Market Review and Forecast

TORONTO, Dec. 11.—The continued increase in the cost of living is being attributed to seriously operate against war time prosperity, in so far as that prosperity affects the city worker. In every centre of population the rising prices of foodstuffs and other necessities of life competes with the war for first place in public discussion. In the United States the same is true. From Chicago and New York come reports of boycotts in which citizens have banded themselves together to curtail consumption of certain lines, in an endeavor to force lower prices by closing off the demand. Eggs are one of the articles of diet that are being dispensed with. Whether this effort will result in reducing prices for any length of time, remains to be seen. There is no question but that present prices are bearing heavily on the consumer. Much misdirected criticism is levelled at the farmer for increasing the cost of foodstuffs, but this is done by those who do not realize that high prices have been accompanied by curtailed production, and that, therefore, they cannot benefit the producer. "Every farmer in our section of the country is going back this year," said a well known farmer from one of the most prosperous counties in Ontario to an editor of Farm and Dairy, recently.

WHEAT.

Great excitement has characterized the wheat market of late. From the high level of over $2.12 a bushel, prices rapidly declined over 20c in about two weeks—evidence that fortunes were being quickly made and lost by speculators in the grain market. Occasionally the market showed evidence of a stronger tone, but the general market, being said to be accessible to the increase of strength. Quotations are: Manitoba wheat, track, bay ports, No. 1, Northern, $1.95¾; No. 2, $1.92¾; No. 3, $1.86¼; No. 4, $1.74¼; old crop wheat, 4c higher; Ontario wheat, winter, new crop, No. 2, $1.70 to $1.72; No. 3, $1.68 to $1.70.

COARSE GRAINS.

The most notable advances on this market are on corn as the bulls of late guilty to for this food commodity. Quotations on other coarse grains remain practically the same as those of last week. Prices ruling are: Manitoba oats, track, bay ports, No. 2, C.W., 65¼; No. 3, C.W., 63¼; extra No. 1 feed, 63¼; No. 1 feed, 63¼; Ontario oats, according to freights outside, No. 3 white, 62c to 64c; No. 3, 61c to 63c; corn, No. 3, yellow, American, nominal, $1.05; peas, No. 2, $1.40; barley malting, $1.18 to $1.20, nominal; buckwheat, $1.20, nominal; rye, No. 2, new $1.40 to $1.42. At Montreal, oats, C.W. No. 2, 68½c; No. 3, 67c; extra No. 1 feed, 67c; barley, Manitoba feed, $1.02; malting, $1.30 to $1.32; American corn, No. 2, yellow, $1.15 to $1.18.

MILL FEEDS.

Quotations on this market are firm, being as follows: Carlots, delivered, Montreal freights, shorts, $37; bran, $35; middlings, $38 to $40. At Montreal bran is quoted, $32; shorts, $34; middlings, $38 to $40; moulie, $46 to $48.

HAY AND STRAW.

Hay, No. 1, track, Toronto, new, car lots, $12.50 to $13.50; No. 2, $10 to $11.50; straw, car lots, $9 to $9.50. At Montreal: HAY, No. 2, car lots, $13.

SEEDS.

Prices asked at country points by wholesalers are: Alsike, No. 1, $9.75 to $10; No. 2, $8.50 to $9; No. 3, $7.50 to $8; rejected, $4.25 to $4; timothy, cwt., $3 to $6; common grades, cwt., $1.50 to $2.50; red clover, No. 1, bus., $16.75; No. 2, $9 to $9.75; No. 3, $8 to $8.75.

POTATOES AND BEANS.

Potatoes, New Brunswicks, in carlots, $2 to $2.10; western, in carlots, $1.90 a bag.

Beans, hand picked, bush., $6; primes, $5.50.

EGGS AND POULTRY.

New laid eggs are very scarce and it is said that dealers could get almost any price for the guaranteed product. Some by dealers are offering 62 cents a dozen to the country seller for new laids, but they are practically off the market. New laids in cartons are quoted, 68c to 70c; extras, 62 to 65c storage, selects, 44c to 45c; No. 1 storage, 42c to 43c.

	Live.	Dressed.
Spring chickens, lb.	16c to 17c	18c to 20c
Old fowl, lb.	12c to 13c	14c to 15c
Ducklings, lb.	13c to 15c	17c to 19c

DAIRY PRODUCE.

The rise in the price of butter appears to have been checked, though the market holds firmly, the constant demand from abroad and the shortage of supplies in storage accounting for the firmness. The make is practically over. Export shipments through port to Montreal, for the season up to November 25th, are given by the Journal of Commerce, as 176,379 packages, as against 56,788 for the same period last year,—an increase of 210 per cent. for the 1916 season. Prices are: Creamery prints, fresh, 47c to 48c; creamery prints, storage, 45c to 46c; solids, 46c to 48c; choice dairy prints, 40c to 41c; ordinary dairy prints, 36c to 37c; bakers, 33c to 34c.

Little business is being done in cheese, and prices show no change. The figures for the exports obtained from the same sources as those for butter, show that for the season the exports of cheese from Montreal, up to November 25th, amount to 3,134,343 boxes, as compared with 1,792,253 boxes last year, an increase of 10 per cent. Quotations on this market are: cheese, new, large, 25½c to 26; twins, 26c to 26½c; triplets, 26½c to 27c; stilton, 27c to 27½.

Sales Dates Claimed

The Southern Counties Ayrshire Breeders' Club's third annual consignment sale at Imperial Hotel stables, Tilsonburg, on Thursday, Dec. 28, 1916.

Brant District Holstein Consignment Sale will be held Jan. 31st, 1917, at Brantford, Ont.

LIVE STOCK.

Offerings of cattle during the week were evidence that the Christmas beef cattle trade has begun in earnest. There were some choice butchers' on the market and the top price for choice steers was $9.10, being 10c to 15c higher than quotations of last week. Choice bulls and cows also met a steady market. Medium cows are not meeting a strong market, but canners and cutters are stronger. Quotations are about as follows: Steers, choice, weighty, $8.50 to $9.10; med. weighty, $7.85 to $8.35; butchers' choice, handy, $7.50 to $8; good, $6.60 to $7.10; com. to med., $5.25 to $6.40; med. to good heifers, $6.80 to $7.40; med. to good cows, $4.60 to $6.35; butchers' bulls, choice, $6.30 to $7.40; med. to good, $5.40 to $6.50; bologna, $4.85 to $5.30; stockers, 800 lbs., $5.50 to $6; med., 700 to 800 lbs., $4.80 to $5.20; feeders, 900 to 1,000 lbs., $6.20 to $6.70; canners and cutters, $4.10 to $4.75.

Milkers, good to choice, $75 to $105; com. to med., $50 to $70; springers, $55 to $105. Calves steady at $11 to $11.50 for the best veal; good, $9.50 to $10.25; com. to med., $5 to $9 grass, $4.50 to $5.

Sheep and lambs were firm and steady. Spring lambs, choice per pound, brought 11¼c; good, 10c to 10¾c; culls, 8¼c to 8¾c; ewes, light, $8.50 to $9; heavy and bucks, $6.50 to $8; culls, $3 to $5.

Gradual strengthening during the week and an increase of from 40c to 50c in three days was a feature of the hog market. On one day prices were advanced 15c to 25c per 100 lbs., and the market was strong at these levels. Hogs, weighed off cars are now quoted $12; fed and watered, $11.75; f.o.b., $10.40, less $2.50 on lights; less 50c on heavies; less $3.50 on sows; less half per cent. Government condemnation.

HIDES AND WOOL.

Beef hides, flat, cured, 22c to 24c; part cured, 20c to 22c; deacons or bob calf, $1.75 to $2.25 each; horsehides, country take-off, No. 1, $8 to $9; No. 2, $7 to $8; No. 1 sheepskins, $2.50 to $2.60; sheepskins, pelts and spring lambs, $1.85 to $2.25; horsehair, farmers' stock, 38c to 41c.

Unwashed fleece wool, as to quality, 32c to 35c; washed fleece wool, as to quality, 45c to 48c per lb.; washed rejections, burry, cotted, chaffy, etc., 36c to 38c; northwestern unwashed, according to quality, 28c to 32c.

ANOTHER HIGH RECORD.

IN accordance with previous statement that all cows producing above 35 lbs. fat in seven consecutive days would for this year at least be registered by card, I now announce that I am advised through preliminary reports and by wire that the Holstein-Friesian cow Hester Aaltje Korndyke 133222 has just produced 974.8 lbs. milk containing 34.332 lbs. fat in seven consecutive days. She freshened at the age of 6 years, 8 months, 21 days. Her sire is Aaltje Salo Mercedes De Kol Prince 2937; her dam is Hester Korndyke De Kol 99218. She was bred by Mr. W. O. Willcox, of Penelville, N. Y., and she is now owned by Mr. M. J. Smiley, of Belle Fourche, S.D. With this production she would stand as third highest in the list of twelve Holstein-Friesian cows of all ages that have exceeded 32 lbs. fat in seven-day test. If computed on the 80 per cent. basis, the equivalent butter production to be credited to Hester Aaltje Korndyke would amount to 42.91 lbs.—M. H. GARDNER, Supt. A. R.

AT SERVICE

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He is a magnificent individual, and a few weeks ago was pronounced by a leading American Holstein judge to be individually the finest young bull approved cows—terms a matter of arrangement.

We have for sale, a small number of well bred young females in calf to Champion, and to our fine Pietje bull. Also bull calves from six months up, which we are offering at bargains to clear—five have gone to the U. S. in the last couple of months.

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HIGH LAWN HOLSTEINS

In the past few weeks we ship ed young bulls to W. J. Elgie, Sault Ste. Marie; S. Highmiller, Kimburn, Ont.; High & Hounsberger, South Cayuga, Ont.; H. C. Martin, Melbourne, Que.; G. W. Markham, West Lorne, Ont., and still we have some choice ones left. No. 1, sire, "May Echo's Prince"; dam, "Helena Hengerveld Keyes 3rd"; 19,753 lbs. milk, 863 lbs. butter, 4 years. No. 2, same sire as No. 1; dam, a 3-yr.-old daughter of above-mentioned cow. No. 3, sire, "Pontiac Johannes King," a son of our May Echo," a daughter of "Tidmarsh Johannes Hengerveld," first 30,000 lb. 4-yr.-old in Canada. These calves are fine, straight fellows, beautifully marked, and are priced below their value.

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