

butter this time of year is not the right quality to hold. The quicker it goes into consumption the better.

CHEESE—Considerable old cheese has been moved lately and holders are breathing a sigh of relief that they are getting off as well as they are. Nevertheless there will be some loss, as the cheese has sold at from 9 3/4 to 10 1-2c, which cost 10 to 10 1-2c last fall, and even 10 5-8c was paid for some. Some new cheese has been offered. There is always a limited demand for new cheese, but prices are uncertain yet.

EGGS—Eggs opened about 14c per dozen on Monday, and declined to 12 1-2 on Wednesday, holding at 12 to 12 1-2 for the balance of the week. An 11c market is looked for on Monday next, and possibly 10c before the week is out. Country buyers have done very well on the egg deal this year which they are quite entitled to. There should always be some margin for the country trader on butter and eggs. Receipts, which were checked when feeding started, are now increasing, and country buyers would do well to reduce their

to 40c per bushel, as to quality and variety, onions, native, 2 to 2 1-2c per lb.; imported, 3c to 4c, as to quality; cabbage, 1 1-2c per lb.; beets, 40 to 50c per bushel; turnips, 20c to 25c per bushel; parsnips, 1 1-2 to 2c. Green stuffs in onions, lettuce, radishes, etc., is offering at 25c dozen bunches; rhubarb, \$1.75 per box.

HIDES—Prices unchanged. We quote green hides, No. 1 6 1-2c; kip 6 to 6 1-2c; calf, 7 to 9c lb.; deacon skins, 15 to 25c each; sheep pelts nominal at 75c to 80c each for fresh skins; horse hides, 75c to \$1.75 each; colts, 25c each.

WOOL—Nominal and easy at 8 to 9c.

TALLOW—Quoted at 3 1-2c for No. 1, and No. 2 to 2 1-2c for other grades, as to quality.

SENICA ROOT—Nominal and weak. No demand from consuming markets. Quoted 10 to 15c.

HAY—The demand has fallen off and is now very light, but offerings are likewise limited. A Minneapolis dealer offered yesterday to lay down hay here, freight and duty paid at \$11.25 per ton. We quote \$11 to \$12 per ton as to quality.

heavy hogs over 300 lbs. \$3.25 to \$4, as to quality, live weight.

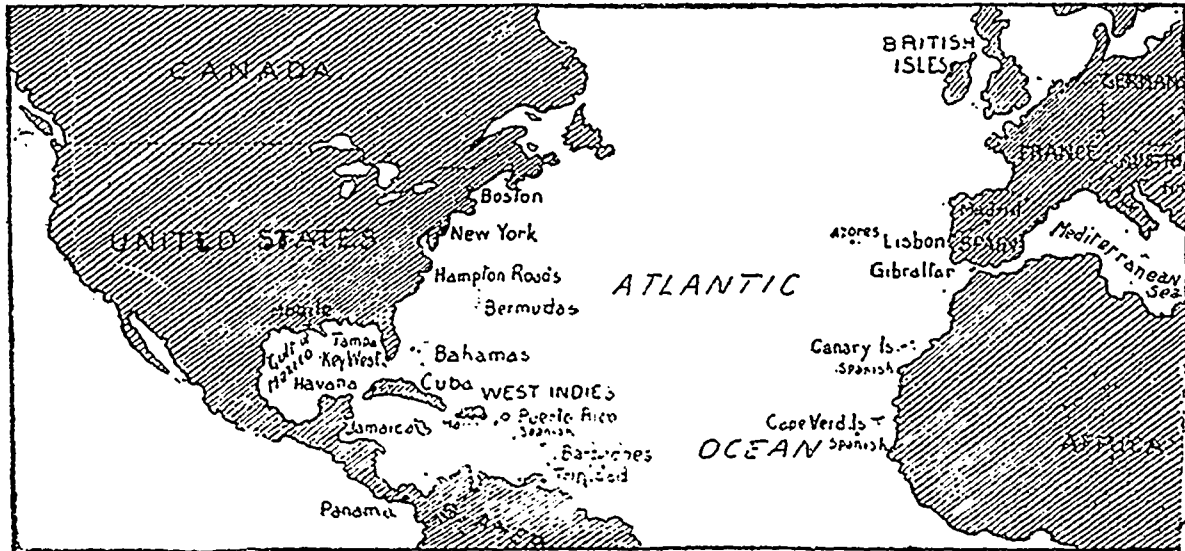
HORSES—The large spring demand has been supplied for horses, and only the ordinary trade is now doing. Horses are being brought in, however, from the United States and the east. The usual range is \$225 to \$250 for fair to good farm teams.

The Field of War.

The accompanying map from Mercator's Projection shows the relative sizes of United States, Spain, Cuba and the Spanish islands. It also shows the relative positions of the two countries to Cuba, as well as the positions of the Spanish island of Puerto Rico, Cape Verde Island and the Canary Islands, bases of supplies for the Spanish navy and military forces. Cape Verde Islands are Portuguese territory.

Dairy Trade Items.

The Montreal Gazette of April 21 says: "Butter continues to decline, round lots of creamery being offered



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limits to a basis of a 10c market here at least.

DRESSED MEATS—Beef is firmer. Receipts of hogs are light and prices are firmer. We quote hogs, 6 3-4c to 7c for country dressed, beef, 6 to 6 1-2 for city dressed. Mutton 8c for cold storage stock and 9 to 10c for fresh dressed. Veal, 7 to 9c, as to quality.

DRESSED POULTRY—Good chickens will bring 9c dressed, or 60 to 75c per pair live, and turkeys 11c per lb. live weight or 15c dressed.

GAME—Wild duck quoted at 20 to 30c per pair. Large grey geese, 75c each, wavy or small white geese, 40c each.

CURED MEATS AND LARD—The market is very strong. Prices have advanced sharply in the States and higher prices are looked for here. Local stocks are light, and supplies are being imported from the States in hams, bacon and lard to some extent. See quotations on another page.

VEGETABLES—Carrots are out of the market, rhubarb is declining fast. Prices are as follows: Potatoes, 35

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—Shipping business is still going on in stocker cattle, which are in demand to ship south at \$10 to \$13 for yearlings and \$17 to \$24 for two years old cattle. Some also are going west. The buying of fat cattle in Manitoba to ship to British Columbia markets has strengthened the market here, as the supply is lighter this spring than usual, and it will make up for the absence of export demand. British markets were strong this week. The local market is about 1-4c higher for choice cattle, 3 3-4c having been paid in the country for cattle to ship to British Columbia, equal to 4c here. We quote the local market for butchers' cattle at 3 1-2 to 4c for fair to choice fat stock.

SHEEP—The market is steady at about 4 1-2c. Very little has been done yet in sheep this season. Lambs \$2.50 to \$3.50 each.

HOGS—The market is steady at 5c for best bacon hogs. We quote choice bacon hogs, weighing 150 to 250 lbs at \$5 per 100 lbs; 250 to 300 lbs \$4.25 to \$4.50;

to-day at 16c, which is a decline of over 1c, one receiver having a line of over 50 70-pound tubs at 16c, while another sold some 30-pound tubs, and 56-pound boxes at the same figure, and still lower prices are looked for next week. Receipts keep up, amounting to over 700 packages to-day.

Northwest Ontario.

Wm. Bishop, of Mine Centre, has leased the Alberta hotel at Fort Frances this season.

Navigation opened at Port Arthur and Fort William on Monday, April 24, when the steamers, United Empire and St. Andrews succeeded in getting through the ice in Thunder Bay. This is the earliest opening for several years.

A reliable cable from Argentina reads: Wheat market active and strong at advancing prices. There will be large quantities of wheat and flax for shipments.