

COMMODITY MARKETS

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

EGGS.—There is a better enquiry from Great Britain in the local market for eggs which shows that supplies there are low and exporters are rushing American eggs through, in bond, to fill the demand. No Canadian eggs are being sold for export. The feature of the local market is the increase in the production of new laid eggs, which is being reported to dealers from country points. Producers who for some time past have been shipping in one and two cases at a time are now advising that they can send twice as many. The same is the case in the Chicago market, but there is no fear of a break in prices on this account as much heavier supplies can be consumed at the present price level. All grades are steady.

DRESSED POULTRY.—Dressed poultry supplies were well cleaned up with the end of the holiday season Friday. The demand for the New Year has been fairly good, but not as large as that for Christmas. The supplies were sufficient to meet all demands and prices did not change. The trade during the past month has been much heavier than was anticipated. Prospects for the future are for a quiet market.

HONEY.—There has been a fair demand in the retail trade for honey during the past week, but as full supplies had been previously purchased of wholesalers there was no movement of note. Supplies at hand are sufficient to meet all demands and there is plenty offering from the country.

MAPLE PRODUCTS.—Retail demand for maple products is very small and stocks in wholesalers' hands are well cleaned up preparatory to the new make coming forward in the early spring. From now on the demand will be very small and supplies decreasing. Prices are steady.

POTATOES.—There is still an easier feeling in the market for Green Mountain potatoes due solely to the large supplies which have come forward during the recent mild weather, and prices have declined 10 to 12½ cents per bag for car lots. The supply of Quebecs is no larger than the demand, and as a consequence prices for this grade are firm. In some cases jobbing prices have not been reduced as our quotations owing to the fact that jobbers had supplies on hand, purchased at higher prices, and these will have to be sold before a reduction is made.

	Montreal.	Toronto.
Eggs—		
Fresh gathered, specials ..	0.00	0.50
Storage, Extras ..	0.00	0.33
Do., No. 1's ..	0.00	0.30
Do., No. 2's ..	0.00	0.28
Cracks and Dirts, No. 1's ..	0.00	0.25
Maple Syrup and Sugar—		
Pure Maple Syrup, 8 lb. tins ..	0.95	0.97½
Do., 10 lb. tins ..	1.10	1.12½
Do., 13 lb. tins ..	1.40	1.50
Pure Maple Sugar, lb. 0.12½	0.13	
Honey—		
Clover, white, comb. 0.14½	0.15	
Do., extracted ..	0.11½	0.12½
Do., brown, comb. 0.11½	0.13	
Do., brown, ext'd. 0.10	0.10½	
Buckwheat, per lb. 0.08	0.08½	0.08
Potatoes—		
3-lb. pickers, carlots, bus. ..	4.00	4.15
3 lb. pickers, do. ..	3.90	4.00
Undergrades, bus. 3.60	3.70	
Green Mountains, per bag, car lots 1.25	0.00	
Quebecs, do. ..	1.20	0.00
Job lots 10c. more.		
Dressed Poultry—		
Turkeys, choice, young, per lb. ..	0.26	0.28
Do., Hens, Gobblers 0.20	0.21	0.23
Geese ..	0.13	0.15
Ducks ..	0.15	0.17
Chickens, crate fed 0.20	0.21	
Do., ordinary ..	0.17	0.19
Fowl, old ..	0.13	0.15

DAIRY PRODUCE.

BUTTER. There has been little business doing in the market for butter during the past week. It is expected that the monthly report of stocks in store in Montreal will show very small holdings but this has been discounted before, so that it is not believed that this news will have any price effect. There is every reason to believe that importations of butter will have to be made to supply the local trade before the new make comes forward. Retailers have stocked up well for the holiday trade, so that the demand has been light the past week,

and is therefore no criterion of what is to come. Prices are unchanged.

CHEESE. Cheese stocks are getting very low, and as a consequence prices are very strong, and are expected to go higher in the immediate future, in fact, one large Montreal firm states that they sold American cheese Friday to the local trade, as they had no Canadian, and none was available at a price from which they could derive a profit. Never before in the history of the Canadian cheese trade have stocks been sold up so well as at present. Cheese factories, which are still trying to operate, are not producing much, on account of the high price of milk and the consequent small delivery.

The exports of cheese from Portland and St. John, N.B., which arrived on the other side for the week ended December 30, 1915, were 11,981 boxes, which is a decrease of 5,759 boxes, as compared with last week, and an increase of 5,948 boxes with the same week last year, which were 66,033 boxes, while the total shipments since May 1st to date from all ports show an increase of 3766,535 boxes, as compared with the corresponding period a year ago. Grand total, May 1, 1915, to December 30, 1915, was 1,888,713 boxes, as compared with 1,512,178 in same period, 1914.

Current quotations follow:—

	Montreal.	Toronto.
Butter—		
Choicest Creamery 0.36	0.36½	0.33
Fine Creamery ..	0.34	0.34½
Seconds ..	0.33	0.33½
Dairy Prints, best 0.26	0.28	0.29
Cooking ..	0.23	0.22
Cheese—		
Finest Colored, (Sept.) ..	0.18½	
Finest white East-ern (Sept.) ..	0.18½	
Finest Current Receipts ..	0.19	
Large ..		0.18½
Twins ..		0.18½

LIVE STOCK.

The live stock trading for the year of 1915 came to a close last week with a small run on both markets, but sufficient butcher cattle to meet the demands of butchers and packers which was ~~light~~ ^{heavy} ~~and the top price for round lots was \$7.75 cwt.~~

There is still a scarcity of western choice lambs and prices as a consequence were very firm for the lower grades and the demand was good for both Quebec and western offerings. Choice lambs will bring the top prices if they can be secured, owing to the good prices which the hides are bringing for the wool from the cloth trade. Quebec lambs were holding at the same figure as a week previous.

Good lambs brought 9½c pound and mediums 9c. There are yet a great many poor grades of sheep and lambs arriving for which there is small demand at low prices.

The one feature of the week has been the strong prices for hogs caused by the small shipments arriving. The export demand for bacon is good and there is a market here for much larger supplies of select hogs. Several loads brought as high as \$10.70 cwt., while many others sold around \$10.40. Heavies, roughs, and mixed brought from \$8.50 to \$10 cwt., all weighed off cars.

Calves were firm to strong. Grass fed were ½c higher, while milk-fed were at about the same level as a week ago.

A review of the year's live stock trade will be found in another column of this issue.

Montreal, January 3.—The feature of to-day's live stock market was the receipt of 1,200 Prince Edward Island hogs consigned to a local packing house. For some time there has been a scarcity of good bacon hogs to supply the export demand and to obtain the quality desired a packing house buyer was sent to Prince Edward Island with the above result. The prices paid were \$7.75 to \$8.25 at shipping points. Even at this price breeders were not anxious to sell. Prices for Quebec and Ontario hogs were easier and a little stronger than this day week, but much weaker than the top price of \$10.40 to \$10.70, which was obtained last Tuesday and Wednesday. To-day's quotations were \$10 to \$10.15 cwt., weighed off cars.

There were no round lots of choice butcher cattle offering to-day. The most of them were medium to good. The run was fairly large, but on account of the recent strength in prices commissioners and drovers were holding for high prices in the early

morning until advices were received of the tone of the Toronto after which the best loads were sold at \$7.60 to \$7.65. Some very nice cows brought \$7.00 to \$7.15.

Sheep were firmer at 6c to 7c, and while lambs were a little easy on lighter demand, at 10 to 10½ cents.

Choice grass calves were firmer at 9½c. Milk fed steady.

Receipts of live stock at the West End (G. T. R.) stock yards last week amounted to 1,200 cattle; 1,500 sheep and lambs; 1,700 hogs and 400 calves. To-day's offerings were: 900 cattle; 600 sheep and lambs; 1,500 hogs, and 150 calves.

Receipts at the East End (C. P. R.) stock yards last week were: 825 cattle; 975 sheep and lambs; 1,040 hogs, and 290 calves. To-day's offerings were 250 cattle; 400 sheep and lambs; 100 hogs and 25 calves.

Prices of live stock sold in round lots:

Butcher steers, choice ..	\$7.50 to \$7.65
Do., very good ..	7.00 to 7.25
Do., good ..	6.50 to 6.75
Do., fair ..	6.00 to 6.25
Do., medium ..	5.50 to 5.75
Butcher bulls ..	4.50 to 6.00
Canning bulls ..	3.75 to 4.25
Butcher cows, very choice ..	6.75 to 7.15
Do., choice ..	5.65 to 6.25
Do., good ..	5.00 to 5.25
Do., fair ..	4.50 to 4.75
Do., poor to medium ..	3.50 to 4.25
Do., canners ..	2.85 to 3.35
Sheep ..	6.00 to 7.00
Lambs, Western ..	10.00 to 10.25
Lambs, Quebec ..	8.75 to 9.00
Hogs, selects ..	9.75 to 10.15
Do., mixed lots ..	9.00 to 9.25
Do., sows ..	7.75 to 8.00
Do., stags ..	5.25 to 5.50
Calves, milk fed ..	8.00 to 9.25
Do., grass ..	3.50 to 4.50

FLOUR, CEREALS AND MILLFEED.

The strong tone which has prevailed in the wheat markets at Winnipeg during the past week is being ~~felt~~ ⁱⁿ sympathy, in the flour trade, and while there has been no further advance, since our last issue, in spring wheat grades of flour, winter wheat grades have advanced 30 cents a barrel. The demand for outside and local account has been small, and the only business of consequence reported has been a few orders for shipment to South African ports. There is no let-up, however, in the manufacture, and mills are running day and night to fill contracts on hand. Shipments are heavy for all accounts, the exports from St. John, N.B., and Portland, Me., reported as arrivals at Great Britain for the week ending Thursday, December 30, 1915, were 11,750 sacks, as compared with 18,248 sacks during the same period last year. Receipts for the week up to Friday night, December 31, 1915, had been 19,897 sacks, as compared with 2,896 in the same period last year. The Toronto market has had an advance in both spring and winter wheat grades.

The cereal market has so far shown little change, but the undertone to the market for rolled oats is strong, due to the good demand, and also to the fact that they are selling at present on a basis below the price of the raw material. Rye flour has been marked up locally 15 cents, and pearl barley 25 cents per barrel.

Millfeed is holding very strong in sympathy with flour, and feed flour has been advanced 7 cents per bag. The advance which has taken place in Montreal in millfeeds has now been followed by Toronto, in bran and shorts, and prices there have advanced \$1 to \$2 per ton. Exports from St. John and Portland, Me., for the week ended December 30, 1915, arriving at Great Britain were 500 sacks and 2,445 cases, as compared with 2,175 for the same period last year.

Spring Wheat Flour:—

	Montreal.	Toronto.
First patents, per bbls., in bags ..	6.90	6.80
Second patents do ..	6.40	6.30
Strong clears do ..	6.20	6.10
30c per bbl more in wood.		6.30

Winter wheat flour—

Choice patents, per bbl. in wood ..	6.50	5.50
Straight rollers, bbl. 5.80	5.90	5.00
do., in jute bag 2.75	2.85	

Cereals:—

January

Corrimes bags, Rolled o in wo per bu Rolled w bbl. Rye flour G. Graham Barley p Barley, 1 Whole v lbs. Bale No. 1 p Extra G No. 2 p No. 3, p MIL Bran, pe Shorts, Middling Feed Flc Moullie, grades Do., m Moullie

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Whe \$1.12; No. 5 n Oats- No. 1 f Flax- CH Whea \$1.24; \$1.23. Corn- 71½c. Oats- 45c. Rye, seed, \$