

MARKET REVIEW AND FORECAST

York, Monday, Dec. 14.—Canada now presents the for us, unique spectacle of a nation economizing. For a decade or more we as a people have been spending to the limit. The shock of the war with its financial stringency has caused us somewhat unprepared and from the mechanic to the manufacturer, all are suffering. The millinery and fur business has suffered most severely. It is retrograding to the millinery and dress restaurants report a falling away in patronage. Farmers, too, have been suffering rather freely for more land, better buildings and improved live stock. In all these things they are progressing, but at the same time they tend to leave the farmer without readily available assets. Hence his tendency to restrict production in country districts. Probably in the long run this economizing will lead to more quickly dispel the depression.

Economy, however, can be carried too far. In their endeavor to retrench, many farmers are selling off their live stock on an entire basis. Such a policy will be curtailed seriously. The call now is for good business economy, not haphazard economy. Financial solvency and leaning for legitimate business needs, and this too will tend to keep good business on a solid plane.

Quotations have varied but little. All eyes are on the winter wheat belt and practically all quotations have been determined by crop reports. No. 1 Northern, \$1.36; No. 2, \$1.21; Ontario No. 1, \$1.30 to \$1.12.

COARSE GRAINS.—Here there has been a moderate trading. Ontario oats has tended to decline on local deliveries. Rye has taken an upturn and is selling at a fair price. Fairly active. Quotations are as follows: Oats, No. 2, \$1.20 to \$1.10; No. 3, \$1.05 to \$1.15; rye, \$1.25 to \$1.05; barley, 40c to 45c; buckwheat, 50c to 60c; corn, No. 1, 75c. \$1.70 to \$1.75; rye, \$1.25 to \$1.05; barley, 40c to 45c; buckwheat, 50c to 60c; peas, \$2.50 to \$2.60; chickpeas, \$2.75 to \$2.85.

HAY AND STRAW.—High prices are believed to depend largely on more government orders. There is still much hay for sale in the country. At a price that cannot be realized for a purely local demand. Ontario produce market quotations are still quiet in case of a drop as will the hay growers of Quebec. Quotations are still quiet. In the hay trade, \$16 to \$16.50; No. 2, \$13.50 to \$14; No. 3, \$11 to \$11.50; baled straw, \$7 to \$7.50. The local market quotations are \$10.25 to \$10.

POTATOES AND BEANS.—The potato market is quiet, with reports of a shortage for Belgium relief purposes. Portions of the crop have been partially frozen and have had to be disposed of at Montreal. The best land here to weaken the market, both there and here. Ontario are not quoted. The prevailing prices at Montreal is \$10 to 60c.

Beans have been quoted: Prims, \$2.75 to \$2.80; hand picked, \$2.90 to \$3. The Montreal quotations on one-pound pickers is \$2.45 and hand picked, \$2.50.

EGGS AND POULTRY.—The export trade in eggs with Great Britain has relieved what promised to be a serious situation for cold storage. Many of the surplus of cold eggs found holders with too many eggs on hand. Stocks have now been cleared up at a safe profit. Weekly fresh eggs are quoted around 50c to 55c. No. 1 and storage, 50c to 55c. No. 2, 45c to 50c. No. 1 storage, 25c to 30c and second, 20c to 25c.

Butter has taken an advance due to the Christmas demand. Live Spring chickens, 10c to 15c; old, 7c to 8c; ducks, 10c to 15c; geese, 7c to 8c; turkeys, 15c to 20c; broilers, 10c to 15c; chickens, 10c to 15c; old, 7c to 8c; turkeys, 15c to 16c; all prices are for Chicago.

DAIRY PRODUCE.—The butter market is quiet with quotations holding firm. Dealers do not anticipate any great activity until after the first of December. A slight decline is noted in 200 packages of creamery butter from Montreal to Boston. Creamery prices are 27c to 27.5c. On this coast creamery prices are quoted: No. 1, 25c to 26c; No. 2, 23c to 24c; No. 3, 21c to 22c. The Canadian cheese market is fairly well stocked up, there being not more than 8000 boxes in the country available for export. Demand for cheese from the Old Country is not expected until after the New Year.

LIVE STOCK.—The live stock markets last week expressed the usual Christmas rally. The quotations for 400 cattle were offered during the week. These were well received as they had liberal offers. Ordinary cattle were cleared up at the ruling quotations of previous week. Choice Christmas heifers brought \$1.15 to \$1.25 and fancy were quoted, \$2.25 to \$1.75. The demand for

anything approaching good quality was the best for some time. Of the inferior grades, the best demand. Quotations averaged as follows: Shipping steers, \$9 to \$9.25; handy choice, \$10 to \$10.25; heavy, \$8 to \$8.50; good, \$7.50 to \$7.75; cow, to med., \$6 to \$7; yearling, \$5.50 to \$7.75; beef good, \$6 to \$6.50; butler bulls, \$4 to \$7.25; feeders, \$4.50 to \$5.50; calves, \$3 to \$5.50.

Good milk cows are in ready demand at \$120 to \$130. Some are being offered, \$60 to \$100. Calves run \$5 to \$10. There is a moderate demand for a slight recession. Light lambs, \$8 to \$9.50; heavy, \$6.75 to \$7.50; all, \$5.25 to \$5.75; light ewes, \$5.25 to \$6; heavy, sheep and stocks, \$4 to \$5; all, \$3 to \$4.

Swine, \$16 to \$18 to \$17.50 last week. Packers paying \$9.50 for country points. This quotation still holds.

OUR FARMER'S CLUB

Correspondence Invited

NOVA SCOTIA

The official crop report for Nova Scotia makes the following record of various crops for 1913: Oats, 103 per cent; corn, 110 per cent; wheat, 100 per cent; buckwheat, 90 per cent. The season was too short for a satisfactory crop of flax. The stock of potatoes was estimated at 1913 was only 64 per cent of an average. Other crops up to the 15th of September: Potatoes averaged 116 per cent; manure, 95 per cent; turnips, 126 per cent. The crop of winter wheat was a calamity, a marked increase in dairy cattle is reported. The average production of the dairy cow are estimated as 7 per cent. The outstanding feature of the year has been the continued development of cooperative manufacturing and marketing. In 1913, 200,000 more butter than in 1912. 1914 shows an additional increase of 30 per cent. The average production of the dairy cow is 50 per cent larger than in 1912.

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BRUNSWICK CO., ONT.

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WILKINGTON CO., ONT.

FEBUS, Dec. 7.—A few of the farmers were caught with their turkeys not washed and killed on the 7th day. But the mild weather during the past week enabled the birds to get better.

FLORENCE, Dec. 8.—The Winter Fair at Guelph is the most absorbing subject at the present time, and the Fair is certainly the greatest demand for "hairy beef."

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weeks. Last night we had a slight snow storm. Prices for hogs are quiet. Eggs are selling at 30c. Hens are selling at 30c. Corn is selling at 30c. Wheat is selling at 30c. Flour is selling at 30c. Lard is selling at 30c. Tallow is selling at 30c. Soap is selling at 30c. Candles are selling at 30c. Paper is selling at 30c. Ink is selling at 30c. Stationery is selling at 30c. Books are selling at 30c. Maps are selling at 30c. Globes are selling at 30c. Toys are selling at 30c. Games are selling at 30c. Puzzles are selling at 30c. Cards are selling at 30c. Stamps are selling at 30c. Coins are selling at 30c. Jewelry is selling at 30c. Watches are selling at 30c. Clocks are selling at 30c. Radios are selling at 30c. Gramophones are selling at 30c. Sewing machines are selling at 30c. Typewriters are selling at 30c. Cameras are selling at 30c. Bicycles are selling at 30c. Automobiles are selling at 30c. Boats are selling at 30c. Planes are selling at 30c. Trains are selling at 30c. Ships are selling at 30c. Airplanes are selling at 30c. Rockets are selling at 30c. Missiles are selling at 30c. Bombs are selling at 30c. Grenades are selling at 30c. Machine guns are selling at 30c. Rifles are selling at 30c. Pistols are selling at 30c. Swords are selling at 30c. Spears are selling at 30c. Axes are selling at 30c. Hammers are selling at 30c. Saws are selling at 30c. Drills are selling at 30c. Wrenches are selling at 30c. Pliers are selling at 30c. Nails are selling at 30c. Screws are selling at 30c. Bolts are selling at 30c. Washers are selling at 30c. Spacers are selling at 30c. Rivets are selling at 30c. Anchors are selling at 30c. Brackets are selling at 30c. Hinges are selling at 30c. Locks are selling at 30c. Keys are selling at 30c. Handles are selling at 30c. Knobs are selling at 30c. Pulls are selling at 30c. Screws are selling at 30c. Bolts are selling at 30c. Washers are selling at 30c. Spacers are selling at 30c. Rivets are selling at 30c. Anchors are selling at 30c. Brackets are selling at 30c. Hinges are selling at 30c. Locks are selling at 30c. Keys are selling at 30c. Handles are selling at 30c. Knobs are selling at 30c. Pulls are selling at 30c.

MANITOULIN CO., ONT.

BARRIE ISLAND, Dec. 10.—A very beautiful harvest was gathered in the district of Barrie. The wheat is in the best of condition. The corn is also in good condition. The potatoes are in good condition. The hay is in good condition. The stock is in good condition. The market is in good condition.

ALBERTA

EDMONTON DIST., ALBERTA. EDMONTON, Dec. 7.—We are having fine weather, with a little snow, but not enough to worry. There is abundance of food in this district for winter, and hay is selling at \$9 to \$10 a ton. Potatoes are selling at 30c. Corn is selling at 30c. Wheat is selling at 30c. Flour is selling at 30c. Lard is selling at 30c. Tallow is selling at 30c. Soap is selling at 30c. Candles are selling at 30c. Paper is selling at 30c. Ink is selling at 30c. Stationery is selling at 30c. Books are selling at 30c. Maps are selling at 30c. Globes are selling at 30c. Toys are selling at 30c. Games are selling at 30c. Puzzles are selling at 30c. Cards are selling at 30c. Stamps are selling at 30c. Coins are selling at 30c. Jewelry is selling at 30c. Watches are selling at 30c. Clocks are selling at 30c. Radios are selling at 30c. Gramophones are selling at 30c. Sewing machines are selling at 30c. Typewriters are selling at 30c. Cameras are selling at 30c. Bicycles are selling at 30c. Automobiles are selling at 30c. Boats are selling at 30c. Planes are selling at 30c. Trains are selling at 30c. Ships are selling at 30c. Airplanes are selling at 30c. Rockets are selling at 30c. Missiles are selling at 30c. Bombs are selling at 30c. Grenades are selling at 30c. Machine guns are selling at 30c. Rifles are selling at 30c. Pistols are selling at 30c. Swords are selling at 30c. Spears are selling at 30c. Axes are selling at 30c. Hammers are selling at 30c. Saws are selling at 30c. Drills are selling at 30c. Wrenches are selling at 30c. Pliers are selling at 30c. Nails are selling at 30c. Screws are selling at 30c. Bolts are selling at 30c. Washers are selling at 30c. Spacers are selling at 30c. Rivets are selling at 30c. Anchors are selling at 30c. Brackets are selling at 30c. Hinges are selling at 30c. Locks are selling at 30c. Keys are selling at 30c. Handles are selling at 30c. Knobs are selling at 30c. Pulls are selling at 30c.

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