

COUNTRY PRODUCE

EGGS: Receipts of eggs at Montreal for the past week amounted to 22,732 cases as compared with 20,370 cases last year. The export demand continues, several dealers having booked new business last week at prices considerably over local selling prices. It is expected that shipments between now and the close of navigation will be very large on both States and Canadian eggs. The Chicago market advanced last week, extras being quoted at 30 1/4 cents.

POULTRY: No change has taken place in the price of poultry. Deliveries last week were the heaviest so far this year. City dealers still complain about a great deal of medium and culled stock being marketed. Farmers and storekeepers should not market anything but good birds. The demand for poultry in Montreal continues satisfactory. Most dealers are now quoting prices for dressed poultry, and as the weather is cool are increasing their shipments of this class of stock.

POTATOES: A rise of 30 cents has taken place in Green Mountain potatoes, as very few are coming to this market and supplies are consequently scarce. The undertone to the market is strong and a good demand is reported even at these high prices.

BEANS: A sale of a round lot of new crop pea beans was made in this market on October 26, which were grown in the Ormstown section, at \$5 per bushel. The tone of the market for old crop beans remains very firm, with a steady demand for small lots.

Eggs:		
Special New Laid	0.48	
Extras	0.39	
No. 1	0.35	
No. 2	0.30	0.31

Poultry—Live:		per pound.
Fowls, 5 lbs. and over	0.15	0.16
Fowls, small	0.14	0.15
Old Turkeys, cocks	0.24	0.25
Do., hens	0.25	0.26

Fresh Killed Poultry:		
Old Turkeys, cocks	0.25	0.26
Do., hens	0.26	0.27
Do., Roasting	0.27	0.28
Fowls, hens	0.15	0.16
Do., roosters	0.14	0.15
Broilers, 2 1/2 to 3 lbs., per lb.	0.20	0.22
Do., 3 to 2 1/2 lbs., per lb.	0.21	0.23
Squabs	0.35	0.45
Geese	0.16	0.17

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

Potatoes:		
Green Mountains, per bag of 80 lbs. ex-track	1.80	1.85
Do., to jobbers, ex-store, per 80 lb. bag	2.00	
Quebec's, per bag of 80 lbs. ex-track	1.50	1.60
Do., to jobbers, ex-store, per 80 lb. bag	1.75	

The production of corn in Italy is given as 78,738,000 bushels, or 64.6 per cent of last year's crop, and 78.5 per cent of a five-year average; and in European Russia (48 governments), as 71,990,000 bushels, or 91.7 per cent of last year's crop, and 102.5 per cent of a five-year average.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

FRUIT: Apples are the most prominent feature on the market at present. The Ontario and Quebec varieties this year appear to be grading as 2's and 3's on account of the poor quality of the crops in these provinces, but the arrivals from New Brunswick are much more satisfactory. Canadian supplies are being supplemented by Greenings and Baldwins from the State of Maine, which can be sold in Montreal at a lower price than Canadian apples, freight and duty paid. From present prospects it looks as if No. 1 stock will be almost prohibitive later on in the winter. The real winter apples are hardly on the market as yet, but first shipments are looked for in a week or ten days. Baldwins, Greenings, Spies, Ben Davis, Mackintosh Reds, Fameuse, and many other varieties, however, are already on sale.

With regard to bananas, we have already drawn attention to the hurricane in the Island of Jamaica on August 15, which practically destroyed the entire crop of growing bananas and little or nothing will be exported until the early summer of 1917. It is estimated that some eight million bunches were lost in the Island. There have also been storms in Honduras and Guatemala, which did considerable damage to the growing crop, thus further decreasing supplies for the time being. Consequently the price

of bananas is high, which as it will be seen, is due to natural conditions rather than economic features.

Lemons are very firm again, bringing around \$6 at the auction sale in New York last week, as it is just between season for Verdillis and Messinas. The demand in Montreal is good. There is very little activity in oranges as navels are not in yet and Porto Ricos are held up by the extensive labor strike in that island. Californias are a shade firmer on account of the short supplies on hand. Navels are not expected before the middle of December in time for the Xmas trade.

The Canadian blue grape crop is now over, and Spanish Almerias are taking their place. Small shipments of the latter variety are now coming forward of which the quality is said to be very fine. The only pears left on the market are the storage varieties which will be brought out in a couple of months.

VEGETABLES: Western tomatoes are finished, the last shipments being waxy and of poor quality. Onions are higher as stocks are low on account of the retailers laying in their winter supplies. The crop of red onions from the vicinity of Montreal is practically cleaned up and prices in the States are so high that we cannot import. Spanish onions are very firm in an active market. Potatoes show a sharp advance being quoted to-day at \$2.00 for Green Mountains and \$1.75 for Montreals. The scarcity of stock on the market and the prevailing high prices has led many dealers to import from the west, as they are able to place these potatoes on this market after paying a freight rate of 60 cents per 100 lbs., at a lower price than the New Brunswick varieties are bringing. So far this trade has encountered many difficulties as refrigerator cars are hard to secure, and the western shippers report a scarcity of bags at their end. It is impossible to import from British Columbia, as all surplus supplies in that market are being used for evaporation for the French and British army supplies. Vegetable marrows and Hubbard squash are over. Montreal beans are also finished, the American varieties supply the market. Montreal celery will probably last another two weeks. Cauliflowers are in good supply.

Apples:		
Cranberry, pippin, per bbl.	4.50	5.00
Greenings, per bbl.	4.25	4.75
Bewankies, per bbl.	4.00	4.50
Wealthy's, per bbl.	4.00	4.50
Mackintosh Reds, per bbl.	6.50	8.00
Fameuse, per bbl.	6.00	7.00
Bananas, per bunch	2.25	2.75
Grapes, Tokay, per crate		3.50
Do., Almeria, per keg	7.00	8.00
Lemons, Malagas, per box	4.00	6.00
Limes, per box		1.75
Oranges, California's	5.50	6.50
Pears, Winter Nellis, per box		4.50

Vegetables:		
Beets, new, per doz.	0.90	
Beans, American, per hamper	2.50	
Cabbage, Montreal, per doz.	0.60	
Carrots, per doz. bunches	0.90	
Do., per bag	0.65	0.70
Cauliflower, Canadian, per doz.	2.00	
Celery, per doz.	0.75	
Corn, No. 1, per doz.	0.20	
Egg Plant, Montreal, per doz.	0.50	1.00
Garlic, per lb.	0.12	0.15
Horse Radish, per lb.		0.20
Lettuce, head, per doz.		0.75
Do., curly, per doz.		0.20
Onions, Spanish, per case	5.00	6.00
Do., Canadian, per 75 lb. bag		2.00
Marrows, per doz.		1.00
Pumpkins, per doz.		1.00
Potatoes, Montreal, per 80 lb. bag		1.75
Do., Green Mountains, per 80 lb. bag		2.00
Do., Sweet, per basket		2.00
Parsley, per doz. bunches		0.15
Salsify, per doz. bunches		0.60
Squash, Hubbard, per doz.		1.50
Turnips, new, per bag		0.90
Tomatoes, rose, per box	1.25	1.50
Do., Western, per 4 qt. basket		0.50
Do., Hothouse, per lb.		0.25

RECEIPTS OF BUTTER, CHEESE AND EGGS

The following table shows the receipts of butter, cheese and eggs in Montreal for the week ended October 28th, 1916, with comparisons:

	Butter,	Cheese,	Eggs,
	pkgs.	boxes.	cases.
Week ended Oct. 28, 1916.	7,616	68,985	22,732
Week ending Oct. 21, 1916.	9,211	66,985	20,870
Week ended Oct. 30, 1915.	8,270	53,786	15,874
Total receipts May 1 to date, season 1916.	436,578	1,965,972	469,095
Total receipts May 1 to date, season 1915.	348,375	1,778,118	424,323

THE GRAIN MARKETS.

Wheat.—Unabated excitement continues in the wheat markets and prices in Winnipeg and Chicago have reached unprecedented levels, actually leaving the top notch figures of the Leiter Corner in the rear. As we go to press Winnipeg is quoted at \$1.89 1/4 for October and \$1.87 1/4 in Chicago for December. On Tuesday last the largest sales of cash wheat ever made in one day was consummated, the total amounting to more than 3,000,000 bushels, in Chicago, and the total takings would have been even larger had the grain been available, as the buying power was willing to absorb heavy quantities of this grain at still higher prices. Offerings of wheat have been very heavy, both with a view to depress the market and also to secure profits during the present frenzied speculation.

As regards the Montreal market, business is quiet although sales are being made daily. It is a significant fact that professional grain dealers are sitting back these days watching the situation and only a limited amount of actual wheat is being sold, while on the other hand the butcher, the baker and the candlestick maker are all exchanging wheat on paper at constantly increasing values.

Coarse Grains.—An enormous business has been done in corn for export and the market has scored some sensational advances. Cash corn is especially scarce and is commanding unheard of premiums. Farmers seem to be selling for future delivery at the advanced prices. There seems to be no doubt that a good deal of the increase is due to light shipments on account of the scarcity of cars. Barley follows in the wake of corn and prices continue to increase. The better grades are especially in demand, but unfortunately the lower grades predominate. There has been a fair trade in oats with some light export business. Prices have advanced considerably in spite of the fact that in this and in all other coarse grain exports business is hampered by the lack of ocean space available.

Grains:	Montreal	Toronto
	per bushel.	per bushel.
Wheat Manitoba		
No. 1 Northern	2.01 1/4	1.96 1/4
Do., No. 2	1.98 1/4	1.93 1/4
Do., No. 3	1.93 1/4	1.88 1/4
Do., No. 4 Special	1.85	1.75 1/4
Ontario Wheat		1.73
Oats, No. 1 C. W.	0.70	
Do., No. 2 C. W.	0.70 1/4	0.67 1/4
Do., No. 3 C. W.	0.68	0.66
Do., Extra No. 1		
feed	0.68	0.66
Do., No. 1 feed	0.68	0.66
Do., No. 2 feed	0.67 1/2	
Ontario and Quebec		
Oats, No. 2 white		0.62
Do., No. 3 white		0.61
Barley No. 3 C. W.		1.08
Do., No. 4 C. W.	1.16	1.00
Corn, American, No. 3		1.02
Yellow, ex-track	1.20	1.17

WINNIPEG GRAIN RECEIPTS.

The receipts of both old and new grain at Winnipeg for the week ended October 28, 1916, compared with the corresponding week a year ago were as follows:

	Oct. 28, 1916.	Oct. 21, 1916.	Oct. 30, 1915.
No. 1 Northern	713	875	.....
No. 2 Northern	1,041	984	.....
No. 3 Northern	842	812	.....
No. 4 Northern	343	271	.....
No. 5 Northern	142	104	.....
No. 6 Northern	91	69	.....
Other grades	266	351	.....
Rejected	119	74	.....
No. grades	180	107	.....
No. 4 Special	301	306	.....
No. 5 Special	225	245	.....
No. 6 Special	179	138	.....
Winter grades	5	6	.....
Totals	4,447	4,352	11,766
Oats	1,070	1,022	1,632
Barley	296	266	285
Flax	81	51	106