

LIVE STOCK.

MONTREAL: A marked improvement was noted in live stock last week and the demand was considerably better than in the two preceding weeks. which is attributed to the fact that larger supplies are required to meet the needs of the population returning from the country. An advance of 10c a hundred pounds in good butcher's steers was recorded at Wednesday's sale, and also an advance of 25c cwt. in canning cattle, for which there is a brisk demand just now. There were no really choice or heavy steers offering, but a goodly number of good to fair cattle was on the market and all offerings were absorbed quickly. Receipts of cattle at the East End market were larger than last week, as was also the case with hogs.

The trade in other lines remains steady under a good demand for all classes of stock, and prices are all the same as those previously recorded. There was some exporting of bulls and lambs to the Boston market last week, but otherwise no business of that kind was transacted.

TORONTO: According to latest advices trading at the Toronto stock yards was very slow last week, especially for common stuff which formed the bulk of the offerings, and consequently prices for these grades of cattle were easier. Good butcher cattle met a fair inquiry, and prices held steady for the first three markets of the week, and then there was slight strengthening at the close. The top price on Thursday's market was \$8.50 for five choice weighty steers, weighing 1,200 lbs. Dealers declare that the large offerings of common cattle are proving a detriment to the market.

Calves were fairly steady, although prices went below \$12 on account of the fact that very little choice stuff was on the market. The bulk of offerings of good stuff went at \$11.25 to \$11.75, with choice calves topping the market at \$12. Common calves and eastern grassers were easier. Spring lambs advanced 1/4c a lb. during the week, and the market closed on Thursday with choice lambs selling at 10 1/4c a lb. The receipts of sheep and lambs were nearly 3,000 less than last week, amounting to 4,785, and this helped to steady prices somewhat. Light sheep were 50c a hundred easier, however, and heavier and bucks were not in demand. Hog prices were steady with those paid last week, and prices fluctuated only 10c either way.

Quotation for round lots were as follows:—

	Per cwt.			
	Montreal.	Toronto.		
Butcher steers, best	8.00	8.25	8.20	8.90
Do, good	7.00	7.60	7.50	8.00
Do, fair	7.00	7.00	6.90	7.25
Do, medium	5.50	6.00	7.00	7.25
Do, rough	4.00	5.00	4.75	6.60
Butchers' cows,				
Do, choice	6.00	6.50	6.30	6.80
Do, good	5.50	5.75	4.50	6.20
Do, fair	4.00	5.00	4.50	5.00
Butchers' bulls, best	6.00	6.50	7.00	7.40
Do, fair	5.50	6.00	6.00	6.50
Do, medium	5.00	5.25	5.75	6.00
Light Ewes	7.00	7.25	7.25	7.75
Heavy Sheep	6.50	7.00	5.00	5.50
Lambs	9.50	10.50	9.00	10.00
Calves, choice per lb.	0.09	0.10	11.25	12.00
Do, per cwt.	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.75
Hogs, selects, weighed	11.75	12.00	12.10	12.10
Do, medium	10.00	11.75	11.85	11.85
Do, heavy	10.00	10.75	11.25	11.25
Sows	9.75	10.00	9.00	9.00

BALED HAY.

Inquiries for old hay are very few as the new crop is coming forward very satisfactorily, although receipts are light in comparison with last year. Owing to the poor quality of the new crop, which is said to be considerably below last year's, especially timothy, business is difficult and curtailed. The Dominion Government recently asked for tenders, and we are told that the order has been allotted to a number of the tendering firms. It is said that the quantity tendered greatly exceeded the Government requirements and tenderers only secured about 50 per cent to 75 per cent of the quantity offered.

The following prices are for the new hay:

No. 1 hay, per ton	\$13.00	\$13.50
No. 2 hay, per ton	12.00	12.50
No. 3 hay, per ton	10.50	11.00
Clover, mixed	9.50	10.00
Baled straw, per ton	5.00	6.00

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES.

Fruit.—The chief item of interest in the Montreal fruit market last week was the unusual quantity of Duchess and Alexander apples at this centre. Prices fairly slumped and choicest Duchess apples were sold at \$1.50 to \$2.00 per barrel, while the poorer grades went as low as 50 cents. These apples are difficult to keep and consequently every farmer in the vicinity is marketing his crop at once before they are damaged. The apple crop is said to average up very satisfactorily throughout the Dominion this year, for although the Ontario crop is reported to be light the Prince Edward Island and British Columbia crops on the other hand are exceptionally heavy. The demand for California pears, plums and peaches has slackened off considerably of late since the Canadian basket fruits have been on the market in large quantities. Peaches are coming in freely from Niagara and are expected to be in heavy supply this week. Plums are also coming forward in large quantities and will be at height of their season next week. Blueberries are very nearly over, and a last carload this week is expected to close up the season. Watermelons are practically off the market as the demand has virtually ceased with the advent of cool weather. Lemons are firmer in price owing to the small supplies arriving. As the next New York Auction Sale is dated two weeks hence no change in prices is looked for in the coming fortnight. Oranges have also stiffened up in price which is attributed mainly to the threatened railway strike in the United States last week, as the railways palced an embargo on all perishable goods which could not reach their destination before Monday the fourth. This has curtailed supplies in this market and consequently affected prices.

Vegetables.—High prices are expected to rule on potatoes as the crop in Ontario is reported to be short. A Co-operative Society has been formed by the growers and shippers of New Brunswick potatoes which will probably control this section of the market. A certain amount of potatoes are expected to reach Montreal from the Canadian Northwest, which will tend to relieve the situation. Wax and green beans are about finished and high values are quoted for the remaining supplies.

Current quotations are as follows:

Fruit:—		
Apples, Duchess, per small basket	0.30	
Do., No. 1, per bbl.	1.50	2.00
Do., No. 2, per bbl.	0.75	1.00
Alexanders, No. 1, per bbl.	3.00	3.50
Do., No. 2, per bbl.	2.25	2.50
Blueberries, Saguenay, per 18 qt. box	2.00	
Cantaloupes, 12's per crate	2.50	
Do., 15's per crate	2.25	
Lemons, Messina, per box	7.00	
Do., Verdillias, per box	7.00	7.50
Limes, per box	1.75	
Oranges, California's	5.50	6.50
Do., Jamaica's	3.25	
Peaches, California, per box	2.25	
Do., Niagara, per 11 qt. basket	0.50	0.75
Do., per 5 qt. basket	0.40	0.55
Pears, California, per box	4.50	4.75
Do., Niagara, per 11 qt. basket	0.40	0.60
Do., per 6 qt. basket	0.30	0.45
Plums, Niagara's, per 11 qt. basket	0.50	0.60
Watermelons, each	0.50	0.75
Vegetables:—		
Beets, new, per doz.	0.40	
Beans, Montreal, per bag	1.00	
Cabbage, Montreal, per doz.	0.50	
Carrots, new, per bunch	0.15	
Cauliflower, Canadian, per doz.	1.75	2.00
Celery, per doz.	0.50	0.75
Cucumbers, Montreal, per doz.	0.10	0.15
Egg Plant, N.Y., per doz.	2.25	0.30
Garlic, per lb.	0.30	0.16
Horse Radish, per lb.	0.16	
Lettuce, head, per doz.	0.50	0.60
Do., Curly, per doz.	0.10	0.20
Onions, Spanish, per case	4.50	
Potatoes, Montreal, per 80 lb. bag	1.75	
Do., Green Mountain, per 80 lb. bag	1.90	
Radishes, per doz.	0.05	0.10
Turnips, new, per bag	1.00	
Tomatoes, Montreal, red, per box	0.50	
Do., rose, per box	1.00	

RECEIPTS OF BUTTER, CHEESE AND EGGS.

The following table shows the receipts of butter, cheese and eggs in Montreal for the week ending September 9th, 1916, with comparisons:

	Butter, packages.	Cheese, boxes.	Eggs, cases.
Week ended Sept. 9, 1916	20,506	77,278	15,283
Week ended Sept. 2, 1916	17,024	69,881	11,126
Week ended Sept. 11, 1915	12,594	61,576	11,517
Total receipts May 1st to date season 1916	322,066	1,443,113	315,292
Total receipts May 1st to date, season 1915	263,495	1,378,783	375,332

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

EGGS: The receipts of eggs at Montreal for the past week were 11,126 cases which includes eggs shipped for export. There is a general complaint from all Montreal dealers that receipts of eggs this week are showing a big dropping off due to several reasons. First, because at this time many farmers are putting in their winter supplies of eggs; secondly, production seems to have been curtailed; and thirdly, the consumption of eggs in towns and villages is increasing at a rapid rate owing to the high price of meats. The Montreal demand for eggs is good, even at the advance in price of three to five cents which took place last week. There is also an export demand for prompt shipment, and many dealers report that they are practically sold out of their surplus eggs for export.

POULTRY: Deliveries of all lines of poultry are much heavier and prices are a shade easier. Dealers report that the quality of offerings generally speaking is good, but in some cases poultry is being sent in to market that should be held a few weeks longer until it has been properly fattened.

HONEY: The inquiries for prices from the country would indicate a very heavy crop of clover honey. It is too early to give an opinion on buckwheat honey, but it is reported in some districts that buckwheat crop will be light owing to the continuous dry weather this season.

Eggs:—		
Special New Laid	0.42	0.50
Extras	0.35	0.38
No. 1	0.31	0.33
No. 2	0.29	0.30

Poultry—Live:	per pound.	
Fowls, 5 lbs. and over	0.16	0.17
Fowl, small	0.14	0.15
Turkeys, cocks	0.24	0.25
Do., hens	0.24	0.25

Fresh Killed Poultry:		
Turkeys, cocks	0.25	0.26
Do., hens	0.24	0.25
Fowls, hens	0.19	0.20
Do., roosters	0.16	0.17
Broilers, 2 1/2 to 3 lbs., per lb.	0.17	0.18
Do., 2 to 2 1/4 lbs., per lb.	0.16	0.17
Squabs	0.35	0.40

Frozen stock:—		
Turkeys	0.31	0.32
Geese	0.16	0.17
Roasting chickens, ord.	0.25	

Maple Products:—		
Pure maple syrup, quart cans	0.40	
Pure maple syrup, 9-lb. tins	1.00	1.10
Extra choice syrup, 13-lb. tins	1.25	1.30
Pure Maple sugar, per lb.	0.09	0.12

Honey:—		
White clover, in comb	0.12 1/2	0.13
Brown clover, in comb	0.12	0.12 1/2
White extracted	0.09	0.10

Beans:—		
Five-lb. pickers	5.25	5.40
Seven-lb. pickers	5.00	5.10
Can. hand picked, carlots	5.50	5.75

Potatoes:—		
Red Stars, per bbl., car lots	3.25	
Do., job lots, ex store	3.50	3.75

WINNIPEG GRAIN RECEIPTS.

The receipts of both old and new grain at Winnipeg for the week ended September 9th, 1916, compared with the corresponding week a year ago were as follows:

	Sept. 9, 1916.	Sept. 11, 1916.
No. 1 Northern	471
No. 2 Northern	243
No. 3 Northern	243
No. 4 Northern	202
No. 5 Northern	83
No. 6 Northern	64
Other grades	356
Winter grades	5
Totals	1,674	2,501
Oats	579	39
Barley	129	128
Flax	106	1

CUBAN SUGAR STATISTICS.

The sugar-cane is looking well all over the island, as the rainfall for the last two months has been quite sufficient for the growing crop. In some sections excessive rains have retarded the planting and cleaning, but on the whole the work is progressing satisfactorily.

Up to August 12th, the total output of sugar was 2,931,505 tons, with five mills still in operation, as against 2,435,643 tons, on the same date of the preceding year.

Of this season's output 2,345,886 tons have already been exported. The local consumption has been 53,200 tons, leaving 532,419 tons still on hand in Cuba.

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Wheat: Sept.-Oct. Dec. May **Corn:** Sept. Dec. May **Oats:** Oct. Dec.

Flour:— First patent bbls. in b Second pat Strong bako 30c per bb Winter Fancy Paten 90 per cent **Cereals:** Cornmeal, y per bag, 98