

# COMMODITY MARKETS

## DAIRY PRODUCE.

**BUTTER:** The butter market is still in a strong position as a result of the demand over the cable for export, and consequently prices are quoted on a basis  $\frac{1}{2}$ c above last week's. The domestic demand is good with no prospect of lower prices for some time, for on the contrary, if this active export inquiry continues dealers expect prices to follow the present upward trend. Although receipts of butter since the opening of the season are 70,000 packages over last year's, it is doubtful if we shall have enough butter to supply our home demand until the next butter again comes on the market next spring, as the exports show an increase of over 100,000 packages for the season to date, leaving a discrepancy of 30,000 packages. A certain amount of butter is being stored and many grocers are laying in their supplies in anticipation of higher prices in the future.

**CHEESE:** Prices for cheese are up in the steeple, and dealers are feeling so giddy that they dare not look down or up. The continued firmness in the market is the result of the keen buying at the country boards to meet Government orders and export demands. The inquiry over the cable has been slightly weaker during the past week as bids have been under the market level and consequently the business consummated has been chiefly for small lots. As the season advances the make of cheese is diminishing as a result of the lack of feed on the pastures which were dried up during the dry spell in August. Current quotations follows:

<b>Butter:—</b>		
Fresh creamery solids	0.36½	0.37½
Seconds	0.35	0.37
Dairy butter	0.39	0.32
Pale mild butter, $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1% salt, for export	0.36½	0.37½
<b>City Selling Prices to grocers:</b>		
Choice Creamery Solids	0.38	
Do., Prints, city cut	0.38½	
Cooking butter	0.32	
<b>Cheese:—</b>		
Finest Western	0.21	0.21½
Finest Eastern	0.20½	0.21
Fine Cheese	0.20	0.21½
<b>City Selling Prices to grocers:</b>		
Large	0.22	
Twin cheese	0.22	
Old cheese	0.24	0.25
Stilton cheese	0.23	

## FLOUR, CEREALS AND MILLFEED.

**FLOUR:** Stagnation continues in the export flour market and millers are concentrating their energies on the active domestic demand. Mills are booked up for some little time and are very busy shipping out old orders. New orders from bakers and dealers are coming in satisfactorily and the trade is moving briskly. Winter wheat flour is still scarce and consequently prices are up 20c a barrel, making a market price of \$3.50 to \$3.65 per bag of 90 per cent. Farmers in Ontario are busy harvesting their other crops and attending the county fairs, and therefore have little time to market their wheat, and as they have plenty of storage accommodation they are content to await still higher values in the wheat market.

**FEEDS:** There is no change to note in the feed market, which continues strong as most of the mills are heavily oversold.

Current quotations are as follows:

<b>Flour:—</b>			
First patents, per bbls., in bags	8.70	8.60	
Second patents, do.	8.20	8.10	
Strong bakers, do.	8.00	7.99	
30c per bbl. more in wood.			
Fancy Patents	7.60		
Winter wheat flour—			
90 per cent per bag	3.50	3.65	
<b>Cereals:—</b>			
Cornmeal( yellow, per bag, 98 lbs.	2.50	2.50	
Rolled oats, per bbl. in wood	6.25	6.35	6.35
Do., per 90 lb. bag	3.00	3.10	3.10
Rolled wheat, 100 lb. bbl.	4.00		
Rye flour, 98 lb. bag	3.55		
Graham flour, 98 lbs.	3.50		
<b>Feeds:—</b>			
Bran, per ton	26.00	27.00	
Shorts, per ton	28.00	29.00	
Middlings, per ton	30.00	30.00	
Moullie, pure grain grades, per ton	36.00	40.00	34.00 36.00
Do., mixed	33.00	35.00	
Barley feed, per ton	32.00		
Do., meal, per ton	37.00	38.00	
Crushed oats, 80 lbs.	1.70		
Reground oatmeal feed, per ton	16.00		

## COUNTRY PRODUCE.

**EGGS:** The market for eggs is still ruling very high. Receipts of eggs at Montreal last week were 17,262 cases, which includes eggs shipped via Montreal for export. Dealers report that production is very light and in some districts particularly short. The country buying price is 31s to 32c f. o. b., and 40c for new laid eggs, less express. There is no notable change in the selling price. The local demand is good with some export inquiry over the cable. Storage eggs are commencing to be exported and heavy shipments will be sent abroad during the next six weeks. New laid eggs are scarce, but at the high prices prevailing only a limited quantity will be required to supply the trade.

**POULTRY:** Deliveries of poultry continue large and in some lines prices are easier. Dealers still complain about a lot of No. 2 and poor thin birds which are being marketed. Farmers are making a mistake to market poor quality poultry as they can easily be fattened with very little expense to bring double the price.

**MAPLE PRODUCTS:** The market for maple products is very firm as the demand is increasing somewhat with the cool weather and the larger consumption. Maple sugar was never as scarce and dear in Montreal as it is to-day, and what is left of last year's crop is pretty well concentrated being in the hands of one or two holders. The sale has just been reported of a car load of Beauce sugar at 12c per lb. amounting to \$4,667, the highest sum ever before received for a car load of maple sugar.

<b>Eggs:—</b>		
Special New Laid	0.42	0.45
Extras	0.37	0.38
No. 1	0.33	0.34
No. 2	0.30	0.31
<b>Poultry—Live:</b>		
<b>per pound.</b>		
Fowls, 5 lbs. and over	0.15	0.17
Fowls, small	0.12	0.14
Old Turkeys, cocks	0.26	0.27
Do., hens	0.26	0.27
<b>Fresh Killed Poultry:</b>		
Old Turkeys, cocks	0.27	0.28
Do., hens	0.26	0.27
Fowls, hens	0.18	0.19
Do., roosters	0.14	0.15
Broilers, 2½ to 3 lbs., per lb.	0.15	0.16
Do., 2 to 2½ lbs., per lb.	0.17	0.18
Squabs	0.35	
Geese	0.14	0.15
<b>Maple Products:—</b>		
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
<b>Honey:—</b>		
White clover, in comb	0.16	
Brown clover, in comb	0.12½	0.13
White extracted	0.12	0.12½
Buckwheat honey	0.09	0.10
<b>Beans:—</b>		
Five-lb. pickers	5.25	5.40
Seven-lb. pickers	5.00	5.10
Can. hand picked, carlots	5.50	5.75
<b>Potatoes:—</b>		
Green Mountains, per bag of 90 lbs. ex-track	1.50	1.55
Do., to Jobbers, ex-store, per 80 lb. bag.	1.85	1.90

## WINNIPEG GRAIN RECEIPTS.

The receipts of both old and new grain at Winnipeg for the week ended September 23rd, 1916, compared with the corresponding week a year ago were as follows:

	Sept. 23, 1916.	Sept. 16, 1916.	Sept. 25, 1915.
No. 1 Northern	896	278	
No. 2 Northern	527	215	
No. 3 Northern	393	280	
No. 4 Northern	354	273	
No. 5 Northern	216	165	
No. 6 Northern	200	112	
Other grades	666	555	
Winter grades	11	7	
Totals	3,096	1,944	5,260
Oats	1,168	379	235
Barley	272	189	218
Flax	90	41	23

## WOOL EXPORT LICENSES.

The British War Office has announced that application for licenses to export to allied and neutral countries limited quantities of carbonized wool, noils and waste will now receive consideration, without guaranty of favorable action in all cases.

## FRUIT AND VEGETABLES.

**FRUIT:** The most noteworthy feature in the fruit market has been the marked drop in the price of lemons, from \$7.50 to \$4.00 or \$5.00 due to heavy supplies arriving and an absence of demand as the autumn season draws on. There is no life to the orange market at present as the demand does not begin for another two months or so. Grapes, peaches, and pears are coming in from the Niagara peninsula. Canadian grapes are arriving in heavy quantities and are of excellent quality. The season is now at its height and is likely to last another ten days. Peaches are not very plentiful as good stock is inclined to be scarce; and pears are also limited in quantity. Peaches were in heavy supply at the beginning of the week when no less than 21 cars were on the market at one time, but prices went back to normal as soon as these supplies were absorbed. The demand for California fruits is falling off as the Canadian produce is ample to meet current requirements and is more popular with the public on account of the lower prices and richer flavor of our domestic fruits. Tokay and Malaga grapes from California are in good demand, and are arriving in excellent condition. Quotations are being received on Almeria grapes from Spain, and the first arrivals are expected within the next week or ten days. The apple market is still weak as large quantities are offering. High prices are expected when the winter apples come on the market and unusual strength is predicted for Mackintosh Reds and Fameuse. Blueberries are now over, and canteloupes are also nearly finished.

**VEGETABLES:** The demand for fresh vegetables is being mainly supplied by the farmers of the district, who report an active trade in all lines. Corn is becoming scarce, particularly for the better grades. A great deal of Italian garlic is on the market which has reduced prices 50 per cent. Higher prices are expected for celery as the cheap grades are finished. A good crop of onions is reported, and many dealers are laying in their stocks both of the domestic and Spanish varieties. As regards potatoes, some dealers intend purchasing their supplies from the Canadian Northwest as even after paying the high freight rates they expect to be able to undersell the New Brunswick potatoes.

Current quotations are as follows:

<b>Fruit:—</b>		
Apples, Alexanders, No. 1, per bbl.	2.50	3.00
Do., No. 2, per bbl.	1.75	2.25
St. Lawrence No. 1, per bbl.	3.50	4.00
Do., No. 2, per bbl.	2.50	3.00
Cantaloupes, 12's per crate	2.50	
Do., 15's per crate	2.25	
Grapes, Canadian, per 6 qt. basket	0.20	0.25
Do., Tokay, per box	3.25	
Do., Malaga	2.00	3.00
Lemons, Verdills, per box	4.00	5.00
Limes, per box	1.75	
Oranges, California's	5.25	6.00
Do., Jamaica's	2.50	2.75
Peaches, California, per box	1.75	
Do., Niagara, per 11 qt. basket	0.50	0.75
Do., per 4 qt. basket	0.40	0.55
Pears, California, per box	3.00	3.75
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
<b>Vegetables:—</b>		
Beets, new, per doz.	0.40	
Beans, Montreal, per bag	1.00	
Cabbage, Montreal, per doz.	0.50	
Carrots, per doz. bunches	0.25	
Do., per bag	0.75	
Cauliflower, Canadian, per doz.	2.50	
Celery, per doz.	0.75	1.00
Corn, No. 1, per doz.	0.18	
Cucumbers, Montreal, per doz.	0.10	0.15
Egg Plant, Montreal, per doz.	0.50	1.00
Garlic, per lb.	0.15	
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	4.25	4.50
Do., Canadian, per 75 lb. bag	1.75	
Marrows, per doz.	1.00	
Pumpkins, per doz.	2.00	
Potatoes, Montreal, per 80 lb. bag	1.75	
Do., Green Mountain, per 80 lb. bag	1.90	
Parsley, per doz. bunches	0.15	
Squash, Hubbard, per doz.	1.50	
Turnips, new, per bag	1.00	
Tomatoes, Montreal, red, per box	0.50	
Do., rose, per box	1.00	
Do., Western, per 4 qt. basket	0.30	0.40
Do., Hothouse, per lb.	0.08	

This year's total apple production in the United States is estimated at 67,679,000 barrels of 3 bushels each by the Bureau of Crop Estimates, as compared with 76,670,000 barrels last year.