at Montreal, and in the country, where large quantities have changed hands at 9½ to 9¾c. for finest Westerns, and 9 to 9½c. for finest Easterns. Quite a few of the local markets have closed, especially east of Toronto. In the west prices on the local markets have ruled from 8½ to 9½c., and considerable cheese has been sold at the factories at 8½ to 9c. If factories have good curing-rooms it would pay to hold awhile.

## Butter.

There have been large receipts of Canadian and Australian butter at London and the market there has dropped another shilling, the quotations for finest Canadian creamery being 95 to 99s. At the decline, however, quite a large business has been done. The Australian supplies are earlier than usual this year. There is not thought to be very much October creamery in the factorymen's hands, the bulk of it having gone forward and is either stored in Montreal or gone forward. The total shipments from Montreal up to Nov. 12 were 251,700 packages against 210,106 packages for the same time last season, showing an increase of 41,594. The shipments from New York for the same period show a decrease of 120,354 packages, making the decrease from this side of 78,766 packages.

The export demand at Montreal is confined to the finest quality of fresh made goods which bring from 18 to 18½c. Some special factories bring a little more money, but quite a lot of creamery butter during the week at 17½ to 17¾c. The market for creamery butter is steady here at 19 to 21c. for prints and 18 to 18½c. for tubs. The supply of large rolls of dairy butter has been liberal, but the demand good at 14 to 15c. Dairy pound prints bring from 16 to 17c., and choice dairy tubs 15 to 16c. Pound prints on the local market bring from 16 to 21c., and large rolls from 14 to 15c. per lb.

## Cattle.

Cattle at Chicago and Western markets