

# COMMODITY MARKETS

## COUNTRY PRODUCE.

**EGGS.** Receipts of eggs at Montreal during the past week amounted to 15,382 cases. These are not all the current receipts of eggs as they include eggs which we shipped for outside points for export. The September lay of eggs has been rather disappointing, at least the receipts at Montreal have been a good deal smaller than at the corresponding period last year. This may be explained to some extent by the fact that the home consumption of eggs is large on account of the high prices of meats and that farmers may be putting in a heavier winter supply at this time of year. Prices are high and likely to remain so. Country buying price is around 30c to 31c for straight gathered eggs less off. For new laid eggs dealers are paying as high as 40c Montreal. Local demand is good and the export enquiry is active with unusually heavy shipments going forward at present. A large percentage of these shipments consists of storage eggs as current receipts are only sufficient for the domestic demand. Very heavy exports are expected to go forward at the beginning of next month. English buyers are still asking for quotations and are buying heavily in spite of the recent advances in price.

**POULTRY:** Deliveries during the past week were the heaviest of the season, particularly on spring chickens. Dealers report that the quality of a great deal of the poultry is poor and are advising farmers and dealers to hold their poultry back until it is well fattened. Prices are likely to show a little lower tendency as soon as deliveries increase.

**HONEY:** The offerings of clover, honey continue to be large, but country dealers are slow to sell as they expect high prices in the future. In some sections the crop of buckwheat honey has been practically a failure, whereas in other districts it has been average.

**POTATOES:** The market for potatoes was steady, and the prospects are that prices will not go very low this season owing to the fact that the yield in many sections is turning out to be much smaller than was generally expected. The demand is good—in fact, dealers say that they cannot get them forward fast enough to fill the requirements.

Eggs:—		
Special New Laid	0.42	0.45
Extras	0.37	0.38
No. 1	0.33	0.34
No. 2	0.30	0.31
Poultry—Live:		
	per pound.	
Fowls, 5 lbs. and over	0.16	0.17
Fowl, small	0.14	0.15
Turkeys, cocks	0.26	0.27
Do., hens	0.26	0.27
Fresh Killed Poultry:		
Turkeys, cocks	0.27	0.28
Do., hens	0.26	0.27
Fowls, hens	0.19	0.20
Do., roosters	0.16	0.17
Broilers, 2½ to 3 lbs., per lb.	0.15	0.16
Do., 2 to 2½ lbs., per lb.	0.17	0.18
Squabs	0.35	....
Frozen stock:—		
Geese	0.16	0.17
Maple Products:—		
Pure maple syrup, quart cans	....	0.40
Pure maple syrup, 9-lb. tins	1.00	1.10
Extra choice syrup, 13-lb. tins	1.25	1.30
Pure Maple sugar, per lb.	0.09	0.12
Honey:—		
White clover, in comb	....	0.16
Brown clover, in comb	0.12½	0.13
White extracted	0.12	0.12½
Buckwheat honey	0.09	0.10
Beans:—		
Five-lb. pickers	5.25	5.40
Seven-lb. pickers	5.00	5.10
Can. hand picked, carlots	5.50	5.75
Potatoes:—		
Green Mountains, per bag of 90 lbs. ex-track	1.50	1.55
Do., to jobbers, ex-store, per 80 lb. bag	1.85	1.90

## BALED HAY.

The market for hay is quiet and scarcely any business is being done outside of Government contracts. Receipts of hay are very fair, but business is curtailed owing to the poor quality of this year's crop. Prices are easy at the following quotations for new hay:

No. 1 hay, per ton	\$13.00	\$13.50
No. 2 hay, per ton	12.00	12.50
No. 3 hay, per ton	10.50	11.00
Clover, mixed	9.50	10.00
Baled straw, per ton	5.00	6.00

## DAIRY PRODUCE

**BUTTER:** The butter market continues very firm with prices ruling ¾c over last week's quotations. This is attributed to the continued active demand for export although it is said that prices have advanced more rapidly in this market and that certain Canadian dealers are receiving bids out of line with the latest advance in price. The demand for the home trade has been very brisk as dealers are buying heavily to lay in their winter supplies of butter, until orders from domestic and inside firms are greater than the stocks available to fill them. As the butter market at the present time depends mainly on conditions in the United Kingdom, the following statement of affairs will be valuable:

A further rise of 4s to 8s has taken place in the price of butter. The demand continues restricted in consequence of the high prices ruling, which are unavoidable owing to the short supply. There is not enough butter to go around, but there is little disposition to operate at the very extreme rates now in force. Supplies in Denmark continue to diminish, and prices are exceptionally high, but it is doubtful whether the top point has yet been reached. It is now practically certain that no Siberian will be on the market this year. Moderate quantities have arrived from Canada, and extreme rates are being paid for the same, Canadian creameries are dear at 180s to 186s. States creameries are worth 174s to 178s with very little to be had. New Zealand butter is in very small supply. Prices are again higher, but are more or less nominal at 184s to 188s for finest with supplies on spot practically cleared. Shipments from the colonies this season are likely to be awkward owing to the difficulties of freight.

**CHEESE:** The cheese market seems to be settling down and becoming accustomed to the new rarified atmosphere. Values have shaded a ¼c under last week's top figures, which is a result of a slackening off in the demand, and it is generally felt that the market will ease still further. Although the volume of business transacted over the cable last week was small, the demand from dealers at the country cheese boards was good, which is attributed to the Government contracts that have been given out recently. Our trade is essentially a reflection of the British market, where it is said the Government is interfering and is likely to impose a maximum price to keep prices under control.

Current quotations follows:

Butter:—		
Fresh creamery solids	0.36	0.35¼
Seconds	0.35½	0.35¾
Dairy butter	0.29¼	0.29½
Pale mild butter, ½ to 1% salt, for export	0.36¼	0.36½
City Selling Prices to grocers:		
Choice Creamery Solids	0.38	....
Do., Prints, city cut	0.38½	....
Cooking butter	0.32	....
Cheese:—		
Finest Western	0.20½	0.20¾
Finest Eastern	0.20¼	0.20½
Fine Cheese	0.20¼	....
City Selling Prices to grocers:		
Large	0.21	....
Twin cheese	0.21	....
Old cheese	0.23	....
Stilton cheese	0.23	....

## WINNIPEG GRAIN RECEIPTS.

The receipts of both old and new grain at Winnipeg for the week ended September 16th, 1916, compared with the corresponding week a year ago were as follows:

	Sept. 16, 1916.	Sept. 9, 1916.	Sept. 18, 1915.
No. 1 Northern	378	471	....
No. 2 Northern	215	243	....
No. 3 Northern	280	243	....
No. 4 Northern	273	202	....
No. 5 Northern	165	83	....
No. 6 Northern	112	64	....
Other grades	555	356	....
Winter grades	7	5	....
Totals	1,944	1,674	4,315
Oats	379	579	88
Barley	189	129	105
Flax	41	106	0

## PROVISIONS.

There is nothing special to report in this market. The price of live hogs continues firm around \$12.00 live weight which is a record price for the season of the year. Usually during September deliveries of hogs are heavy and prices are lower than during the summer months. This, however, is not true this year and the present firmness in the market is due to a good local demand and heavy export trade. Many packers are handling States dressed hogs, curing them in transit and shipping them to Great Britain. An active trade is passing in smoked and cured meats and prices for lard are firmly maintained.

## THE WEEK'S CHEESE SALES.

Stirling, Ont., Sept. 12.—710 boxes at 20 11-16c to 20¾c.
Campbellford, Ont., Sept. 12.—440 boxes white at 20¾c.
St. Paschal, Que., Sept. 12.—600 boxes at 20 3-32c.
Madoc, Ont., Sept. 13.—420 boxes at 20¾c to 20 13-16c.
Woodstock, Ont., Sept. 13.—1,320 boxes, highest bid 20¼c, no sales.
Brockville, Sept. 14.—3,344 boxes bids on board not accepted 20¼c accepted on curb.
Kingston, Ont., 215 boxes white and 535 colored; bids to 19¾c, no sales.
Cornwall, Ont., Sept. 15.—35 boxes white and 2,059 colored at 19¾c for white and 20c for colored.
Vankleek Hill, Ont., 1,094 boxes white and 230 boxes colored at 20 1-16c.
Iroquois, Ont., Sept. 15.—700 boxes colored and 50 white at 20c.
Picton, Ont., Sept. 15.—1,445 boxes colored at 20c.
Alexandria, Ont., Sept. 15.—774 boxes white at 20c.
Mont Joli, Sept. 15.—80 boxes at 19¾c.
Perth, Ont., Sept. 15.—1,100 boxes and 250 colored at 20 3-16c.
Listowel, Ont., Sept. 15.—795 boxes white and 1,357 colored. A certain amount sold at 19¾c.
Napanee, Ont., Sept. 15.—420 boxes white and 1,040 colored at 19 13-16c.
St. Hyacinthe, Sept. 16.—900 boxes at 19c.
London, Ont., Sept. 16.—790 boxes at 19c to 19¼c.
Belleville, Ont., Sept. 16.—730 boxes at 20¾c to 20 15-16c.

## Montreal Auction Sales.

At the Quebec Agricultural Co-operative Society sale held at the Montreal Board of Trade on September 11th the offerings amounted to 1,304 packages of creamery butter, of which 697 packages finest sold at 35¾c, 262 packages fine at 35½c and 345 packages pasteurized at 35¼c.

On September 13th there were 1,429 boxes of cheese offered, for which 19½c was bid for 587 boxes No. 1 white; 19¼c for 446 boxes No. 2 white; 18½c for 180 boxes No. 3 white, and 19¼c for 216 boxes No. 2 colored and refused.

At the September 14th sale the offerings amounted to 3,107 boxes, of which 1,475 boxes No. 1 white sold at 19 15-16c; 947 boxes No. 2 white at 19¾c; 311 boxes No. 1 colored at 19 15-16c, and 189 No. 2 colored at 19 9-16c, while 18¾c was bid for 185 boxes No. 3 white and refused. The prices bid yesterday for No. 1 white were 19½c; No. 2 white, 19¼c; No. 3 white, 18½c, and for No. 2 colored, 19¼c.

On September 15th offerings amounted to 836 packages of creamery butter, of which 482 packages finest sold at 36¼c, to the A. A. Ayer Co.; 182 packages fine at 35¾c, to the Ingersoll Packing Co., and 172 packages pasteurized at 36¼c, to the A. A. Ayer Company, and 2,262 boxes of cheese of which 881 boxes No. 1 white sold at 19¾c; 660 boxes No. 2 white at 19 9-16c; 444 boxes No. 3 white at 18¾c, and 277 boxes No. 2 colored at 19 9-16c.

## MONTREAL PRODUCE RECEIPTS.

Receipts of the principal commodities at Montreal for the past two weeks follow:

	Week end'g Sept. 16, '16.	Week end'g Sept. 9, '16.
Wheat, bushels	2,029,342	2,203,049
Oats, bushels	985,096	592,261
Barley, bushels	155,033	146,630
Flour, barrels	177,639	141,648
Eggs, cases	14,477	15,483
Butter, packages	24,745	20,506
Cheese, boxes	77,085	77,278
Potatoes, bags	9,065	4,667
Hay, bales	43,124	17,049