

POULTRY.

As all grades of poultry are very scarce, the tone of the market is very firm, and prices show an increase as compared with last week. There is practically no poultry coming forward, except old fowls.

We quote prices as follows:—

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| Turkeys, per lb. | 0.33 | 0.40 |
| Milk fed chickens | 0.39 | 0.40 |
| No. 1 chickens | 0.32 | 0.33 |
| Ducks, per lb. | 0.00 | 0.32 |
| Geese, per lb. | 0.00 | 0.30 |

POTATOES.

A weaker feeling developed in the market for potatoes last week, due to the increased offerings and prices declined with sales of car lots of Green Mountains as low as \$1.50 per bag of 90 lbs. ex track. In sympathy with this, the local wholesale jobbing prices have also declined during the week 15c. to 25c. per bag, but at this reduction there has been a steady demand for small lots to meet actual wants, and a fair trade was done in Green Mountains at \$1.75, Quebec whites at \$1.65 to \$1.70, and reds at \$1.60 per bag of 80 lbs. ex store.

HONEY.

Prices are firm for all grades of honey, but the trade has been light and although supplies on spot are not large, there is ample to meet all requirements. In a wholesale jobbing way sales of No. 1 white clover in comb were made at 21c. to 22c. per section, No. 2 white at 19c. to 20c., No. 1 brown clover in comb at 18c. to 19c., and white extracted in 30 lb. pails at 18c. to 20c. per lb.

MAPLE PRODUCTS.

The first of the new crop maple syrup is on the market, and sales in 13 lb. tins were made at \$1.50 per tin as compared with \$1.50 the opening price last year, showing an advance of 30c. per tin, but this is not all profit to the makers, owing to the fact that the tins this year are 9c. higher at 29c., as against 20c. in 1917, and in addition to this wood for fuel in some sections of the country is scarce and valuable. No new crop sugar has been received, and none is expected for a few days, as farmers generally make all the syrup that is possible before they start on sugar.

THE FISH MARKETS.

Transportation is a source of worry to the wholesale fish merchants as to others. One large firm reports that a consignment of fish despatched from Manitoba on Feb 19, had not arrived over a month later. Quite a little sensation has been caused among the general public regarding the destruction of a quantity of food materials, which was held in cold storage too long. Statements are freely made that the loss was deliberately caused with the idea of keeping up prices. It is inevitable that there should be some losses in this, as in every business. Public demands vary. At the present moment everyone is demanding fresh haddock and cod, and the frozen varieties are passed by.

A larger quantity of fish is being taken from the water than ever before, but so much is being sent overseas that the markets are not likely to be glutted. The new regulations allowing Canadian boats to market their wares in the United States ports is expected to be a great boon to the fishermen without in any way being detrimental to the Canadian markets, as only surplus supplies are likely to be sent there. At the same time prices in the United States are usually somewhat higher than in this country. The government has now extended the two-thirds transportation aid to halibut heads in the West, and the market in this supply will doubtless be greatly stimulated. It is quite possible that before long fisheries will have to be brought to the Dominion from Britain to work on the fish wharves, and in the curing sheds. Canadian women have not gone into this business very much so far, but with the men going on overseas service in such splendid numbers, it will be necessary to train the women folks to take the positions the men leave vacant.

The latest wholesale prices are as follows:

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| Fresh Haddock (not frozen), per lb. | 0.10 |
| Fresh Market Cod (not frozen), per lb. | 0.09 |
| Fresh Steak Cod (not frozen), per lb. | 0.12 |
| Frozen. | |
| Market Cod, heads on, per lb. | 0.07 |
| Steak Cod, headless, per lb. | 0.09 |
| Flounders, per lb. | 0.05 |
| Grass Pike, round, per lb. | 0.09 |
| Pickerei or Doree, round, per lb. | 0.12½ |
| Whitefish, large, per lb. | 0.12 |
| Small Whitefish (Tullilees), per lb. | 0.09 |

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| B.C. Red Salmon, Round, per lb. | 0.18½ |
| B.C. Red Salmon, headless dressed, per lb. | 0.22 |
| Qualla Salmon, Round, per lb. | 0.12 |
| Qualla Salmon, headless and dressed, per lb. | 0.12½ |
| Halibut, medium, per lb. | 0.19½ |
| Halibut, chicken, large, per lb. | 0.18½ |
| Extra Smelts, per lb. | 0.22 |
| No. 1 Smelts, per lb. | 0.18 |

Smoked.

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| New Haddies, express, half boxes, 15 lbs., per lb. | 0.16 |
| New Fillets, express, half boxes, 15 lbs., per lb. | 0.19 |

Oysters.

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| Standard Solid Meat Oysters, per No. 5 Can | 10.00 |
| Do., No. 3 Can | 6.50 |
| Do., No. 1 Can | 2.25 |
| Select Solid Meat Oysters, per No. 3 Can | 7.50 |
| Do., No. 1 Can | 2.50 |
| Paper Pails, pint size, per 100, \$1.50; quart size | 2.10 |

Salted and Pickled.

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| No. 1 Labrador Salt Herring, per half barrel | 6.75 |
| No. 1 Sea Trout, per barrel | 20.00 |
| Do., half barrel | 10.50 |
| Labrador Salt Salmon, tierces | 34.00 |
| Do., barrels | 24.00 |
| Pickled Turbot, barrels | 16.00 |
| Do., half barrels | 8.50 |
| Salt Mackerel, in 20 lb. kits | 3.75 |
| Do., half barrels | 15.00 |
| Large Green Cod, per lb. | 0.08 |
| Medium Green Cod, per lb. | 0.07½ |
| Small Green Cod, per lb. | 0.06½ |

Prepared, Boneless and Dried.

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| Skinless Cod, in 100 lb. cases, per case | 12.00 |
| Pure Boneless Cod, boxes 20 lbs: | |
| "Favorite" brand, 1 & 2 lb. bricks, assorted, per lb. | 0.14 |
| "Golden" brand, 2 lb. bricks, per lb. | 0.17 |
| "Winterport," 1 lb. tablets, per lb. | 0.18 |
| Strip Cod, boxes 30 lbs. per lb. | 0.16 |
| Shredded Cod, in cartons, 2 doz cartons in box, per box | 2.20 |

LOCAL FLOUR.

The very strong feeling for rye flour which developed was the feature of the week. Prices scored an advance of \$1.15 per bag, which was attributed to the much higher prices ruling for the raw material, the limited supplies available here and the steady demand for the same with sales in broken lots at \$7.20 per bag, delivered to the trade. The market for winter wheat flour is fairly well supplied at present due to the increased offerings and the demand is steady, but the sales are principally in small lots and only a moderate amount of business was done at \$11.40 to \$11.50 per barrel in bags, ex-store.

In the spring wheat flour trade millers in most cases have withdrawn their travellers from the road for the time being owing to the increasing scarcity of millfeed and the fact that some of them have sold their complete output of the mills for the next two months to come. A good, steady trade has been done in flour and the market is fairly active with sales of Government standard grade for shipment to country points at \$11.10 per bbl. in bags, f.o.b. cars, Montreal, and to city bakers at \$11.20 per bbl. in bags, delivered.

ROLLED OATS.

Although the volume of new business passing is small, the tone of the market for rolled oats is firm. Standard grades in broken lots are selling at \$5.85 per bag of 90 lbs. in jute, and at \$5.60 per bag of 90 lbs. in cotton delivered to the trade.

MILLFEED.

There has been an increase in the railway freight rate on all lines of millfeed from Fort William to Montreal of 40c per ton, the rate now being \$4.60 as against \$4.20 previously, and in consequence there has been an advance in millfeed prices of 40c per ton, bran now being quoted at \$35.40, and shorts at \$40.40 per ton including bags, delivered to the trade. The tone of the market for pure grain moulle has ruled very strong during the week and prices scored an advance amounting to \$5 per ton, which was attributed to the increased cost of grain, and sales were made at \$73 to \$75 per ton.

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| Flour: | per barrel. |
| New Government standard grade | 11.10 |
| Cereals: | |
| Rolled oats, 90 lb. bag | 5.60 5.85 |
| Feed: | |
| Bran | 35.40 |
| Shorts | 40.40 |
| Moulle, pure grain grades | 73.00 75.00 |

LOCAL GRAIN.

The option market for oats at Winnipeg ruled strong early in the week, but developed a weaker feeling on Saturday and prices scored a decline of 1½c to 2½c per bushel with May closing at 93½c, and July at 91½c, but taking the market for the week it closed with a net gain of 1½c to 3½c per bushel as compared with the closing prices the previous Saturday. The Chicago market was also weak on Saturday, and prices closed 1½c to 1½c per bushel lower than Friday. Owing to the weakness in the Winnipeg market an easier feeling prevailed in the local market for the cash article and dealers reduced prices 1c per bushel, and at the close quoted car lots of No. 3 Canadian western and extra No. 1 feed at \$1.07½, No. 1 feed at \$1.05½, No. 2 feed at \$1.03½, No. 2 feed at \$1.03½, Ontario No. 2 white at \$1.07, No. 3 white at \$1.04, and No. 4 at \$1.03 per bushel ex-store. A moderate amount of business was done during the week for domestic and country account in car lots, but the market on the whole was quiet.

Fluctuations in grain on Saturday at Winnipeg were:—

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| Oats: | per bushel. |
| No. 2 C. W. | 0.95½ |
| Do., No. 3 C. W. | 0.91½ |
| Do., Extra No. 1 feed | 0.90½ |
| Do., No. 2 feed | 0.84½ |
| Barley: | |
| No. 3 C. W. | 1.80 |
| No. 4 C. W. | 1.75 |
| Rejected | 1.50 |
| Feed | 1.50 |
| Flax: | |
| No. 1 N. C. W. | 3.87 |
| No. 2 C. W. | 3.82½ |
| No. 3 C. W. | 3.65 |

RECEIPTS OF BUTTER AND CHEESE.

The following table shows the receipts of butter and cheese in Montreal for the week ending March 23rd, 1918, with comparisons:

| | Butter, pkgs. | Cheese, boxes. |
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| Week ending March 23, 1918 | 799 | 147 |
| Week ending March 16, 1918 | 1,061 | 938 |
| Week ending March 24, 1917 | 2,317 | 1,278 |
| Total receipts May 1, 1917, to March 23, 1918 | 369,393 | 1,831,259 |
| Total receipts May 1, 1916, to March 24, 1917 | 512,735 | 2,259,999 |

RECEIPTS OF GRAIN AND FLOUR.

The receipts of grain and flour in Montreal for the week ending March 23rd were:

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| Wheat, bushels | 340,181 |
| Oats | 50,296 |
| Barley, bushels | 38,201 |
| Rye | 3,241 |
| Flour, sacks | 18,119 |
| Peas | 10,000 |
| Corn | 1,100 |
| Hay, bales | 18,637 |
| Straw, bales | 210 |
| Flax | 7,790 |

RECEIPTS OF GRAIN IN WINNIPEG.

The receipts of grain in Winnipeg for the week ending March 21st and the preceding week were:

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| | Mar. 14. | Mar. 21. | last yr. |
| No. 1 Hard | 1 | 7 | |
| No. 1 Northern | 577 | 492 | |
| No. 2 Northern | 348 | 294 | |
| No. 3 Northern | 214 | 223 | |
| No. 4 Wheat | 94 | 78 | |
| No. 5 Wheat | 58 | 72 | |
| No. 6 (Wheat) | 38 | 29 | |
| Feed Wheat | 9 | 11 | |
| Rejected | 36 | 15 | |
| No. Grade | 45 | 67 | |
| Winter | 5 | | |
| Totals | 1,433 | 1,289 | 1,903 |
| Oats | 792 | 832 | 805 |
| Barley | 144 | 179 | 68 |
| Flax | 79 | 69 | 84 |