

THE PRODUCE MARKETS

In butter, the tone is steady. At Gould's Cold Storage to-day there were only 100 packages of creamery butter offered, which sold at 25c. delivered here. Estimated stocks of creamery butter in store here show a decrease of 33,762 packages, as compared with last month, and a decrease of 10,352 packages with the same month a year ago, while the stock of dairy butter this month is 583 packages smaller than last year, and 969 packages less than a year ago.

Flour creamery . . . 27 1/2c to 28c
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Flour creamery . . . 29c to 30c
Manitoba dairy . . . 25c to 25 1/2c
Western dairy . . . 25c to 25 1/2c
Estimated stocks of cheese in store on spot show a decrease of 33,762 boxes, as compared with last month, and a decrease of 10,352 boxes with the same month a year ago, and the stock of Canadian cheese in the three principal English markets shows a decrease of 48,539 boxes as compared with last month, and a decrease of 98,449 boxes with the corresponding month a year ago. The local market was quiet, but the feeling is very firm. At Gould's Cold Storage to-day the offerings amounted to about 700 boxes of November make, which sold at 13 1/2c per lb. (c.o.b. country points).

Flour western white . . . 15 1/2c to 15 3/4c
Flour western colored . . . 15 1/2c to 15 3/4c
Flour eastern white . . . 15 1/2c to 15 3/4c
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The tone of the egg market is very firm as the estimated stock in store on spot to-day shows another large decrease as compared with last month, and this coupled with the fact that the receipts will be much smaller from now on tends to strengthen the situation. There is no change in prices, but the demand is good for local consumption and a fairly active trade is doing.

Strictly fresh stock . . . 48c to 50c
Selected cold storage . . . 31c to 32c
No. 1 cold storage . . . 29c to 30c
No. 2 cold storage . . . 25c to 26c
The condition of the market for beans is unchanged, prices being steady, with a moderate amount of business doing in three-pound pickers.

Hand-picked beans, per bushel . . . \$2.65 to \$2.75
Three-pound pickers . . . 2.30 to 2.40
Owing to the continued unfavorable weather for the season of the year the trade in dressed poultry is rather quiet, the demand being chiefly for small lots to fill actual wants, but as supplies are not excessive as yet, the tone of the market is steady.

Turkeys, per lb. . . . 16c to 18c
Chickens, per lb. . . . 12c to 13c
Ducks, per lb. . . . 13c to 15c
Geese, per lb. . . . 10c to 11c
Fowl, per lb. . . . 9c to 11c
On account of the continued mild weather for the period of the year, an easier feeling has developed in the market for potatoes, and prices have declined 1/2c per bag. The demand for car lots is quiet and sales of Green Mountains were made at 62 1/2c per bag at track, and in a jobbing way at 72 1/2c to 75c per bag at store.

ENGLISH STOCKS OF CHEESE.

The following table shows the stocks of Canadian cheese in the principal English markets on the dates mentioned:

	Dec. 1, 1914.	Nov. 1, 1914.	Dec. 1, 1913.
Liverpool	33,651	37,190	52,100
London	137,000	176,000	149,000
Bristol	44,000	50,000	107,000
Total	214,651	263,190	308,100

LOCAL STOCKS OF DAIRY PRODUCE.

The following table shows the stocks of butter, cheese and eggs in store in Montreal on the dates mentioned:

	Dec. 1, 1914.	Nov. 1, 1914.	Dec. 1, 1913.
Butter:			
Creamery, pkgs.	106,293	140,055	116,645
Dairy, pkgs.	2,283	2,865	3,242
Cheese, boxes	55,155	71,915	67,747
Eggs:			
Fresh, cases	31	1,214	1,418
Cold storage	46,967	69,685	36,882
Picked		3,600	1,850

DEFINES MINIMUM SWEETNESS
ORANGES MUST ATTAIN ON TREE.
Washington, D.C., December 2.—To prevent the interstate shipment of immature citrus fruit which has been colored by sweating or exposure in warm, moist air to an extent that will conceal its inferiority the Department of Agriculture has issued an announcement defining the minimum of sweetness that oranges must attain on the tree if later sweating is not to be held to conceal inferiority.

"As a result of the investigations carried out during the season of 1913 and 1914 the Bureau of Chemistry considers California oranges to be immature if the juice does not contain soluble solids equal to or in excess of eight parts to every part of acid contained in the juice, the acidity of the juice to be calculated as citric acid without water of crystallization. Owing to the fact that opportunity has been given to study the composition of California oranges during one season only, the ratio set at this time is lower than that which is believed to be the minimum for properly matured fruit. It may, therefore, be expected that the requirements will be made more strict after data from several crops are available."

WILL SOON DECIDE EMBARGO.

London, December 2.—The American Embassy and the Foreign Office are reaching the conclusion of a long series of conferences concerning trade, notably having to do with the British prohibition of the exportation of certain articles which America needs for manufacturing. It is expected that a final decision will soon be reached, probably resulting in the lifting of the embargo by this Government. If this action be taken, it will be a great boon to certain United States industries.

GERMANS NOT TAKING FLOUR.

London, December 2.—The American Belgian Relief Committee yesterday characterized as wholly without foundation the statement published in the Echo Belge, November 29, that the German authorities in Belgium were taking flour sent from the United States for the starving people of the country at the rate of \$2.50 per 100 kilograms.

Port Alberni, B.C., December 2.—Arrangements are practically completed by A. J. Wickett, who will erect a shingle mill here. The estimated cost of the project will be \$25,000.

COLD WEATHER HAS
STIMULATED TRADE

Feature of Metal Market is Strength in
Lead; Nearness of Christmas has
Influence on Hardware

COLLECTIONS GOOD

Other Metals Show Little Change, Although Under-
lying Strength is to be Noticed in Many Lines—
Bar Iron and Steel Dull.

There has been noticed a general stimulating trend in nearly all lines of business during the past two weeks, with the advent of the cold weather and the close proximity of Christmas. These things are all helping the hardware and metal trade throughout the country, and seasonable lines of hardware are moving all well. There is a certain steadiness of prices which is doing much to stabilize the trade. Collections are good in nearly all cases, and few complaints are coming forward. The situation now has the appearance of clearing and it is expected that business will increase in activity for the next month or so.

The main feature in the metal market is the strength in lead and its products. There has also been a strengthening in copper, but for the most part the market has shown little change since last writing.

Prices for lead have advanced 10 cents, and local quotations are \$5 per 100 pounds. Copper has advanced 4 cent per pound. The local quotation is now 13 1/2 cents. There has been an improvement in the tin situation, and there is a slightly stronger feeling in the market, although quotations remain unchanged. There is also some strength noticed in antimony. For bar iron and steel there is little activity, and the market is dull.

The following table shows the active range of prevailing prices in the local market:

HARDWARE AND METALS.	
Aluminum:	
Ingot, 99 p.c. pure, lb.	0.22
Pattern, lb.	0.23
Antimony, per lb.	17.50
Copper:	
Castings, per 100 lbs.	13.25
Lengths, round bars, 1/4-2 in. per 100 lbs.	22.00
Plain sheets, 14 oz. 14x48 ins. 14x50 ins. per 100 lbs.	21.00
Brass:	
Ingot red	0.14
Spring sheets up to 20 gauge, per lb.	0.26
Rods base 1/4 in. to 1 in. round, per lb.	0.22
Tubing, seamless, base, lb.	0.25
Tubing, iron pipe, size 1 in. base, per lb.	0.25
Iron and Steel:	
Common bar, per 100 lbs.	2.05
Forged iron, per 100 lbs.	2.30
Refined iron, per 100 lbs.	2.40
Horseshoe iron, per 100 lbs.	2.40
Steel, tire, per 100 lbs.	2.35
Steel, tire, per 100 lbs.	3.10
Steel capital tool, per 100 lbs.	0.80
High speed	0.65
Black Sheet Iron:	
10 to 12 gauge	2.50
14 to 16 gauge	2.55
18 to 20 gauge	2.45
22 to 24 gauge	2.30
26 to 28 gauge	2.20
Galvanized Sheets (Corrugated):	
Less 10 per cent.	
22-24 Gauge, per square	6.75
26-28 Gauge, per square	4.25
Galvanized Sheets (Queen's Head):	
Less than coat.	
B. W. Gauge, 16-20	3.80
B. W. Gauge, 22-24	3.85
B. W. Gauge, 26	4.10
B. W. Gauge, 28	4.35
Tin:	
Tin, per lb.	0.35-0.37
Lead and Lead Pipe:	
DDomestic (trail), per 100 lbs.	5.00
Imported pig, per 100 lbs.	5.00
Cut sheets, 2 1/2 lbs. sq. ft.	7.50
Cut sheets, 3 lbs. sq. ft.	6.75
Sheets, 4 to 6 lbs. sq. ft.	6.50
Lead Pipe, 2 1/2 per cent. off	7 1/2
Lead Waste pipe, 2 1/2 per cent. off	9
Sheet Zinc:	
5 cwt. caaks	7.50
Part caaks	7.75
Wire:	
Galvanized Barbed Wire	2.35
Galvanized Plain Twist	2.95
Smooth Steel Wire, gauge 9 base	2.30
Poultry Netting	6.70
Wire Nails:	
Wire nails, small lots, base	2.25
Cut Nails, base	2.50
Staples:	
Plain, 55 per cent.	
Horse Shoe Nails:	
No. 3-12 per 25 lb. box	4.10
Horse shoes:	
Iron horse shoes, light, medium and heavy.	
No. 2 and larger	3.90
No. 1 and smaller	4.15
Steel Shoes, 1 to 6:	
No. 2 and larger	4.30
No. 1 and smaller	4.65
Toe Callers:	
Blunt No. 2 and larger, per 25 lb. box	1.25
Blunt No. 1 and smaller, per 25 lb. box	1.50
Sharp No. 2 and larger, per 25 lb. box	1.50
Sharp No. 1 and smaller, per 25 lb. box	1.75
Bolts and Nuts:	
Carriage Bolts, 1 1/2 (list) 1/2, and smaller 65 and 10 per cent.	
Carriage Bolts, 7-16 up, 52 1/2 & 12 per cent.	
Machine Bolts, 3/4 dia. 35 & 10 p.c.	
Machine Bolts, 7-16 and up, 60 p.c.	
Nuts, square, all sizes, 4 1/2 per lb. off.	
Nuts, hexagon, all sizes, 4 1/2 per lb. off.	
Iron Pipe: Buttwelded.	

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1/2 and 3/4 inch	\$2.16
1 inch	2.50
1 1/4 inch	2.80
1 3/4 inch	3.10
2 inch	3.40
2 1/2 inch	3.70
3 inch	4.00
3 1/2 inch	4.30
4 inch	4.60
4 1/2 inch	4.90
5 inch	5.20
5 1/2 inch	5.50
6 inch	5.80
6 1/2 inch	6.10
7 inch	6.40
7 1/2 inch	6.70
8 inch	7.00
8 1/2 inch	7.30
9 inch	7.60
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10 inch	8.20
10 1/2 inch	8.50
11 inch	8.80
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12 inch	9.40
12 1/2 inch	9.70
13 inch	10.00
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14 inch	10.60
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15 inch	11.20
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16 inch	11.80
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17 inch	12.40
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29 inch	19.60
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31 inch	20.80
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32 inch	21.40
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41 inch	26.80
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