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MARKET REVIEW AND FORECAST

Toronto, April 15, 1908.—Trade in whole-sale circles is quiet but steady. In several lines business is better, but on the whole trade is not as active as it was expected to be a few weeks ago.

Wheat prices have taken another drop and quotations here are 80c to 82c at outside points for goos. On the farmers' market here fall wheat sells at 75c to 90c and goos at 80c a bushel. The wheat market this season has been a puzzling one. Many outside speculators have lost heavily. Considering the reported shortage in the world's wheat crop of 1907 of 300,000,000, there was some justification for expecting an active market this spring at high prices. There are indications that present low values are due to the efforts of speculators to bear the market so as to cover their short sales. Taking it all in all the spectator rarely helps the farmer. If there is a bull market the farmer usually has more to sell, but is usually well stocked when a bear movement comes along. If the wheat speculator could be put out of business and the buying and selling of wheat confined to legitimate trading the producer would benefit. However, the splendid condition of the United States fall wheat crop and the increased world's shipments as compared

with a year ago, are factors to be reckoned with just now. Beerholm, dealing with the situation for the next four months, states that Europe is promised 65,000 qrs. weekly, according to the best authorities. But 1,000,000 weekly are required, people are asking where the balance of 475,000 qrs. is to come from. This is the situation and the farmer who is holding his wheat will have to draw his own conclusions.

COARSE GRAINS

Though a great many car loads of seed oats have been shipped from Ontario to the west, this has not kept up the price of oats. The market continues to decline. Exports have fallen off and there is no prospect of any advance. Manitoba rejected can be sold in Ontario cheaper than the local product. Last week 10,000 bushels of No. 2 Ontario were offered here at 45c outside with no buyer. Quotations are 50c on track Toronto and 45c outside. On the farmers' market oats sell at 50c to 55c a bushel. Barley is very dull, some dealers quoting only 50c. Peas are quoted at 80c outside.

FEEDS

The feed market continues strong. If cold weather keeps up many farmers will have to buy considerably, though the majority have come through the winter fairly well. There is a strong demand for Manitoba bran at Montreal and many Ontario millers are asking for it to supply their customers. There is little Ontario bran offering. At Montreal 34c to 35c toba bran is quoted at \$33 to \$34.50, and shorts at \$25 to \$26 and Ontario at \$24 to \$25 a ton in bags. Bran is quoted here at \$34.50, Toronto freights. The corn market is firm. Corn is quoted here at 75c to 76c a bushel, Toronto freights, and 75c to 76c in car lots on track Montreal.

HAY AND STRAW

The hay market is quiet. At Montreal the hay trade has prevented respite from accumulating. There is a demand here for hay from Ontario points. Quotations for baled hay range from \$10.50 to \$15.50 for car lots as to quality. The market is dull here at \$15 to \$15.50 for car lots on track and \$8 to \$10 a ton for baled straw. On Toronto farmers' market Timothy sells at \$17 to \$18, loose straw at \$10 to \$11 and straw in bundles at \$15.50 to \$16.50 a ton.

SEEDS

The demand for seed keeps up. Selling prices at Montreal are: Timothy \$7.50 to \$9; red clover, \$24 to \$26; alfalfa, \$22 to \$24; white clover, \$18 to \$23 a cwt.; and flax seed, \$17.50 to \$18.50 cwt.; oats, 75c to 80c; wheat, \$1.40 to \$1.50, and oats, 75c to 76c a bushel. Dealers at outside points are paying \$2.60 to \$2.80 for alfalfa, \$1.15 to \$1.3 a bushel for red clover, according to quality, and freedom from weeds. Reclaimed seed sells here at \$17 to \$18 for Alfalfa, \$22.50 to \$25 for red clover, and \$6.50 to \$9 a cwt. for Timothy.

FRUIT

Reports from late shipments of Canadian apples are not satisfactory, due to a poor market and the generally inferior

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quality offered. Choice fruit has sold well, but fruit in bad condition has lost money. Stocks at Montreal are being worked off well. A good sized lot of quality below sound stock, is reported to have sold last week at 50c a bbl. Choice No. 1 stock has sold at \$15.00 to \$4 and single bush higher. No. 2 sold at \$2 to \$3 and No. 3 at 75c to \$1.75 a bbl. On Toronto farmers' market apples sell at \$1.75 to \$2.50 a bbl.

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