

PROVISIONS.

There has been a general advance on all lines of pork products, due to high prices on live hogs. Lard is scarce, which has caused an advance of 1/2c. The shortening market is firm. Crude oil is now 75c. per gallon, which is just double the average price last year.

Current prices are as follows:

Hams:—	Per lb.
Smoked hams, 8-14 lbs.	0.22
Do., 14-20 lbs.	0.22
Do., 20-25 lbs.	0.20
Do., over 30 lbs.	0.19
Large boneless hams	0.23 1/2
Bacon:—	
Roll Boneless Bacon	0.18 1/2
Windsor Bacon, selected	0.26
Windsor Bacon, Boneless	0.29
Barrel Pork:—	Per bbl.
Short cut pork	30.00
Clear Fat Pork, 30-40	31.50
Clear Fat Pork, 40-50	30.00
Clear Fat Pork, 20-35	27.50
Mess Pork	29.50
Bean Pork, Canadian	24.50
Barrel Beef—	
Plate Beef, 200 lbs.	24.00
Pure Lard—	pound.
Tierces	0.15 1/4
Tubs	0.15 1/2
Pails	3.15
Tins	3.05
Cases, 3, 5, 10's	0.14
Prints	0.16 1/4
Compound Lard:—	
Western Grades:—	
Tierces	0.13 1/4
Tubs	0.13 1/2
Pails	2.75
Tins	2.65
Cases, 3, 5, 10's	0.16
Prints	0.14 1/2
Cooked meats:—	
Roast shoulders pork	0.28
Roast ham, boneless	0.30
Cooked hams, rind off	0.32
Head cheese	0.09
Jellied pork tongues	0.28
Blood pudding	0.09
White pudding	0.08 1/2
Jellied beef tongues	0.28
English brawn	0.11

NORTH AMERICAN WHEAT EXPORTS

Bradstreet's figures of the week's wheat and flour exports from United States and Canada, compared with previous years, are as follows, in bushels:

	1916.	1915.	1914.
Mar. 23	10,389,253	6,826,078	2,780,352
Mar. 16	9,765,236	6,277,903	4,480,101
Mar. 9	9,645,381	7,793,442	3,764,208
Mar. 2	8,199,193	8,432,806	3,576,737
Feb. 24	8,787,985	7,358,222	3,947,966
Feb. 17	7,430,993	10,237,426	3,174,640
Feb. 10	11,480,170	9,708,500	4,092,408
Feb. 3	10,567,676	9,883,671	3,779,908
Jan. 27	8,710,272	8,619,869	3,717,678
Jan. 20	8,247,194	8,395,263	3,881,823
Jan. 13	9,525,485	9,129,199	6,713,289
Jan. 6	10,989,331	10,915,119	6,404,224

Wheat exports in this week in 1913 were 3,077,404 bushels; in 1912, 2,495,597 bushels; in 1911, 3,576,864 bushels, and in 1910, 1,638,578 bushels.

MONTREAL GRAIN STOCKS.

The following table shows the stocks of grain and flour in store in Montreal on the dates mentioned:

	Mar. 25.	Mar. 18.	Mar. 26.
	1916.	1916.	1915.
Wheat, bu.	682,255	807,394	341,941
Corn, bu.	11,043	13,487	120,954
Oats, bu.	1,236,176	1,788,726	771,805
Barley, bu.	139,661	195,636	234,412
Rye, bu.	31,069	26,008	14,720
Buckwheat, bu.	5,568	5,668	12,271
Flour, sacks	53,966	47,236	38,693

GRAIN AND FLOUR EXPORTS.

The following are the exports of grain from the Ports of Portland and St. John, N.B., that have arrived at their destination week ending March 23, 1916.

	Flour, sacks.	Wheat, bush.	Barley, bush.
London	40,950	244,000	
Glasgow	10,100	101,500	61,096
Manchester		168,000	
Leith	11,217	216,000	249,325
Total	62,267	739,500	310,421

FISH AND OYSTERS.

Supplies of Atlantic fresh fish are coming in more freely the past few days, now than the ocean has calmed won again, allowing the fishermen to go to sea as usual. With this favorable change in the weather lower prices are expected. There has been a good demand for all kinds of fish on the local market, but stocks are very scarce especially in the case of haddock and halibut. The demand for the latter has been of such proportions both in Canada and the United States that it has eaten up all surplus stocks. In the case of haddock, this fish is very scarce, but dealers look for a better supply in the next week or two. It is estimated that about 75,000 lbs. of fresh haddock are consumed weekly in Montreal alone. The scarcity on all lines of fresh and frozen fish improves the demand on salt fish, such as green cod and salt haddock. Salt herring is practically finished.

Advices from Great Britain tell of a great shortage in that market. With several hundred steam trawlers now employed mine sweeping, conservative estimates are that the British fish market is daily 60,000,000 lbs. short of normal. This gives an excellent opportunity for the Canadian fisheries to increase their production, subject to the difficulty of obtaining ocean freights.

Current wholesale prices are quoted as follows:

Fresh:—		
Haddock, per lb.	0.09	
Market Codfish, per lb.	0.08	
Steak Codfish, per lb.	0.10	
Carp, per lb.	0.12	
Lobsters, live, per lb.	0.65	
Frozen:—		
Salmon, Gaspe, large, per lb.	0.13	0.14
Do., Red—Steel Heads, per lb.	0.12	0.13
Do., Red Sockeyes, per lb.	0.10	0.10 1/2
Do., Red Cohoes or Silvers, Round, per lb.	0.09 1/2	0.10
Salmon, Red—Cohoes or Silvers, Dressed and Headless, per lb.	0.10 1/2	0.11
Salmon, Pale, Qualla, dressed, per lb.	0.08	0.08 1/2
Halibut, medium, per lb.	0.11	0.12
Mackerel, Bloater, per lb.	0.10	
Herrings, medium, 60 lb., per 100 count	2.80	
Whitefish	0.10 1/2	0.11
Dore	0.09	0.10
Pike	0.06 1/2	0.07 1/2
Oysters:—		
Selects—Solid Meats—No Water.		
No. 5 Can, containing 5 wine gals.	8.00	8.25
No. 3 Can, containing 3 wine gals.	5.00	5.25
No. 1 Can, containing 1 wine gallon	1.75	
Standards, Solid Meats—		
No. 5 Can, containing 5 wine gallons	7.50	
No. 3 Can, containing 3 wine gallons	4.50	
No. 1 Can, containing 1 wine gallon	1.50	
Ordinary Bulk Oysters, Standards, per Imp. gallon	1.40	
Ordinary Do., Selects, per Imp. gallon	1.70	
Shell Oysters, Cape Cods in large barrels	8.50	

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES.

Oranges are a shade higher this week as local stocks are cleaned up for the moment, but prices will fluctuate according to the supplies arriving from New York. It is generally felt that lemons have touched bottom, and an advance in price is looked for from now on. The New York market has been so slow that Italian shipments have been very much curtailed. The large bi-weekly sales have been temporarily discontinued, the next date being set for April 12. The onion market is about cleaned up, which will have a tendency to increase prices. Florida tomatoes are coming in freely at lower prices. Shipments to New York last week were so large that the market was practically demoralized. The first carload of new Florida cabbages has just arrived. Florida celery is in very good demand with ample supplies. Florida strawberries are about over, and next week or the week after the Louisiana berries will be on the market. Nuts are quite active, owing to the increased demand over the Jewish holidays.

Current quotations follow:—

Apples:—		
Starks	5.00	
Spys	6.00	7.50
Ben Davis	4.00	4.50
Russets	6.00	6.50
Baldwins	4.50	5.00
Bananas, bunches	2.00	2.25
Cranberries, Cape Cod, bbl.	12.00	14.00
Cranberries, Nova Scotia, bbl.	8.50	9.00
Grapefruit, 46-54-64-80-96	3.25	3.50
Grapes, Malaga, heavy weight, bbl.	8.00	10.00
Lemons:—		
California	3.00	
Messina, 300-size, box	3.00	
Oranges:—		
Navels, Californias, 176-200-216	4.00	
126 G.	3.00	
80-966	2.50	2.75
Jamaica, 196-200-216	2.50	
Porto Rico, 126-150-250-286	2.75	
Pineapples, 18-24, and 30-36	4.50	6.00
Strawberries, Florida, box	0.35	0.40

Vegetables:—

Artichokes, bag	1.50
Beets, bag	1.50
Beans, wax, N.Y., per basket	4.50
Beans, green, N.Y., per basket	5.50
Cabbage, Montreal, per bbl.	2.00
Cabbage, red, dozen	0.40
Do., New American	3.50
Cauliflower, crate, singles	3.50
Celery, Florida, crate	3.25
Cucumbers, fancy, Boston, doz.	2.50
Garlic, per lb.	0.30
Horse radish	0.14
Leeks, bunch	0.30
Curly lettuce, box, doz.	2.50
Mint, dozen	0.60
Mushrooms, 4-lb basket	2.50
Oyster plant, dozen	0.50
Onions:—	
Reds, 100 lb. bags	4.00
Spanish, case	6.50
Do., crates	3.25
Parsnips	1.00
Potatoes:—	
New Brunswick, 80 lbs., bags	1.90
Sweet, hamper	1.75
Spinach, New York, bbl.	6.00
Turnips, bag	0.90
Tomatoes, hothouse, lb.	0.30
Tomatoes, Cuban, crate	3.50
Watercress, Boston, hothouse, doz.	0.75

WINNIPEG GRAIN RECEIPTS.

The receipts of grain at Winnipeg for the week ended March 25, 1916, compared with the previous week and the corresponding week a year ago were, as follows:—

	Mar. 25, 1916.	Mar. 18, 1916.	Mar. 27, 1915.
No. 1 Hard	7	3	
No. 1 Northern	1,988	2,131	
No. 2 Northern	775	870	
No. 3 Northern	598	693	
No. 4 Northern	381	339	
No. 5 Northern	123	107	
No. 6 Northern	31	25	
Other grades	258	327	
Winter grades	13	19	
Total	4,174	4,224	1,619
Flax	926	1,107	556
Oats	110	1,000	34
Barley	109	120	77

THE STOCK MARKET.

The stock market during the past week maintained a steady tone although trading was in smaller volume than during the previous week. Total transactions for week ended March 25th amounted to 42,035 shares as compared with 81,241 for the previous week.

A few specialties such as Cement, Canada Steamship and Ames-Holden, were the leaders on the local exchange, not only selling at new high levels, but maintaining the advances made. On the other hand the decline was noticed in such stocks as Dominion Bridge, Peter Lyall, with heaviness in Dominion Iron and Steel of Canada. In other words, the munition stocks were dull and heavy, on premature peace talk. There is no doubt that we are a long distance away from peace and any discussion of it at the present time borders on the ridiculous. As a matter of fact our munition companies are making better money at present than at any time in their history. The real outcome of their months of preparatory work is just now bearing fruit. For example in the United States, the President of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation states that his company will export more munitions during next month than they exported during the entire year in 1915. The same is very largely true of Canadian corporations.

Dominion Bridge which showed some weakness towards the end of the week has sufficient war orders on hand to keep for several months. In addition, there are new contracts running to full capacity about to be given it which will extend the busy period for more months. One financier close to the concern is authority for the statement that this company can pay its present dividends for four years on the surplus which has already been accumulated. Apart altogether from the stock market end of the matter, all these corporations are building up healthy reserves which will stand them in good stead when the war is over.

The following table shows the stock sales for the past two weeks with comparison:

	Week ending	
	Mar. 25.	Mar. 18.
Shares	42,035	81,241
Mines	621	1,015
Bonds	\$160,800	\$231,900
Unlisted shares	1,007	1,051
Do., bonds	\$4,300	\$7,000