

Toronto Markets.

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The week has been all that could be desired in point of weather, and the great bulk of this year's hay crop has been safely housed. For the most part it has been got in without being at all injured by rain, although some portions of the country were not so fortunate. The damage, however, is but slight, and our farmers may congratulate themselves that they have a very good supply of fodder safely under cover. The harvesting of the wheat crop follows with unusual rapidity the cutting of hay, and in this and surrounding sections of the country, a large portion of the winter wheat is already cut, and some in the barn. We never had a more favourable harvest season, and reports from all quarters agree in speaking of the excellent condition of the grain. Respecting the probable extent of the yield there is some difference of opinion, but generally the reports are favourable, and there are few that doubt but the production will be an average one if not greater, taking in to account the promise of the spring grains, all of which are looking and promising well.

The supplies of grain have been limited during the week, as farmers have been too busy in the hay-field to attend market; but their good wives have not been so detained, and have flocked to the market with their butter, eggs, poultry, and fruit in very large numbers. We seldom remember seeing larger supplies of these articles than were in the market on Saturday and Tuesday; and the increased supply without much animation in the demand, depressed prices considerably. Of wheat the deliveries have been very limited, not amounting to over 500 bushels per day, and generally of hardly so good a sample as in former weeks. There has been a good demand, but the slender supplies check any activity in the market, and there are hardly sales sufficient on which to base correct quotations for good wheat. In the early part of the week \$1 35 to \$1 40 were the current rates for the prime samples, and it is probable that these figures would now be paid were the proper quality to offer, but on Tuesday the best price paid was \$1 35, and that only once. Common and ordinary lots brought \$1 25 to \$1 30 per bushel.

The business in FLOUR has been very dull during the week. There is but a small amount offering, and the receipts from country mills are unusually light. The demand for shipment is not sufficiently active to induce sales, especially at the prices demanded by holders, who are firm, in view of a probable advance in the English markets before harvest. The present quotations are nominally as follows. Superfine, \$5.15 to \$5.20; Fancy, \$5.40 to \$5.60; Extra, \$5.90 to \$6.20; and Double Extra, \$5.50 to 7.00 per barrel.

BARLEY has been brought in to a very limited extent and is quiet at 50c. to 55c.

RYE is scarce, and nominal at 60c. to 65c. per bushel.

OATS are in fair request both for local use and for shipment at 32c. to 33c.

PEAS are not plentiful and are steady at 54c. to 58c. per bushel.

POTATOES NEW.—Vary in price from 75c. to 80c. and sometimes 90c. per bushel. Old Potatoes are not in request at 20c. to 27c. per bushel.

Of BUTTER the supply of fresh had been very full at 12c. to 15c. per lb., and on Saturday at less prices. Good new No. 1 Tub is scarce at 12c. to 12½c. per lb., wholesale, and is in good request. Old No. 2 wanted at 8c. for grease.

Eggs are not freely offered and continue firm at 12½c. to 13c. per doz., wholesale, and 15c. retail.

POULTRY has been very plentiful, and has sold at very low rates, say from 15c. to 20c. per pair for spring chickens, and 25c. for year old chickens. Ducks are plentiful at 80c. to 40c. per pair.

FRUIT is very plentiful, Red and Black currants, Cherries and Gooseberries, selling pretty freely at various rates, from 5c. to 8c. per quart.

All descriptions of MEAT are becoming plentiful. Cattle are coming in from pasture in large numbers and prices are lower. We quote the best heaves at \$1 50 per 100 lbs. and second class at \$4.50 to \$5.00; inferior cattle can be had at \$3.50. Sheep \$3.00 to \$5.00; Lambs \$3.00 to \$4.00; Calves \$3.50 each.

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