

GENERAL MARKETS

MONTREAL RETAIL TRADE

Montreal, Monday, April 6.—EGGS.—The local market for eggs closed firmer owing to the increased demand at the lower range of prices. Receipts are coming in fairly well, but the trade this week was unable to take care of everything offering. Prices at the close were fully two cents up from the lowest reached. Dealers are asking 30c for strictly new laid stock. This is practically the only grade offering at present.

BUTTER—Butter is strong and prices have been marked up almost daily during the latter part of this week. The beginning of the week showed an easy feeling in some quarters. Some sharp buying on the part of the local firms soon disposed of the small quantity offering at the reduced prices, however, and today dealers are asking 32c from the grocers for their best stock, an advance of four cents a pound from the price asked in some cases at the beginning of the week. There is some dairy butter offering at 25c to 26c, but the quantity is small and the quality only fair.

CHEESE—There is nothing new to say about cheese. The market is firm at 14c for best goods.

MONTREAL HOG MARKET

Montreal, Monday, April 6.—The local market for live hogs continues strong, due largely to the comparatively small supplies coming forward for the season of the year and the good demand from the dealers for everything offering. An active trade has been done during the week, prices ruling about \$5.50 a 100 lb. for selected lots weighed off cars. Dressed hogs are strong in sympathy with the recent advance in the cost of live hogs, and the prices have been marked up to \$12.50 a 100 lb. for fresh killed abattoir stock.

EXPORT BUTTER AND CHEESE TRADE

Montreal, Monday, April 6.—There is very little new to say about the export trade in butter and cheese. It is largely a waiting game, and there is not likely to be much doing for two or three weeks. Two or three local firms have sold out the balance of their stock of old cheese during the past week, and it is doubtful if there remains here much more than 5,000 boxes of cheese. The stock of old cheese will be all gone long before the opening of direct navigation, and there will be nothing here at the end of the month except a few caddies that will have come in from the factories that have started operations. A few of these cheese are expected here next week, but the quantity will not be sufficient to have any effect upon the market. It is pretty generally expected that the make for the month of April this year will be small.

A few straggling lots of butter are coming in from the creameries that have opened up as these are being bought up at prices ranging from 25c to 28c. The quantity, however, is small, and the total receipts into the city from all sources amounted to barely 500 boxes. It is pretty generally expected that we will have a famine in butter here for a week or ten days. The stock of held goods is practically exhausted. Prices during the past week have advanced fully four cents a pound on this class of goods, which was offering at the beginning of the week at 22c to 25c, and at the close was being held by some parties for as high as 35c a lb.

JUNCTION HORSE MARKET

Union Stock Yards, April 6, 1908.—Business at the Horse Exchange here has ruled fair during the week. There is considerable business doing, but things have been a trifle slower. The demand is for heavy workers and choice quality bring good prices. There is a demand for horses for work on farms. This is chiefly from sections where farmers are because of a fear of a scarcity of feed, sold of their horses last fall. It could not have been a paying proposition. Horses sold cheaper last fall than now. Dealers complain that farmers who have horses to sell are asking more for them than the

market will warrant paying. These dealers continue to do business, however, and must find a profit in it somewhere. Good sound heavy horses, 1,350 to 1,500 each, sell at \$150 and extra good ones 1,600 in weight bring the latter figure. Good sound farm chunks bring \$145 to \$150, and extra good ones from \$145 to \$200 each. Drivers are not in much demand. Good extra heavy \$200 each. Specially sound horses sell all the way from \$62.50 to \$135 each.

PETERBORO FARMERS' MARKET

Peterboro, Ont., April 4, 1908.—The roads in the country are still covered with snow and sleighing is good, but here in town, sleighing is not so good. Account of this, the farmers have to come to town in wagons. The going is very bad in the country. In spite of this, however, there was a large attendance at the market this morning and there was plenty of everything, except hay, straw and beef, offered. Maple Syrup has just started to come in plentifully and a good many farmers were to be seen with their large cans of syrup. The demand for this was good and articles with a good article obtained a high price. Pork was up a cent in price. This was due to the fact that the price paid for live hogs was higher. The following were the ruling prices: PORK—Hind quarters, 15c to 16c a lb.; fore, 14c to 15c; dressed hogs, \$7.50 to \$8 a cwt.; heads, 25c to 30c each. PULTRY—Dressed chickens, 85c to \$1.35 a pt.; geese, \$1.25 each. EGGS—12c to 25c a doz., with the bulk at 15c.

BUTTER—The bulk sold for from 30c to 35c a lb., with some extra fine at 35c. **HAY**—\$19 to \$20 a ton. **VEGETABLES**—Onions, 30c a peck; parsnips, 15c; potatoes, 85c to 90c a bag; apples, 50c to \$1.25. **RYE**—40c to 45c a qt.; \$1.50 to \$1.75 a gallon.

PETERBORO HOG MARKET

Peterboro, Ont., April 4, 1908.—The delivery of hogs last week was very light. This was due to two reasons, viz.: the farmers are holding off for higher prices and the roads have been in such a condition that they have been unable to bring their hogs in. This has caused the dealers to raise the price in the hope that deliveries will increase. The Geo. Matthews Co., quote the following prices on this week's shipments: E. C. B. country points \$8 a cwt., delivered, \$8.40.

GOSSIP

Mr. C. K. Geary, agent for Messrs. John Chambers & Sons, Halden, Northampton, Eng., whose advertisement appears in these columns, reports the sale of 4-year-old Creamery Girtles Imp., prize-winner at Toronto Horse Show, to Arch. Reid, Jarratt P. O., Simcoe Co. Mr. Geary also sold Bramhall Zeta, a year-old, to the same party in the spring of 1907. Mr. Reid reports that this colt far exceeded his expectations as a foal getter. He is highly pleased with the style this firm has of doing business.

Graham & Benfrow Co., Bedford Park, have sold their imported Clydesdale stallion, Col. Leith, to J. Gunn & Son, Beaverton, Ont. He should prove a strong acquisition to the Dunrobin breeding stock.

MILK SHIPPERS AND CREAM SHIPPERS TO AMALGAMATE

A well attended meeting of the Toronto Cream Shippers Association was held in Toronto on March 28.

The price set for cream for the coming season was 4c for every per cent. of butter fat in the cream. This is the same as the constitution of the latter association is changed so as to admit of this being done.

The express companies charge 15c each for returning empty tubs. Egg shippers and others get their empty cases returned free of cost. The president, Mr. J. H. Wilson, Shelburne, was elected. Mr. J. Reynolds, Scarborough Junction, and Mr. L. J. C. Bull, of Brampton, were appointed a committee to join the latter association if deemed advisable to bring it before the public in connection with its next session in Toronto.



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