

THE SUPPLY OF FOODSTUFFS.

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that Mr. O'Connor should issue a statement that would convey to the consuming public the impression that there is a surplus stock available for consumption, when the situation is exactly contrary.

"The Montreal Produce Merchants Association consider the present position regarding butter is especially grave and will be pleased, should you desire it, to send a deputation to consult with you further.

(Signed) "J. STANLEY COOK,
"Secretary."

EGG DEALERS' REPLY.

"Sir,—I have the honor to inform you that the Montreal Egg Dealers' Association of the Montreal Board of Trade feels that a grave injustice has been done the trade by the unjustifiable and startling statement that Mr. O'Connor has given out to the press of Canada regarding the egg situation as it applies to Montreal, and the members feel that they are in duty bound to place the facts as they know them regarding this city before you and the citizens of Montreal.

"Mr. O'Connor states that on 1st January, 1917, there were 640,956 dozens of eggs in store here, and on 1st January, 1918, there were 1,036,618 dozens, showing an excess over the previous year of 395,662 dozens, which we will not dispute; but he has forgotten to take into account or state other facts to the public, and we take it the public are entitled to know the full facts when any statement is being issued to the press regarding the food situation at the present time.

"It is a well known fact that during the months of January, February and March of last year, large importations of United States eggs had to be brought into Montreal to supply the domestic trade, and it may be of interest to you to know that these same merchants whom Mr. O'Connor accuses of hoarding eggs had to import during those three months 793,550 dozens from the United States, which were consumed in the city and district of Montreal.

NOT ENOUGH FOR CITY USE.

"We have now the figures of the consumption during the month of January this year before us, and we find that the stocks held in Montreal have been reduced from 1,036,613 dozens to such an extent that to-day there are only 355,680 dozens of eggs in store in Montreal—not enough to supply the domestic trade of this city for more than fifteen days.

"In view of these facts, which can be proved, how then can Mr. O'Connor state that on 1st January of this year we had an over-supply of eggs in Montreal?

"It is also a well known fact that had we to depend on securing supplies from the United States this winter, we would have been unable to do so unless at very extreme prices, as that market on the whole has been higher than our Canadian market, and with the cost of transportation, duty and war tax added, the consumer in Montreal would have faced much higher prices had we not had a sufficient quantity of eggs in store to supply the trade up to the present time.

"While it may possibly be said that there was a larger quantity of eggs stored in Western Canada this season, it may interest Mr. O'Connor to know that many of these eggs have found a market in Chicago, several dealers having sold their output in the United States, so that we could not hope for much relief from that section.

"We also take very strong exception to the statement that cold storage eggs are allowed to rot in storage rather than be put upon the market, to prevent a drop in price. We make the statement that no such thing ever occurred in Canada in connection with storage eggs, neither are they ever carried over from one season to the other, as many people would be led to suppose from the articles that appear from time to time in the newspapers. It will be fully the 20th March before sufficient supplies will come forward of new laid eggs to supply the trade of the City of Montreal, and up to that time the public will have to rely on storage eggs for their requirements, and we do feel that had Mr. O'Connor been fully conversant with the facts as we have herein stated them, he would have not issued such a misleading and startling statement to the public at this time.

"This letter is written with a view to putting the facts fairly before the people and yourself, and we trust they will be given as wide publicity as Mr. O'Connor's statement.

"J. STANLEY COOK,
"Secretary."

REPEATS HIS CHARGE.

Ottawa, February 1.

The denials of certain dealers in Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal and elsewhere that they have any accumulation of eggs such as is referred to by Cost of Living Commissioner O'Connor, brought forth from that official to-day a reiteration of his charge.

"I do not refer to dealers who have not got eggs, or only a few," he said to-day. "The very great majority are in that class. Probably there are not more than twenty dealers in all Canada contributing to the abnormal and excessive accumulation referred to in my report, but there is absolutely no question as to the accuracy of my figures.

"I am not going to bother with circumstances of people who say they have no eggs on hand and who say they have difficulty in getting them. What I am waiting for is denials from the others—the men whom I know have the stocks and from whose books my figures have been taken."

Mr. O'Connor declined to make public the names and stocks at this stage but intimated that it might be done later.

LOCAL FLOUR.

Millers have been manufacturing the new standard brand of spring wheat flour for Canada according to the instruction issued by the Food Controller a month ago and find that there is a fairly good demand for it. An open price is being asked pending the announcement of the fixed price. This will be about \$11.10 for the war standard flour per sack in car lots and less quantities will be about \$11.30, these as made from spring wheat. Blended flour will be around \$11.05 for less than car lots and \$10.85 for car lots, while the winter wheat flour will be about \$10.50 for car lots and \$10.80 for small lots.

Millers continue to be handicapped by the slow arrivals of wheat from the West, due to the cold and stormy weather.

MILLFEED.

A strong feeling developed in the market for moultrie and prices scored advances amounting to \$2 to \$3 per ton, which is attributed to the steady upward tendency of values for oats and barley and the increased demand for this class of feed on account of the scarcity of other lines. Sales of pure grain moultrie were made at \$64 to \$65, and mixed at \$58 to \$60 per ton, including bags. The enquiry for other lines of millfeed continued good, but supplies are becoming very scarce.

ROLLED OATS.

Prices of rolled oats have a tendency to advance and the tone of the market remains very strong. The demand for local and country account is good and the trade active.

We quote current prices as follows:

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and

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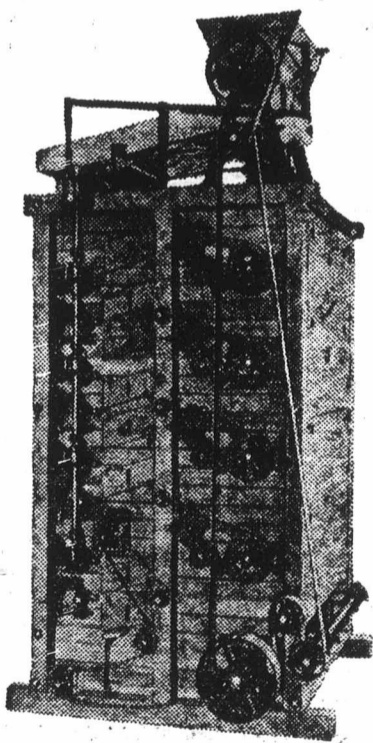
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Cereals:	per barrel.
Rolled oats, 90 lb. bag	5.30
Feed:	per ton.
Bran	35.00
Shorts	40.00
Middlings	48.00 50.00
Moullie, pure grain grades	61.00 62.00
Moullie, mixed	56.00 57.00

RECEIPTS OF GRAIN IN WINNIPEG.

The receipts of grain in Winnipeg for the week ending January 31, and the week previous were:—

	Week ending Jan. 24.	Same date Jan. 31, last year.
No. 1 Hard	3
No. 1 Northern	747	605
No. 2 Northern	439	340
No. 3 Northern	393	239
No. 4 Wheat	152	113
No. 5 Wheat	95	80
No. 6 Wheat	74	56
Feed Wheat	27	10
Rejected	64	27
No. Grade	69	74
Winter Wheat	2
Totals	2,067	1,547 2,078
Oats	741	658 608
Barley	173	130 60
Flax	100	74 67



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