

MARKET REVIEW AND FORECAST.

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Trade conditions during the week do not show much change over the week previous. There are signs of a revival, but until farmers begin to market their big season's crop a big fall trade need not be looked for. There has been more activity in trade circles in the west of late which will doubtless help things here. However, the situation here is of the most hopeful kind, and it is not likely that anyone will be very much disappointed when the fall trade opens up.

Wheat.

The wheat situation does not show much change. At some United States points considerable new wheat is coming forward, though in this country, and at the majority of American points, there is a tendency on the part of farmers to hold their wheat for a while. If there is a concerted action along this line it may have the effect of stimulating prices considerably, though any advance must necessarily be of a temporary character. There is an exceptionally large wheat crop, which will have to be marketed sometime, and if there should be a temporary advance it is sure to be followed by a reaction later on. There is, however, some consolation in the fact that the world's visible wheat supply is the smallest known for many years, having run down to 24,010,000 bushels, as compared with 32,500,000 bushels for the same time in 1897.

Prices in London have receded somewhat during the week, especially for futures, owing to the prospects of big receipts. The Chicago market has not varied much during the week, especially for spot wheat. Receipts have been large in Montreal of late, and the market there is quiet. Quotations are 78c. to 80c. for Ontario red winter, and 91c. to 93c. for No. 1 Manitoba hard. Ontario millers report that farmers are too busy to market their wheat, prices ranging from 68c. to 70c., according to location. At Toronto the market has been quiet, but steady, at from 68c. to 70c. for red and white west. Manitoba No. 1 hard is quoted here at 91c. Last year Ontario wheat was selling here at 88c., and Manitoba at \$1.10 at this time.

Oats and Barley.

The London oat market is lower owing to large receipts of American and Canadian oats. Prices are fully 6d. per quarter lower than a week ago. Stocks are decreasing rapidly at Montreal owing to heavy shipping, but receipts are still liberal. Old oats bring from 30½c. to 31c. afloat, and new are quoted at 29c. to 29½c. The market here is steady at from 23½c. to 24c. for new white west, and 26c. to 27c. for old white west. Last year at this time oats brought 22½c. on this market.

There is not much doing in barley. Montreal prices are 37c. to 38c. for feed, and 45c. to 50c. for malting. The market here is quiet at 38c. for outside.

Peas and Corn.

The pea market is somewhat easier at Montreal, and prices during the week ranged from 60c. to 61½c. afloat. Some holders are asking 62c. The market here is quiet at 49c. to 50c. north and west. Last year at this time peas brought 45c. on this market. The London market is easier.

The corn market here is easier at 38½c. for American. At Montreal the market is quiet at 35½c. to 35½c. afloat. The corn situation in the Western States is more favorable than it was a few weeks ago, with the prospect of a fair crop.

Bran and Shorts.

Ontario bran is somewhat scarce at Montreal, and is quoted at \$12; Manitoba bran at \$11, and shorts at \$14 to \$15. The market here is somewhat irregular, owing to the scarcity at some points. Local country dealers quote \$12 to \$14 for shorts and \$8 50 to \$9 for bran west.

Eggs and Poultry.

There has been a good demand from Great Britain for Canadian eggs this season. Up to August 20th the total shipments from Montreal were 33,920 cases, as compared with 16,504 cases for the same period last year, showing the large increase of 17,416 cases. One good feature in this trade is that it has

been a paying one for shippers. The London and Liverpool markets are still firm but quiet. Liberal receipts from the continent have checked the upward trend of prices for a time. Canadian fresh eggs bring from 61. to 78. in Liverpool. There is a good demand for Canadian eggs at Glasgow. Choice, fresh candled eggs bring from 12½c. to 13c. at Montreal, and strictly new-laid from 15c. to 16c. The market here for fresh gathered is firm at from 12c. to 13c.

There is not much poultry coming forward. The demand is improving and the market firmer at 50c. to 60c. for chickens, 60c. to 65c. for ducks, and 10c. to 11c. per lb. for turkeys.

Potatoes.

The potato market at Montreal is quiet at 45c. to 50c. in fair sized lots, and 55c. to 60c. in jobbing lots. The market here is quiet at from 45c. to 50c. out of store.

Hay and Straw.

There have been liberal supplies of Canadian long hay in London during the week, which have reduced the price to 50s. to 5½s. The market at Montreal is about the same, with new baled timothy hay quoted at \$7.50 to \$8. No. 2, with clover mixed, at \$6 to \$7, and shipping hay at \$4.50 to \$5. The market here is quiet at \$7 to \$7.50 on track. Straw brings \$4 on track.

Fruit.

There is nothing very new in the apple situation. Reports from Nova Scotia show that the crop in the Annapolis will be about double what it was last year, which is not saying very much, as last season's crop was a very poor one. Apples are in slow demand at Montreal. Barrels are selling better than baskets, and bring from \$1.25 to \$1.60, with the Dutchess selling at \$2.

Cheese.

Contrary to expectations the much firmer market reported last week in London and Liverpool has given place to one of dullness. Buyers there seem to hold back and are not willing to follow up the advance of a week ago. Quotations are somewhat lower and are 39s. 6d. to 40s. for finest Canadian colored, 38s. 6d. to 39s. 6d. for colored, and 36s. to 38s. for good to fine. There seems to be a large English home market, and dealers on the other side do not seem to pay much attention to the fact that the total exports from Montreal and New York up to August 20th have fallen off 370,960 boxes. The market on this side, however, continues to advance, and buyers appear to be willing to pay higher prices with the hope of coming out all right later on as there is reason for believing they will. Prices at the local markets last week ranged from 7½c. to 8½c., with a tendency upward as the week advanced. These are reasonable values for August goods, and are fully 1½c. less than last year, when finest western cheese were quoted at 9½c. to 10½c.

Butter.

The creamery butter market is easier than a week ago. At Montreal at the end of last week as high as 18½c. was reached, but prices have since fallen off fully ½c. to ¾c. per lb. Choice creamery is quoted at Montreal at from 17½c. to 18c., good to fine at 16½c. to 17c. The London market is decidedly quieter. However, as stocks are not heavy, sellers are not pushing sales very much. Choice Canadian creamery is quoted at 88s. to 90s.; fancy parcels, 92s.; fine, 84s. to 86s. The shipments from Montreal are beginning to fall off. Last week the exports were 4,617 packages, as compared with 15,485 packages for the same week last year. The total shipments up to August 20th, however, show an increase of 3,235 packages, as compared with the same period last year. But the total shipments from Montreal and New York show a total decrease of 79,842 packages, as compared with the same period last year. Dairy butter at Montreal is scarce, and brings from 13½c. to 14½c. per lb. Creamery is in fair demand here at from 19c. to 20c. for prints, and 18½c. to 19c. for tubs. There is a good demand for choice dairy, which seems to be scarce, though there is a plentiful supply of poor stuff. Good dairy brings from 14c. to 15c., and medium from 12c. to 13c.

Wool:

The wool market continues quiet, and there is nothing new to report. Holders in the country seem to be awaiting developments. The prices for fleece for combing here remain unchanged at 16c.

Cattle.

The cattle situation continues about the same. Good corn-fed beef cattle continue to bring good prices in the west. There was a slightly firmer tone on this market early in the week, but on Friday's market cattle were from 10c. to 15c. per cwt. off.

Export Cattle.—There has been a good supply of these during the week, and, consequently, they have been a little slow, and prices rule from \$4 to \$4.35 per cwt.

Butchers' Cattle.—The demand for these seems to be easier, owing to more mutton and veal being consumed. However, very fine quality were in demand on Tuesday at \$4 to \$4.25 per cwt. Choice cattle bring from \$3.75 to \$4 per cwt.; good cattle, \$3 to \$3.50; and common, \$2.75 to \$3.

Bulls.—Heavy bulls for export bring from \$3.80 to \$4.10 per cwt., but the inquiry is slow. Feeding bulls are steady at \$3.80.

Stockers and Feeders.—Stockers of good quality sold at \$3.40 to \$3.60 on Friday, and poor quality as low as \$3.25. Feeders weighing about 1,000 lbs. bring about \$3.75 per cwt.

Calves.—Choice veal calves sell readily at from \$5 to \$8.50 each, and inferior quality from \$2 to \$4. Veal calves are in good request in Buffalo at from 7½c. to 7c. per lb.

Sheep and Lambs.

According to Erick Bros.' weekly circular of date August 25th, offerings are being marketed more freely at Buffalo, and trade runs steady on the basis of \$5.65 to \$5.85 for good fat rather bucky grades, with choice ewe and weather lambs saleable at \$6. Higher prices are not looked for, and it is probable that they will be lower as the season advances. There is a good demand for good ewes at \$4.25. The market here has been firm at from \$3 to \$3.50 for export sheep and \$3 to \$3.40 for butchers'. Spring lambs sell from \$2.75 to \$3.50 each or from \$4 to \$4.15 per cwt.

Hogs.

Have declined very much in price. As soon as there is a show of declining there is a rush of hogs, which brings the prices down still further. However, prices are still on a good paying basis for choice bacon hogs, which bring from \$5.25 to \$5.35 per cwt. Light hogs bring from \$4.60 to \$4.80, and thick fat hogs about \$4.75 per cwt. The London market for Canadian bacon is weaker owing to large supplies from Denmark.

RIDING THE HENS OF BROODINESS

By MRS. HELEN E. BAILEY, in *Field and Farm*.

For profit in egg production, we must see to it that every hen is strictly kept to business, allowing none but those wanted for the work to sit an unnecessary moment in a broody mood, as every hour means loss of flesh and fewer eggs. Catch of an evening, and confine in some roomy inclosure, give a little more than half the usual ration, plenty of water, grit and green stuff, and in a few days they will be broken of the incubating desire, and after a little begin to lay again; whereas, if half starved to death, as was the custom in our foremothers' day, it will take them fully a month to recuperate. And as each hen is supposed to lay, so each in turn will become broody, and as her turn for isolation comes we can then know to just what extent lice (the large gray louse) may have gotten a hold. Have ready a machine can of kerosene and, when catching, examine carefully; cut off all soiled feathers, and wet places sparingly with the oil, for, if two freely applied, it will cause a painful blister. This will not only be sure and speedy death to the lice, but will kill the lice germ of the nit, which, if infected, you will find thickly adhering to the base of the feather. It is also good for scaly leg, as it penetrates under the scale and destroys the parasite that is the source of the trouble.

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