

## COMMODITY MARKETS

## Week's Wholesale Review

With better weather conditions it was expected that trade would improve but transportation difficulties are again to the fore and the securing of supplies is proving a serious factor in the wholesale trade. Orders in general are coming in at a fairly steady rate and factories are kept busy, with perhaps an exception of the footwear manufacturers who are experiencing the usual between-seasons quiet. Leather is in moderate demand but hides, both dry and green, are in a strong market and supplies are small. The grain dealers have experienced a notable week as far as prices are concerned; business at the heavy advances is, however, somewhat dull. Feeds are in good demand for both local and American consumption. Flour has been moving in sympathy with wheat, but trade is small. New milk butter is coming in a little more plentiful and the supply is keeping up well with the consumption. There is a good export demand for cheese, but no ocean tonnage available. Some packers, even in the face of the high prices ruling, are commencing to store eggs, although the Chicago market dropped 4c last week with the prospect of further declines. The hoisted surplus stock of potatoes declared to be in existence a month or so ago by the Government is not visible on the Montreal markets, where the demand is away ahead of the supply. A good trade is being done in general hardware while the paint manufacturers are experiencing a very busy time. Dry goods houses are doing a steady business.

Bradstreet reports remittances as good, with city collections gradually improving.

## COUNTRY PRODUCE.

**EGGS:** Owing to the fact that practically all small dealers in the country have started storing eggs the deliveries to cities such as Toronto and Montreal are small. Prices have advanced and are now at 36c and 37c a dozen. These prices for storing look very high particularly in view of the fact that the Chicago market has declined 4c during the past week. There has been some inquiry for export but nothing can be done on account of the scarcity of steamer space.

**POULTRY:** There is little or no poultry arriving here with the exception of a few shipments of old hens which are selling for 25c to 28c. The market for storage poultry is better and the demand is good. Prices are likely to rule higher in the near future. It is reported that the Chicago market on poultry is from 1½ to 2 cents higher and several very large sales have been made within the last week. Poultry at present prices is cheap compared with pork or beef.

**MAPLE PRODUCTS:** Offerings of both syrup and sugar continue liberal and prices remain firm with a good local demand.

**POTATOES:** Small supplies and a heavy demand tend to make for higher prices and prices have advanced accordingly.

<b>Eggs:</b>		
New laid .....	0.36	0.37
<b>Poultry—Live:</b>		Per Pound.
Fowls, 5-lb. adn. over .....	0.24	0.27
Fowls, small .....	0.20	0.22
<b>Fresh Killed Poultry:</b>		
Turkeys .....	0.32	0.33
Old Turkeys, cocks .....	0.27	0.28
Fowls, hens .....	0.20	0.21
Do., roosters .....	0.17	0.18
Chickens .....	0.22	0.23
Do., crate fattened .....	0.25	0.28
Squabs, per pair .....	0.35	0.45
Geese .....	0.18	0.19
Ducks .....	0.21	0.22
<b>Maple Products:</b>		
Pure maple syrup, quart cans .....	0.40	
Pure maple syrup, 9-lb. tins .....	1.10	1.20
Extra choice syrup, 13-lb. tins .....	1.40	1.50
Pure maple sugar, per lb. ....	0.14	0.15
<b>Honey:</b>		
Buckwheat 5-10-lb. tins .....	0.09	0.10
Clover in comb .....	0.14½	0.15
Do. in 5-10 lb. tins .....	0.12	0.12½
<b>Potatoes:</b>		
New Brunswick, Delawares, 90-lb. sacks .....		3.75
Quebec's, 80-lb. bags .....	4.00	4.25
Green Mountains .....		4.25
<b>Beans:</b>		
Can. hand-picked ear lots, per bu. ....	7.75	8.00
Yellow eyes .....	7.50	
Rangoon .....	7.50	7.75
3 lb. pickers .....	7.25	7.50
5 lb. pickers .....	6.75	7.00

## DAIRY PRODUCE.

**BUTTER:** The market for butter has been very quiet during the past week business being in small lots and just enough to meet immediate requirements. Packers generally are anxious to get rid of fall creamery now that the new milk make is increasing. Prices are easier all around and a general steady decline can be looked for during the next few months. Last week sales of new butter were made at 40c f.o.b. country points. On Friday at the butter auction finest sold for 41½ and fine for 39½. The cold weather of the past week has retarded the flow of milk to some extent but even so the deliveries to the factories have increased. The receipts of butter during the past week amounted to 5,004 packages, an increase of 619 packages over the week before.

**CHEESE:** Cheese is very firm and sales are made at from 25½ to 26½ cents. The demand remains fairly steady and offerings are quickly picked up. The quotations for new cheese are about 6c or 7c higher than at the same time a year ago. There has been enquiry for export both present and future and while shipments have been made to New York and Boston it is not known what ocean space will be available. Receipts during the past week amounted to 10,181 boxes as compared with the previous week's receipts of 5,601 boxes.

Current prices follow:

<b>Butter:</b>		
Choice Fall Creamery Solids .....	0.40	0.40½
Fine Fall Creamery .....	0.39½	0.39¾
Winter Creamery .....	0.37	0.38
Fresh Creamery .....	0.41	0.42
Finest Dairy Butter .....	0.34	0.35½
Fine Dairy Butter .....	0.32	0.33
Undergrade Dairy .....	0.30	0.31
<b>Cheese:</b>		
Finest Western .....	0.23	0.24
Fine Eastern .....	0.25½	0.26½
Winter Make .....	0.23½	0.24½
<b>City Selling Prices to grocers:</b>		
Large .....	0.26	0.27
Twins .....	0.26	0.28
Quebec Cheese .....	0.24½	0.25
Canadian Strong Cheese .....		0.27
Stilton .....	0.28½	0.30

## PROVISIONS.

The market for all pork products remains firm. Live hogs are a shade higher. The demand for both local consumption and export continues large with no hope of lower prices in the near future. Lard is scarce and shows a higher tendency while the increased price of cotton seed oil accounts for the rise in shortening.

Current prices are as follows:

<b>Hams:</b>		Per lb.
Smoked Hams, 8-14 lbs. ....		0.31
Do., 14-20 lbs. ....		0.30
Do., 20-25 lbs. ....		0.28
Do., over 25 lbs. ....		0.27
<b>Bacon:</b>		
Breakfast .....		0.31
Windsor Bacon, selected .....		0.31
Windsor Bacon, boneless .....		0.34
<b>Barrel Pork:</b>		Per bbl.
Short cut pork .....		\$48.00
Clear fat pork .....		50.00
Mess pork .....		46.00
Bean pork, American .....		46.00
Plate pork, 200-lbs. ....		44.00
<b>Pure Lard:</b>		Per lb.
Tierces .....		0.26½
Tubs .....		0.26½
Pails .....		0.26¾
Tins .....		0.26¾
Cases, 3, 5, 10's .....		0.27½
<b>Compound Lard—Western Grades:</b>		
Tubs .....		0.20½
Pails .....		0.20¾
Tins .....		0.20¾
Cases, 3, 5, 10's .....		0.21½
Prints .....		0.22
<b>Cooked Meats:</b>		
Roast shoulder pork .....		0.42
Roast hams, boneless .....		0.46
Cooked hams, boneless .....		0.40
Cooked hams, rind off .....		0.41
Head cheese .....		0.14
English brawn .....		0.13

The will of the late J. J. Hill has been probated in the State of Minnesota. Mr. Hill left estate to the value of \$51,179,889 the death tax on which amounts to \$1,489,370.

## How the Markets Stand

During the past month flour advanced \$3.80 per bbl. and is now selling for \$13.90, the last advance being 50c on Friday of the past week. Feeds are up \$3.00 a ton and dealers anticipate still higher prices. Butter is easier now that supplies are better and new milk creamery sold for 40c f.o.b. country points. Cheese, even with increased offerings remains firm at 25c to 26c. Potatoes are on a steady upward trend and are now quoted at from \$4.00 to \$4.75. Beans are in a very firm market, but have not advanced. Eggs, contrary to opinion generally expressed last week are up another cent. Poultry which is in fair demand has also advanced. All pork products are firm and shortening is slightly higher. Sugar remains firm at last week's quotations. Questioned as to the probable outlook, one of the refineries said that \$1.00 is not at all improbable before the summer is over. Leather is steady and calfskins are at 40c, a figure two and a half times that quoted two years ago. Cattle prices, due to a large run of live stock and poorer quality in the offerings weakened and declined an average of about 50c to 75c a hundredweight. The small meat market remains about the same. Dried fruits are firm as is also the case with the market for walnuts and almonds, while Brazil nuts are easier. Tea prices are strong at the recent advance.

## LIVE STOCK.

**MONTREAL:** The run of cattle during the past week was larger than has been the case for some time and this coupled with the poorer quality caused prices to decline about 50c on 100 lbs. A fairly active trade was done by packers and butchers. The demand for common and inferior cattle was better than it has been of late and sales of such were made at prices ranging from \$7 to \$9 per 100 lbs.

There was no important change in the condition of the market for small meats owing to the fact that supplies were light, with the exception of calves and as the demand for these was good for both local consumption and for shipment to American markets, prices ruled steady. There were a few small lots of sheep and yearling lambs which sold at firm prices. A firm feeling prevailed in the market for hogs on account of the offerings being smaller than expected and the keen demand for the same. The trade was active, with sales of selected lots at \$17 to \$17.25, sows at \$15 to \$15.25, and stags at \$8.50 to \$8.62 per 100 lbs., weighed off cars.

**TORONTO:** The supplies of cattle on the Toronto market during the past week were small and prices advanced accordingly. There was a good inquiry for choice killers, with the top price at \$12 per 100 lbs.

The feature of the trade on the week-end market was the burst of strength on the hog market. Early sales were made at \$16.75 fed and watered, and later in the morning some hogs were bought at \$16.85. With the supply light, sellers realized the strength of their position, and bids of \$16.85 fed and watered were refused, and they frankly admitted that they would hold out for \$17.

There was practically no trade in the small meats department. Choice calves were strong, and medium and common quality calves were unchanged. There were practically no sheep or lambs on the market, and prices were merely nominal.

Comparative quotations follow:

	Per cwt.			
	Montreal.		Toronto.	
Heavy steers .....	11.50	12.00	11.25	11.75
Choice butchers .....	10.00	11.00	10.75	11.50
Do., good .....	9.25	9.75	10.50	11.00
Do., medium .....	9.00	9.25	9.75	10.25
Do., common .....	8.75	9.00	8.50	9.25
Butcher cows, choice .....	10.00	10.50	9.25	10.00
Do., medium .....	9.00	9.25	8.25	9.00
Do., common .....	8.75	9.00	8.00	8.75
Butcher bulls, choice .....	11.00	11.50	9.25	10.25
Do., good .....	9.75	11.00	8.25	9.00
Do., medium .....	9.50	9.75	7.25	8.00
Canners .....	5.50	5.75	5.00	5.75
Sheep, ewes .....	10.50	11.00	10.50	12.00
Bucks .....	10.00	10.25	8.50	10.00
Lambs, spring .....	8.00	12.00	5.00	13.00
Do., yearlings .....	14.50	15.50	14.50	15.50
Calves, milkfed .....	8.00	10.00	12.00	14.50
Do., hayfed, choice .....		6.50	6.00	7.00
Do., common .....	5.00	7.00	6.00	8.00
Hogs, choice .....	17.00	17.50	16.50	
Do., heavy weights .....		16.75		16.25
Sows .....	15.00	15.25	14.75	15.00