

## The Canadian Produce Markets at a Glance

The highest quotations of wholesale prices for standard grades of farm produce in the leading markets on the dates named. Poorer stuff lower.

Date	Toronto		Montreal		St. John		Halifax		Winnipeg		Victoria	
	30	27	25	25	25	25	27	24				
Wheat, per bushel.....	\$ 0 71½	\$ 0 70	\$ ....	\$ ....	\$ ....	\$ 0 76½	\$ 27 00*					
Oats, per bushel.....	34	35	43	43	32	25 00*						
Barley, per bushel.....	44	43	50	50	36½	29 00*						
Peas, per bushel.....	63	62	75	78	...	35 00*						
Corn, per bushel.....	40	45	55	58	...	23 00*						
Flour, per barrel.....	4 67½	50	4 80	4 70	4 10	...						
Bean, per ton.....	17 50	18 50	23 00	22 50	15 50	19 00						
Shorts, per ton.....	20 00	21 00	24 00	23 50	17 50	21 00						
Potatoes, per bag.....	1 00	1 00	1 80	1 80	65	80						
Beans, per bushel.....	2 00	1 80	2 05	2 10	...	3 00						
Hay, per ton.....	9 00	9 50	10 00	10 50	6 50	9 50						
Straw, per ton.....	5 00	6 00	8 00	8 00	...	12 00						
Eggs, per dozen.....	13	13	13	14	12	20						
Chickens, per pair, d.w.....	1 25	167	1 00	1 00	157	75						
Ducks, per pair, d.w.....	1 25	171	...	...	...	75*						
Turkeys, per pound, d.w.....	30	17	16	16	...	...						
Geese, per pound, d.w.....	...	12	...	...	17	...						
Apples, per barrel.....	3 00	4 50	2 75	3 00	4 50	1 75 box						
Cheese, per pound.....	13½	13	14½	14	14	20						
Butter, creamery, per pound.....	23	23	20	24	24	30						
Butter, dairy, per pound.....	18½	18	21	22	18	28						
Cattle, per cwt.....	5 00	5 25	4 75	4 75	4 50	6 00						
Sheep, per cwt.....	4 75	6 00	6 00	6 50	...	6 25						
Hogs, per cwt.....	4 00	7 00	6 50	6 75	6 50	7 00						
Live Calves, per cwt.....	5 50	...	6 00	6 50	...	7 00						

\* Per ton; † per lb.; ‡ each.

## Our Fortnightly Market Review

## The Trend of Markets—Supply and Demand—The Outlook

Toronto, April 30, 1903.

General trade has ruled a little on the quiet side since our last report. All kinds of manufacturing concerns, however, are busy and crowded with orders. The outlook is most hopeful, and everybody has the greatest confidence in the commercial future of Canada. Money seems ample for all legitimate commercial needs. Call loans rule at about 6 per cent., and mercantile paper is discounted at from 6 to 7 per cent.

## Wheat

The only exciting feature in wheat is, perhaps, to be found at Chicago, where it is reported that the manipulation of the market is being worked to the interests of one or two of the big speculators. Whether these parties intend to corner May and July wheat is not known. They would, however, run great risks in doing so as the world's supply in sight is nearly 70,000,000 bushels, no small amount when the new crop is so near. The growing crop on this continent promises well and there is no likelihood of higher prices unless speculators get control. It is hard to say what may transpire at Chicago. A factor that may tend to keep values down is the decision of the British Government not to repeal the duty on grain till July. This will tend to shut off imports into Great Britain till after the duty is repealed.

Locally the markets rule steady at about last issue's quotations. Considerable Manitoba wheat is going forward. Fort William quotations are 77c. to 77 1-2c. for No. 1 hard, and 75 1-2 to 76c. for No. 1 Northern. Red and white are quoted here at 70

to 71c., goose 55c. and spring at 69 to 70c. at outside points.

## Coarse Grains

The markets for coarse grains rule about the same. The English oat market has advanced, though not sufficient to affect prices on this side, though there is more activity at quotations. Peas and barley rule quiet. Corn rules very quiet with little excitement except on the speculative market.

## Seeds

There continues to be a fairly active market in seeds. At Montreal, alsike is quoted at \$13 to \$15, red clover \$12 to \$14.50 per cwt., and timothy at \$2 to \$3, and flaxseed \$1.50 per bushel. The market here rules about the same as a fortnight ago.

## Hay

There is quite a lot of hay selling especially in the East and in Quebec, where large quantities are being shipped to the Eastern States. No. 1 and No. 2 quality of hay is said to be very scarce in New York, and Canadian of that quality has sold at \$20 to \$21 for No. 1, and \$18 to \$19 for No. 2. At country points in Quebec, \$7 to \$7.50 f.o.b. are the quotations for No. 2, and \$8 to \$8.50 for No. 1, where it can be had.

## Eggs and Poultry

The egg market last week ruled firmer. Receipts were lighter, and there was more buying by packers. English dealers are not likely to be caught as they were last year and pay too high prices for their pickled stock. Unless the supply is light,

prices are not likely to rule as high as last season.

## Dairy Products

Receipts of new cheese are increasing and prices will gradually tend towards a lower level. All supplies are wanted and the demand for this time of the year is almost unprecedented. English buyers, however, are very cautious, and are not buying in large quantities. About 12-3-4c. was the ruling figure at Montreal for finest Western last week. The creamery butter market has taken a slump of about 5c. since a few weeks ago, and 19c. to 20c. f.o.b. is about the ruling figure for choice quality at the factories. There has been little buying for export yet.

## Live Stock

The quality of beef cattle offered on Toronto Cattle Market of late has been poor. Farmers seem to be holding their best stock for a brighter market. So inferior has been the quality of exports that one or two large dealers have been compelled to purchase in Chicago in order to get suitable quality and in large enough numbers to fill ocean vessel space engaged. Twenty-three car loads, 404 head in all weighing 1,350 to 1,500 pounds each, were bought at Chicago by Wm. Levack. These passed through Toronto to last week and were certainly a very fine lot. Canadian farmers should aim to produce these. The best exporters offered on Tuesday last sold at \$4.70 to \$5 per cwt. But better prices would have been paid had the quality been better. The bulk sold at \$4.50 to \$4.75 per cwt. Butchers' cattle were generally firmer. Pickled lots sold at \$4.40 to \$4.60, fair to good at \$3.50 to \$4.20, and common to medium \$3.50 to \$3.75 per cwt. Short-keep feeders, 1,100 to 1,150 pounds each sell at \$4.25 to \$4.50, those 900 to 1,000 pounds at \$3.75 to \$4, and stockers \$3.60 to \$3.90 per cwt. for the best. Milch cows and springers sell at \$30 to \$55 each. Sheep and yearling lambs of good quality sell well, but inferior barnyard stuff is not wanted. Spring lambs are in firm demand at \$2.50 to \$5. Yearling lambs sell at \$5 to \$6.50, and sheep at \$4.50 to \$4.75 per cwt. for ewes, and \$3.50 to \$4 for bucks.

Prices for hogs have advanced again to \$6.40 per cwt. for select, and \$6.15 for lights and fats. The bacon market is firmer and prices higher than a week or two ago.

## Horses

The horse market rules about the same, and prices keep at a good figure for first-class draft and general purpose horses. The trade with the West is pretty well over and Eastern farmers are busy with their seeding. The sale of saddle and driving horses at Grand's about the middle of April passed off well. A few really first-class saddle horses brought high figures. One combination saddle and driver sold at \$775 and another at \$650 each. Prices for others ranged from \$100 up, according to the quality of the animal sold.

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