MARKET REVIEW AND FORECAST

TORONTO, Sept. 23.—Conditions generally in Ontario have been favorable to fall work. Reports reach us from Northern Ontario that some of the grain crop has not yet been saved, but throughout Old Ontario practically every sheaf is in the barn, and the first round of threshing is now either under way or completed. Labor is still scanty in the rural districts, although the situation is said to be easing in the cities. That farmers are adapting themselves to this labor scarcity, however, is evidenced by the fact that in the past four years over 700 tractors have been sold in Ontario.

The American Agriculturalist, whose crop reports are said to be as accurate as those of the Government itself, puts the American corn crop at 2,600,000,000 bushels, instead of the 3,000,000,000 bushels expected a month ago. Hot dry weather is responsible for the decrease. The quality, however, is good. There will be little, if any, soft corn and a good supply of seed is guaranteed for next spring. The Canadian situation, however, is not quite so favorable, and Canadian seed corn growers are being urged to hold as much corn as possible for seeding purposes next spring.

There are few price changes of note. Corn is at lower levels. Mill feeds are higher. The hay market is firmer. Eggs are on the up-grade. The cattle market tends to be easy, but hogs are firm.

WHEAT.

The Ontario wheat crop is now moving to market. Little is reaching central markets, as local millers are buying heavily. Some Western wheat, too, is coming to Ontario points, but Western millers have gotten the biggest share of the export crop thus far. Fixed prices are as follows:

Manitoba wheat.—In store, Fort William, nominal (and dudipe 2¼c tax); No. 1 northern, $2.34½; No. 2 northern, $2.31½; No. 3 northern, $2.17½; No. 4 wheat, $2.11½.

Ontario wheat.—No. 2 winter, $2.31, basis in store, Montreal; No. 3, $2.27; No. 2 spring, $2.26; No. 3 spring, $2.22.

COARSE GRAINS.

The coarse grain market is somewhat unsettled. Corn promises to be a large crop, considering America as a whole; oats also are a bumper crop, and it is difficult to estimate without a fuller knowledge of European requirements just what prices will be. At the present time, with barley selling at country points around $1, this feed is much cheaper than oats, which are selling at 80c per more in Eastern Ontario and 75c to 78c in Western Ontario, and decidedly cheaper than corn for feeding purposes which is quoted here at $1.80 to $1.90, and which is quoted on the Chicago market at $1.52½ for October corn. It is noticeable that the corn market has been gaining steadily, as to meet the lower prices on other grains. Quotations are as follows: Oats—Ontario new crop, No. 2, 76c to 78c; No. 3, 75c to 77c. Barley—New crop, malting, $1.04 to $1.06; other grains nominal. Montreal quotes oats, C.W., No. 2, $1.01 to $1.02; extra No. 1 feed, 97c.

MILL FEEDS.

Bran is quoted here at $36.40 a ton; shorts, $40. The Montreal quotations are $37 and $42; moullie, $67 to $68. Standard feeding and dairy feed in Ontario is quoted by the Campbell Milling Co. at $60 per ton f.o.b. Toronto.

HAY AND STRAW.

The tendency of the hay market is still upwards, with receipts small, and farmers apparently with little surplus to dispose of. On this market No. 2 hay is quoted at $18 to $19 on track; enlixed hay, $16 to $17; straw in car lots, $8 to $8.50. Montreal quotes No. 2 hay in car lots, $18.

POTATOES AND BEANS.

The weather recently, with much rain, has been unfavorable to the potato crop, particularly where the vines were blighted. Prospects are, therefore, not considered as good as a couple of weeks ago. Ontario potatoes are still quoted wholesale on this market, $2.25 to $2.35 per 90-lb. bag.

Canadian prime beans per bushel are quoted $6.50 to $7.50; foreign hand-picked, $6.75 to $7.

HIDES.

Country market.—Beef hides, green, 23c; part cured, 18c; cured, 19c to 20c; horse hides, colt, $2 to $3; horsehides, country take-off, No. 1, $6.50 to $7; No. 2, $5 to $6; No. 1 sheepskins, $2.50 to $3. Horsehair, farmers' stock, 30c per lb.

EGGS AND POULTRY.

The egg market is undeniably stronger. The wholesale dealer is quoted as stating that "at the rate eggs are being consumed at present there will be very few eggs to bring out of cold storage later on when production falls off." Unless the Food Buying Commission takes but very few eggs there are not as many in storage required to meet domestic demand during the winter months. Present prices are from 44c to 47c, country points. No. 1 candled are quoted to the trade at 45c to 46c; selected, new laid, 52c to 56c, and cartons, 54c to 55c. On the Montreal market selected eggs are quoted to the trade, 53c to 54c; No. 1 stock, 43c; No. 2 stock, 40c to 42c.

	Live weight.	Dressed.
Hens, 4 lbs.	22c to 25c	27c to 29c
Hens, 4 and over.	27c to 28c	28c to 30c
Spring chickens	30c to 32c	38c to 40c
Roosters	18c to 20c	
Ducklings	22c to 00c	28c to 30c
Ducks	18c to 00c	30c to 00c
Turkeys	25c to 27c	30c to 00c
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DAIRY PRODUCE.

The butter market is decidedly firmer and prices have advanced somewhat. This is true of both Toronto and Montreal. At Toronto most of the dealers are paying 44c to 45c for both solids and prints. Dairy prints are quoted 46c to 46c, but practically all of the dairy butter in the country is being sold locally at higher than Toronto quotations. Creamery prints are priced to the retail trade at 48c to 49c, according to quality. On the Montreal market, choicest creamery butter is quoted 45½c to 46c. There are no changes of note on the cheese market. The Commission's prices are: No. 1 cheese, 23c; No. 2, 22½c; No. 3, 22c.

Kingston, Sept. 19.—At Frontenac Cheese Board to-day 496 white offered; 276 sold at 22 9-16.

Campbellford, Sept. 19.—Four hundred and seventy white offered; all sold, 22¾c.

Stirling, Sept. 19.—Three hundred and ninety-five boxes offered; all sold at 22¾c.

LIVE STOCK.

There has been a pronounced downward trend in the values of common and medium cattle this week. The better quality animals have held their own fairly well, but have been very few in number. The offerings at the Toronto Union Yards were larger last week than during any previous seven-day period in the last four or five months. The undercurrent of the market is weak, excepting for the really good to choice exportable stock. Faced with so many cattle which are only suitable for the average local butcher shop, the buyers are naturally reluctant in accepting more than a very limited quantity. Under these circumstances the market has been a declining one, and is likely to continue easy in tone until the country has disposed of its surplus medium stock. The net declines in the common and medium cattle amounted to from 50c to 75c, and in spots the loss amounted to practically $1 per cwt.

Many farmers are now disposing of their feeders. Others are anxiously looking for profitable stable stock. During the past week or two the activity in the stocker departments has been constantly increasing, and is now at a point where profitable stable cattle will bring anywhere from $9 to $10.60 per cwt., with an average price above the $10 mark. Milch cows are also meeting with a much better demand, and have scored advances in values up to $5 and $10 each. Several good sales were put through this week at figures ranging from $150 to $165 per head.

The market for calves has been exceptionally steady and strong. Offerings have not been large, while the demand has been brisk and, at times quite keen. Prices for the best stock ranged from $17 to $17.50, and an occasional sale was put through at $17.75 per cwt. Lambs were weak at times, while on other occasions they were comparatively active. The general price for good stock averaged from $17 to $17.50 per cwt. Sheep have been steady for some time past at from $13 to $14.50, the latter price being paid for breeders, for which there is a good strong demand. Yearlings have been cashing at from $14.50 to $16 per cwt., according to quality.

Quotations:—

Heavy steers, choice	$14.25	to $16.00
do good	12.00	to 14.00
Butchers' steers and heifers, choice	11.25	to 11.75
do good	9.50	to 10.60
do medium	8.75	to 9.00
do common	7.75	to 8.00
Butchers' cows, choice	9.00	to 11.00
do good	8.00	to 8.50
do medium	7.75	to 8.00
do common	6.75	to 7.50
do canners	6.00	to 6.50
Butchers' bulls, choice	10.50	to 11.00
do good	9.50	to 10.25
do medium	8.00	to 9.00
do common	7.00	to 7.75
Feeders, best	9.50	to 11.00
Stockers, best	9.00	to 10.00
Milkers and springers, choice	100.00	to 165.00
do com. to medium	65.00	to 100.00
Calves, choice	16.00	to 17.50
do medium	14.50	to 14.50
do common	10.00	to 12.00
do grass	7.50	to 9.00
Lambs, choice spring	17.00	to 17.50
Lambs, yearlings	15.00	to 16.00
Sheep, choice handy	13.00	to 15.00
do heavy and fat bucks	11.00	to 12.25
Heavy fat	8.00	to 11.00
Hogs, fed and watered	19.50	to 19.75
do off cars	19.75	to 20.00
do f.o.b.	18.25	to 18.75

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