

MARKET REVIEW AND FORECAST

ONTARIO, Apr. 29.—The spring drive is now on in head earnest, and farmers are busy on the land that there is a corresponding quietness in produce markets. Stocking of grain throughout Ontario and is starting in Quebec and further east. Prospects are for a good normal acreage of coarse grains with a decided increase in spring wheat. A considerable portion of the spring wheat crop will be seeded on land where fall wheat failed. The weather of the past week or two has been more favorable to fall wheat than the dry weather that prevailed earlier in the season, and fields which their owners had planned to plow up now promise a 50 or 60 per cent. crop. At the best, however, the fall wheat crop of 1918 must be recorded as a failure in Ontario. In the Canadian West soil conditions are now said to be ideal, and the West confidently expects the biggest crop in its history. Alberta claims an increase in the wheat area of 20 per cent, and Saskatchewan, which is suffering from a greater scarcity of labor than either of the other two provinces, expects an increase of 10 per cent. United States weather conditions have been favorable to a revival of fall wheat and to the seeding of the big acreage of spring grains now under way. The Cheese Commission has finally announced prices for this season. The price authorized for No. 1 grade, f.o.b., steamer at Montreal is \$2.22; No. 2, 21c; and No. 3, 20c. The question of a relative price for condensed milk has not yet been settled, but a committee has been appointed to work out the question of setting prices that will present an fair competition. The suggestion that the Commission might set the price of butter this year has not yet been acted upon, and the members of the Commission have made no public announcement that would even indicate that they consider such a move.

WHEAT

There is little wheat offering, either at country or terminal points. Farmers are busy on the land, and quotations do not change from week to week, there is no incentive to make a special effort to market the wheat which is still in the farmers' granaries. No action has yet been taken on the suggestion that it intends to pay for this year's wheat that it intends to pay for this season's wheat, and any attempt to effect that the new price might have had on wheat offerings has been defeated. Some rains have helped the fall wheat, and a 20 per cent. crop may be harvested where the average of 40 per cent. is usually secured, said.

Manitoba wheat-in store, For William, nominal (including 13c tax); No. 1 Northern, \$2.24; No. 2 Northern, \$2.10; No. 3 Northern, \$2.07; Ontario wheat—new crop, No. 2, \$2.22, basis in store, Montreal.

COARSE GRAINS.

Two factors explain the quietness of the grain market at Toronto. In the first place, higher prices are being realized on local trade; and in the second place, the hand-to-mouth buying which high prices produce, that stimulating the market. Some barley is moving, but here prices are on the down grade, \$2 to \$1.50 a bushel. Some buckwheat is offering at country points at \$1.25 to \$1.20. As for corn, the local demand for the manufacture of "breakfast bread," the price on this has been advanced to \$2.65. Toronto quotations follow: Oats, C.W. No. 2, in store, Port William, \$1.80; No. 1, \$1.85; No. 1 feed, \$1.85; Ontario oats, No. 2, \$1.80; American corn, K.W. dried, No. 2, \$1.80; No. 4, \$1.80; No. 3, \$1.75; Montreal oats, C.W. No. 2, \$1.02; extra No. 1, feed, \$1.02; No. 2, local white, \$1.

MILFEEDS.

Milfeeds are still as scarce as ever. Toronto quotes car lots delivered, Montreal freights, bags included: bran, per \$2.40; shorts, \$1.40. Montreal quotations, bran, \$2.40; shorts, \$1.40; middlings, \$1.40 to \$1.50; meal, \$1.75.

HAY AND STRAW.

Hay is quoted in Toronto at \$17 to \$17 for No. 1, with mixed, \$14 to \$16 on track; straw, of course, \$4.50 to \$5; Montreal quotes No. 2 hay, car lots, \$17.

POTATOES AND BEANS.

Prices for ordinary consumptive purposes are in large supply, and as low as \$1 per bag has been paid for car lots at country points. In Ontario, the demand for seed potatoes, particularly New Brunswick Irish Cobblers and Green Mountains, is the active feature of the potato market. Orders call for more selected seed, and apparently the campaign of the local Department of Agriculture is bearing fruit, and quite a large proportion of the seed potatoes used in Ontario this year will come from the seed Irish Cobbyer seed sold at \$2.25 per bag. Green Mountains, at \$2.25 per bag. Ontario prices on potatoes per bag, delivered Toronto, is \$1.00 to \$1.60; Delaware, \$1.75.

Very few Ontario beans are coming forward, and stocks are light. Montreal quotes hand-picked, 45-lb. beans, \$7.75 to \$8; and other grades, \$5.25 to \$7.25. Toronto quotes Canadian prime, \$7.50 to \$8; foreign hand-picked, \$6.75 to \$7.

EGGS AND POULTRY.

A determined effort was made by certain dealers in the early part of last week to force a market. They complained that last year they had been able to buy at least some of their storage eggs at a low rate, ignoring the fact that the cost of producing eggs has increased at least 30 to 40 per cent. in the last year. The market, however, is stronger than a week ago. Montreal dealers have paid as high as 35c at country points, and the egg circles are receiving as high as 40c. Storing is becoming general, and receipts concern heavy. Several carloads of wheat, corn eggs are coming east, and just what effect this will have on the market is problematical. One carload was shipped to Vancouver, 250,000 35c f.o.b. Toronto wholesale dealers are quoting 35c to 36c at country points and 32c to 45c to one trade.

Receipts of live and fresh-killed poultry are extremely small, and the market is firm. Live poultry prices. Storage stocks are moving out rapidly.

Table with 2 columns: Poultry type and price. Includes Chickens, Milk fed, Hens, Roosters, and Ducks.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.

No radical change in the butter market, one way or the other, is expected for some time to come, as demand is strong all over the continent. Toronto wholesale producers are quoting creamery solids at country points, 45c; dairy prints, 45c to 50c, and 50c to 60c; factory prints, 45c to 50c, and 50c to 60c. The larger proportion of farmers now shipping cream also helps to explain the favorable local market for dairy butter. Montreal reports local finest creamery butter in the country producing at 45c to 48c per lb. f.o.b., and the same grade is disposed of at a jobbing way at 51c to 52c for one pound blocks.

The Cheese Commission allows an advance of one and one-quarter cents a pound for cheese this year as compared with last year, and prices at the end of last week at Montreal were 22 1/2c to 23c.

CHEESE BRANDS.

Striking, Oct. Apr. 25.—340 boxes sold at \$1 11-16 cents.

LIVE STOCK.

Though the offerings of cattle on the market during the past week were by no means heavy, the quotations were strong and showed on Wednesday an advance of from 15c to 25c per cwt. on all cattle as compared with the prices on the same day of the previous week. Choice to good yearling steers and heifers sold at from \$12.75 to \$14, and well-finished steers and heifers at from \$13.25 to \$17.75 per cwt.

Cheese veal calves were selling at from \$14 to \$16. The hog market was weak during the former part of the week, but prices returned to 22 to 25c, finding some a decline of 25 cents from the close of the previous week.

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York County Holsteins at auction In Their Annual "Quality" Sale at RICHMOND HILL FAIR BUILDINGS Wednesday, May 15th, 1918. Includes image of a cow and contact information for R. W. E. Burnaby.

SUNNYBROOK FARM HOLSTEINS. Get them while they last! We have only 3 of our young bulls of serviceable age left. Do not miss this opportunity. Includes contact information for Jos. Kilgour.

Four 30 lb. Cows this Winter at VILLA VIEW. We have for sale the best lot of bull calves that we have ever been able to offer from dams with records up to 28 1/2; many of them good prospects for 30 lbs. Also one bull ready for service from a 15-lb. two-year-old. Includes contact information for ARBOGAST BROTHERS.

RARE BARGAIN. Registered Holstein bull, yearling, sired by a half brother of Totilla of Riverside, 24994 B. m. milk 1067 lbs. butter in one year. Record of sire's dam's milk 584, butter 23.42. Includes contact information for LANINGDALE STOCK FARM.

SUNNYSIDE STOCK FARM HOLSTEINS. ECHO SIGEIS PAYNE, our herd sire, is by a brother of the world's 50-lb. cow, Segis Fayna Johanna. He is a grand bull in every way, and is not yet 4 years old. Includes contact information for JOHN M. MONTLE.

ELMSTOCK FARM. Offers for Sale No. 1.—Bull, 1 month old—Dam Jeanie Fairfort, 36410—record at 3 1/2 years, 407 lbs. milk, 37.05 lbs. butter. Includes contact information for W. H. CERRY.

AVONDALE FARM OFFERS. 1. A choice young bull, born Nov. 2, 1917, sired by "Woodcrest Sir Clyde," dam 2 1/2-lb. daughter of "Prince Kensington Fistic"; 2nd dam, full Royal Post, grand champion at Guelph Dairy Test, 1914. Includes contact information for H. LYNN.