

LIVE STOCK.

MONTREAL: The offerings at the Montreal stock yards during the past week amounted to 1,300 cattle, 1,600 sheep and lambs, 1,700 hogs and 1,900 calves. The prevailing hot weather has caused a slackening off in the consumption of meat, and therefore the demand from packers was not sufficient to take care of the liberal supplies coming forward. A drop of 25 cents per cwt. was noted in all lines of cattle, and both markets reported very dull sessions. Choice stock continued to be scarce, as most of the offerings consisted of inferior grades, of which many were half-finished grass fed stock.

The hog market was very quiet, with a weak tone, and a declining tendency. Offerings were in excess of the demand from the packers, and many drovers experienced difficulty in disposing of their stocks. Declines in all lines of small meats are also reported, particularly in the case of calves, where the market has weakened considerably in sympathy with the decline in the United States. Supplies of sheep and lambs are liberal, and a good trade is being done at reduced prices.

TORONTO: Receipts at the Toronto stock yards last week amounted to 4,892 cattle, 1,000 calves, 2,009 sheep and lambs, 3,725 hogs, and 1,208 horses. Cattle at the Toronto markets suffered a decline on each successive day last week, until a total decline of 75c on heavy butchers, and 55c on lighter grades was recorded on Wednesday. This sharp drop is attributed in part to the prevailing warm weather, but also to the arrival of stable fed cattle direct to packers sufficient to supply temporary requirements. Choice handy steers and heifers were in good demand, being the most suitable for the summer trade. The hog market was weak and fluctuating, but a firmer feeling was noted at the end of the week. As regards small meats, lambs were easier if anything, but sheep held firm at unchanged prices, and owing to a smaller run than usual, calves were firmly maintained.

Quotations for round lots were as follows:—
Per cwt.

	Montreal.		Toronto.	
Butcher steers, best	9.25	9.50	9.00	9.25
Do., good	8.75	9.00	9.00	9.10
Do., fair	7.75	8.75	8.40	8.75
Do., medium	7.25	8.25	8.25	8.40
Do., rough	6.50	7.00	7.50	8.25
Do., good	5.75	7.00	7.25	8.50
Butcher bulls, best	6.75	8.25	7.75	8.25
Do., good	7.75	8.15	7.25	8.50
Do., medium	5.00	6.50	6.75	7.00
Butcher cows, best	6.25	8.00	7.00	7.25
Do., good	5.00	6.25	6.50	7.00
Do., medium	4.50	5.50	5.75	6.50
Heifers	0.15	0.16½	8.50	9.00
Sheep, unclipped	7.00	7.75	7.50	8.25
Do., clipped	7.00	7.75	7.25	7.50
Spring lambs, each	5.00	8.00	0.13	0.14
Hogs, select, weighed				
off cars	11.75	12.00		11.15
Do., roughs and				
mixed lots	11.00	11.50		10.65
Calves, choice,				
per lb.	0.05	0.10	9.00	12.00
Do., medium	0.05	0.07½	7.50	10.00

LEATHER.

The market is very firm on hides and leather under a heavy demand on both local and export account. The demand from English buyers has been exceptionally strong in this market of late, as the British Government is distributing a big order for shoes for the Russian army, among a number of English firms. An active enquiry is also reported from United States sources. The Canadian output of leather is being materially reduced owing to the difficulty of obtaining suitable labour. Tanning materials are scarce and dear, which adds considerably to the cost of the finished article.

Selling prices at wholesale houses of a few standard lines:—

Spanish sides, No. 1 or best, lb.	0.43
Do., No. 2 or good	0.42
Trimmed backs, 32-13 p.c. trimmed,	
No. 1 or best	0.62
Do., No. 2 or good	0.61
Trimmed bends, 50 p.c. trimmed,	
No. 1 or best	0.63
Do., No. 2 or good	0.61
Oak sides (Canadian), No. 1 or best	0.45
Do., No. 2 or good	0.44
Oak backs, No. 1 or best	0.53
Do., No. 2 or good	0.51
Oak bends, No. 1 or best	0.65
Do., No. 2 or good	0.63
No. 1 harness	0.56
No. 2 harness	0.55

FLOUR, CEREALS AND MILLFEED.

Rumours of crop damage in the Western States forced the wheat market up sharply last week, but with cooler weather reports from the wheat fields which will tend to check the blight, the market declined from the highest level. The flour market has not followed the fluctuation in the wheat market, although when wheat rose five points, higher prices were talked of. Export business has been rendered impossible by the rise of 15c in ocean freight rates on flour from all ports, making a rate of 60c per 100 lbs. or an equivalent to 2s. per sack for August shipment. No export business was consummated during the past week or ten days, as Canadian millers were unable to meet cable offerings at prevailing prices. The demand from the English importer has been very steady, and an advance in price of 6d. to 9d. per sack is now being quoted over the cable to meet the increase in freights. As regards winter wheat flour, the market is firmly maintained in Montreal, as stocks are getting low, which will offset any declining tendency.

The price of all feeds is holding steady throughout the country, although considerable cutting is going on in the city, particularly in the cheaper grades of shorts and bran, for which there is a good demand. The dry hot weather is affecting the pastures somewhat, which is stimulating the demand for millfeed, and the mill surplus is pretty well picked up.

Current quotations follow:

	Montreal.		Toronto.	
Flour:—				
First patents, per bbl., in bags	6.60	6.30	6.50	
Second patents, do.	6.10	5.90	6.00	
Strong clears, do.	5.90	5.60	5.80	
30c per bbl. more in wood.				
First Feed Flour	3.80	3.50	3.50	
Winter wheat flour—				
Fancy Patents	6.00	6.25	5.85	6.10
90 per cent in wood	5.30	5.40	5.60	5.80
90 per cent in bags	2.40	2.55	2.70	2.75
Cereals:—				
Cornmeal, yellow, per bag, 98 lbs.	1.95	1.85	1.85	
Rolled oats, per bbl., in wood	5.10	5.45	2.50	2.55
per bag, 90 lbs.	2.60	2.65	2.50	2.55
Rolled wheat, 100 lb. bbl.	4.00	4.00	4.00	
Rye flour, 98 lb. bag	2.65	2.80	2.80	
Graham flour, 98 lb.	3.05	3.05	2.75	
Barley pot., 98 lbs.	3.00	3.00	3.00	
Barley, Pearl, 98 lbs.	4.50	4.20	4.40	
Whole wheat flour, 98 lbs.	6.10	3.00	3.00	
Feeds:—				
Bran, per ton	20.00	21.00	20.00	21.00
Shorts, per ton	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00
Middlings, per ton	26.00	25.00	26.00	26.00
Flour Middlings	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00
Moullie, pure grain				
grades, per ton	31.00	32.00	32.00	32.00
Do., mixed	27.00	29.00	29.00	29.00
Barley feed, per ton	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00
Do., meal, per ton	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00
Crushed oats, 80 lbs.	1.70	1.70	1.70	1.70
Reground oatmeal feed, per ton	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00
Corn, No. 2 Yellow, K.D. \$1.85 per 98 lbs.				
Manitoba oats, 62c. per bushel.				

MONTREAL PRODUCE RECEIPTS.

Receipts of the principal commodities at Montreal for the past two weeks follow:—

	July 15, '16.	July 8, '16.
Wheat, bushels	1,732,455	1,441,883
Oats, bushels	652,525	491,132
Barley, bushels	80,748	125,494
Flour, barrels	263,086	166,261
Eggs, cases	18,622	23,694
Butter, packages	16,591	19,496
Cheese, boxes	92,204	93,504
Potatoes	1,572	5,637
Hay	65,946	90,289

BALED HAY.

Price of baled hay remain unchanged, but owing to the increased offerings for which there is only a limited demand, a decline is expected in the near future. The market is very quiet for the time being, due to the extreme prices asked by holders at which buyers refuse to bid. Stocks on spot are heavily in excess of requirements.

Sales of carlots brought the following prices:

No. 1 hay	\$21.00	\$21.50
No. 2 extra good	20.00	20.50
No. 2 hay	19.00	19.50
No. 3 hay	17.50	18.00
Clover, mixed, per ton, ex-track	16.50	17.00

FISH AND OYSTERS.

With the advent of warm weather the distribution of fish is directed into other channels, deliveries being mainly to the large summer resorts and watering places. Montreal business is dull, as many people are already out of town. Supplies are coming in sufficient quantity to meet requirements, with the exception of certain lines of lake fish, such as dore and pike. The Gaspé salmon season is very nearly over, and an advance in price is looked for from now on. Some B. C. salmon is expected to arrive in the near future. Halibut is firm, owing to the difficulty of shipping from B. C. All lines of eastern fish, such as haddock and codfish are in good supply and selling at moderate prices. Mackerel is very scarce, and no arrivals are expected until the fall run which starts in September. The fishing season for lobsters is practically over and supplies now coming are sold retail at fairly good prices. Brook trout is scarce, and the demand is good. In all lines of pickled and salt fish there is a certain amount of enquiry, but the demand is insignificant. Smoked fish is difficult to ship in the warm weather on account of its perishable nature.

Current quotations follow:

Fresh:—		
Haddock, per lb.	0.05½	0.06
Steak Codfish, per lb.		0.07
Brook Trout		0.27
Carp, per lb.		0.09
Lobsters, live, per lb.		0.25
Salmon, Gaspé		0.15
Salmon, Red, Dressed, Spring and Head-		
less, per lb.		0.14
Halibut, medium, per lb.		0.14
Herrings, medium, each		0.02
Whitefish, per lb.		0.12
Dore, per lb.		0.15
Pike, per lb.		0.09
Perch, dressed, per lb.		0.12
Bullheads, dressed, per lb.		0.12
Fresh Mackerel, per lb.		0.10
Gaspereaux, each		0.02

WINNIPEG GRAIN RECEIPTS.

The receipts of grain at Winnipeg for the week ended July 15, 1916, compared with the previous week, and the corresponding week a year ago were as follows:—

	July 15, 1916.	July 8, 1916.	July 17, 1915.
No. 1 Hard	1	3	...
No. 1 Northern	2,490	2,888	...
No. 2 Northern	880	858	...
No. 3 Northern	589	558	...
No. 4 Northern	276	210	...
No. 5 Northern	80	102	...
No. 6 Northern	34	21	...
Other Grades	473	374	...
Winter Grades	8	11	...
Totals	4,870	5,025	469
Oats	1,743	1,666	128
Barley	256	216	18
Flax	140	187	21

GROCERIES.

The general situation is good, particularly for country trade, and prices have a tendency to advance. Canned tomatoes selling to-day at a dollar cannot be bought at less than \$1.18, which will make the selling price \$1.25. The market is bare of stock, and an advance in prices is inevitable before the new crop is placed on the market. Corn crop prospects are very poor, as many farmers were unable to sow owing to the abnormal rains in May. Prices of good tea are firm. There is a prospect of lower prices for the poorer grades, as all the inferior teas refused in the U. S. markets have been offered here. Canadian dealers, however, are on their guard. The quality of the new crop is reported as very favorable, being considerably above the average. Two thousand puncheons of molasses were received last week by local jobbers, but this quantity is not sufficient to influence the market in any way. A drop of 20c in the price of St. Lawrence, Beaver granulated and Atlantic Blue Star is reported. This is a matter appertaining to refiners only, and has no bearing on the price of No. 1 granulated.

NOVA SCOTIA STEEL.

It is understood that Nova Scotia Iron and Steel Co. has booked imported orders which will keep it busy well into 1917. The Eastern Car Co., which it controls, has been contributing largely to the company's prosperity. From the Russian government this company received an order for 4,000 freight cars, while the French government also ordered 4,000 cars.