

BEANS.

A much firmer feeling has developed in the market for beans due to the fact that the United States Government has commandeered all the American white beans and placed an embargo on all imported beans, a much firmer feeling has developed in the local market, owing to the falling off in supplies coming forward, and the somewhat small quantities available on spot. Ontario shippers continue to send only small offerings and buyers therefore find it difficult to fill their requirements so that the volume of business passing has not been large. The condition of the market at present is such that dealers in many cases do not care to quote prices, but holders in some cases are asking \$9.00 for white beans, which are about equal in quality to 3lb. pickers.

PROVISIONS.

The local market for live hogs ruled strong throughout the week in sympathy with the markets at other Canadian centres. Supplies coming forward are not large and the demand was brisk and prices were firmly maintained with a steady demand for small lots to meet actual wants and sales of abattoir fresh-killed in a wholesale jobbing way were made at \$27.50 to \$28 and country dressed light weights at \$25.50 to \$26 per 100 lbs.

Although the local and country trade in smoked and cured meats was light as is usual in the Lenten season, all available supplies are going forward to the United Kingdom, so prices are firmly maintained.

The market for lard remained unchanged throughout the week, prices being firmly maintained. There was a good steady demand for supplies both for local and country account.

We quote wholesale prices as follows:

Hams:—	Per lb.
Smoked Hams, 8-10 lbs.	0.32 0.33
Do., 12-15 lbs.	0.31 0.32
Do., over 25 lbs.	0.30 0.31
Bacon:—	
Breakfast	0.40 0.41
Windsor Bacon, selected	0.42 0.43
Windsor Bacon, boneless	0.44 0.45
Pure Lard:—	
20 lbs. pails	0.29½ 0.30½
Compound Lard (Western Grades):—	
Tubs	0.27 0.28

LOCAL FLOUR.

Although the production of flour has been much smaller than usual at this season of the year, the supply has been ample to meet all immediate requirements. There has been an active demand for spring wheat flour for export and it is reported that the Flour Department of the Wheat Export Co., Ltd., purchased 400,000 bbls., in bags of 140 lbs. each, at \$10.80 per bbl. in jute, f.o.b., vessel, St. John, N.B., and Portland, for March shipment. This means that some of the Canadian millers have disposed of their complete surplus output to the end of this month. The domestic and country trade in spring wheat flour has been fairly active, there being a good steady demand for supplies and sales of some round lots were made for prompt shipment to outside cities. Car lots for shipment to country points sold at \$11.10 per bbl. in bags, f.o.b., cars, Montreal, and to city bakers at \$11.20 delivered, while broken lots to grocers and city bakers were placed at \$11.30 delivered. Locally, sales have been confined to broken lots at \$11.10 to \$11.50 per bbl. in jute, ex-store, according to quality of bags.

MILLFEED.

Supplies of millfeed continue scarce and the enquiry for them good, but sales are still confined to small quantities to buyers in mixed car orders. Bran is selling at \$35, and shorts at \$40 per ton, including bags, in mixed car lots, delivered. An active business is reported in pure grain-moullie and prices are firmly maintained at \$63 to \$68 per ton, delivered.

ROLLED OATS.

The demand for rolled oats for export account has been the feature of the market for the week and purchases were made amounting to 3,000 bbls. at \$11.10 per bbl. in bags of 90 lbs. each, f.o.b., seaboard, which price shows an advance of 30c to 35c per bbl. on previous purchases, when \$10.75 to \$10.80 per bbl. in bags was paid. The domestic trade has been fairly active and the tone of the market is very firm, with sales of broken lots of standard grades at \$5.60 to \$5.70 per bag of 90 lbs. in jute or cotton, delivered to the trade.

Flour:

	per barrel.
New Government standard grade	10.80
Cereals:	
Rolled oats, 90 lb. bag	5.60 5.70
Feed:	per ton.
Bran	35.00
Shorts	40.00
Middlings	48.00 50.00
Moullie, pure grain grades	66.00 68.00

LOCAL GRAIN.

Local and outside buyers seem to have sufficient supplies on hand and do not seem inclined to operate for the future with the market in its present condition. At Winnipeg the condition of both the option and cash markets for oats has been unsettled and prices were irregular, but with an upward tendency, showing an increase for the week of ½c to 1½c per bushel while the spot market was weaker, and on Saturday prices were 1c to 1½c per bushel lower than the week previous. The market on Saturday closed easy with car lots of No. 3 Canadian western and extra No. 1 feed quoted at \$1.09½. No. 1 feed at \$1.06½. No. 2 feed at \$1.05½. Ontario No. 2 white at \$1.09. No. 3 at \$1.08 and No. 4 at \$1.07 per bushel ex-store. There has been some business done in American corn with sales of car lots of No. 4 yellow at \$2.04 per bushel ex-store. A few cars of Manitoba feed barley changed hands at \$1.43½ per bushel ex-track, Fort William, and Ontario malting barley was quoted at \$1.80 to \$1.83 per bushel ex-track, Montreal.

Fluctuations in grain on Saturday at Winnipeg were:—

Oats:	per bushel.
No. 2 C. W.	0.96½
Do., No. 2 C. W.	0.93½
Do., Extra No. 1 feed	0.91½
Do., No. 2 feed	0.85½
Barley:	
No. 3 C. W.	1.73½
No. 4 C. W.	1.69½
Rejected	1.42
Feed	1.40
Flax:	
No. 1 N. C. W.	3.67½
No. 2 C. W.	3.63
No. 3 C. W.	3.45

RECEIPTS OF BUTTER AND CHEESE.

The following table shows the receipts of butter and cheese in Montreal for the week ending March 2nd, 1918, with comparisons:

	Butter, pkgs.	Cheese, boxes.
Week ending Mar. 2, 1918.	3,188	225
Week ending Feb. 23, 1918.	2,853	480
Week ending Mar. 3, 1917	960	2,942
Total receipts May 1, 1917, to March 2, 1918.	364,711	1,829,776
Total receipts May 1, 1916, to March 3rd, 1917	504,763	2,245,663

LOCAL STOCKS OF GRAIN IN STORE.

The following table shows the stocks of grain and flour in store in Montreal on the dates mentioned:

	Mch. 2, 1918.	Feb. 23, 1918.	Mch. 3, 1917.
Wheat, bush.	514,364	825,069	688,532
Corn, bush.	19,097	13,715	9,802
Peas, bush.	1,135
Oats, bush.	300,688	335,036	2,100,839
Barley, bush.	49,922	46,297	130,690
Rye, bush.	1,105	1,380	18,824
Buckwheat, bush.	27,871	29,121	3,426
Flax, bush.	1,618
Flour, sacks	31,271	30,081	39,484

LOCAL STOCKS OF DAIRY PRODUCE.

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

	Mar. 1, 1918.	Feb. 1, 1918.	Mar. 1, 1917.
Butter, packages—			
Creamery	21,411	38,289	25,498
Dairy	2,234	2,104	3,288
Cheese, boxes	18,747	31,492	14,756
Eggs, cases 30 doz.—			
Fresh	1,261	133	1,114
Cold storage	536	11,723	630

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RECEIPTS OF GRAIN AND FLOUR.

The receipts of grain and flour in Montreal for the week ending March 2nd, were:

Wheat, bushels.	295,479
Oats	52,420
Barley, bushels	11,609
Corn	1,178
Flour, sacks	10,033
Meal	400
Hay, bales	23,707
Straw, bales	17
Flax	5,034

RECEIPTS OF GRAIN IN WINNIPEG.

The receipts of grain in Winnipeg for the week ending February 28th, and the week previous were:

	Week ending Feb. 21, 1918.	Same date Feb. 28, last year.
No. 1 Hard	1
No. 1 Northern	750	739
No. 2 Northern	359	412
No. 3 Northern	273	244
No. 4 Wheat	115	129
No. 5 Wheat	78	99
No. 6 Wheat	61	40
Feed Wheat	6	20
Rejected	23	31
No. Grade	64	85
Winter	1
Totals	1,731	1,919
Oats	779	737
Barley	124	125
Flax	101	71

MINOR GRAIN MARKETS.

Quotations at Minneapolis, on Saturday, were:—Flour, unchanged. Bran, \$32.50. Corn No. 3 yellow, \$1.75 to \$1.80. Oats, No. 3 white, 91½c to 92¼c. Duluth, March 2.—Linseed, 3.98½ to \$4.10½; to arrive, \$3.98½; May, \$3.98½ bid; July, \$3.97 bid; October, \$3.62, nominal.

New York, March 2.—Rye flour, strong; fair to good, \$14 to \$14.45; choice to fancy, \$14.50 to \$15, jute, spot and to arrive. Rye, strong; No. 2 western, \$2.70, nominal, cost and freight, New York, domestic.

TORONTO GRAIN MARKET.

Quotations at Toronto on Saturday were:—Ontario wheat—No. 2 winter, \$2.22 per car lot basis, in store, Montreal. Manitoba wheat: No. 1 northern, \$2.23½; No. 2 northern, \$2.20½; No. 3 northern, \$2.17½, all in store, Fort William, including 2½c tax.

Oats—Canada western No. 2, 96½c in store, Fort William; No. 3, 93½c in store, Fort William; Ontario No. 2 white, 97c to 98c; No. 3 white, 96c to 97c, according to freights.

Corn—No. 5 kiln dried, \$2.05 on track, Toronto.

Rye—No. 3, \$2.20.

Barley, \$1.70.

Peas—No. 2, \$3.70 to \$3.80, according to freights, outside.

Buckwheat, \$1.78 to \$1.80.

Manitoba flour—war quality, \$11.10 in bags.

Ontario flour—War quality, Toronto, \$10.70 in bags.

Millfeed—Manitoba bran, \$25 per ton; shorts, \$40, car lots, delivered, Montreal.