

LIVE STOCK.

MONTREAL: The receipts at the Montreal live stock yards during the past week amounted to 1,250 cattle, 1,000 sheep and lambs, 1,700 hogs and 1,400 calves. Owing to the rainy weather trade at the stock yards was dull and dragged under a slow demand. Prices on the whole remained unchanged, with the exception of quotations for lower grade cattle, which declined 15c, as this quality of stock was in heavy supply. Choice steers were very scarce at both sales, the highest price touched being \$9.75, which was slightly under last week's level.

There is evidence of a very firm feeling in the hog market, and top prices are quoted 40c. above last week's, owing to the general scarcity of select stock. It is felt that this market has now reached its top notch as the spring crop has now commenced to move, being offered for sale for the first time last week. These hogs, however, are not as heavy as they should be, as farmers are not holding them long enough to fatten them properly, and consequently competition for the better grades is very keen, which has forced prices up.

The market for sheep and lambs continues firm with no change in price to note except for a temporary advance at the beginning of the week, owing to a scarcity of stock. A heavy movement of calves is taking place, both for export to the United States and for home consumption, resulting in a firm undertone to the market. The demand from butchers has been good for all the suitable stock offered.

TORONTO: Receipts of live stock at the Toronto yards during the past week amounted to 4,936 cattle, 694 calves, 1,411 sheep and lambs, 3,968 hogs, and 809 horses. Owing to liberal runs of cattle at the beginning of the week, prices dropped gradually to a point 50c. to \$1.00 below the high level of a fortnight ago, and about 40c. under last week's prices. All classes shared in the decline, but good to choice grades least of all. A large Toronto packer brought in 400 distillery fed cattle to the abattoir on Monday, which broke the market on that day. The same firm has 600 head feeding at St. Hyacinthe, but it is not known when they will be brought forward.

The hog market was steady, and a good demand was found for all offerings at unchanged prices. Undiminished strength was apparent in the calf market, as offerings were light, and the demand from packers strong. Lambs were in keen demand, which resulted in an advance of 2c. a pound. The run of both sheep and lambs was light, as farmers are holding them back for their wool.

Quotations for round lots were as follows:—

	Montreal.		Toronto.	
Butcher steers, best	9.50	9.75	9.50	10.10
Do., good	8.75	9.25	9.45	10.00
Do., fair	7.75	8.75	9.00	9.25
Do., medium	7.25	8.25	8.50	8.75
Do., rough	6.50	7.00	7.50	8.25
Do., good	6.75	7.00	7.25	8.50
Butcher bulls, best	7.25	8.25	7.75	8.25
Do., good	7.75	8.15	7.25	8.50
Do., medium	5.00	6.50	6.75	7.00
Butcher cows, best	7.25	8.00	7.00	7.25
Do., good	5.00	6.25	6.50	7.00
Do., medium	4.50	5.50	5.75	6.50
Heifers	0.15	0.16½	0.00	9.50
Sheep, unclipped	7.00	7.75	7.50	8.25
Do., clipped	...	...	7.25	7.50
Spring lambs, each	5.00	8.00	0.13	0.14
Hogs, selects, weighed	12.00	12.25	...	11.65
Do., roughs and mixed lots	11.50	11.75	...	10.90
Calves, choice,	...	...	...	...
per lb.	0.11½	0.12	9.00	12.50
Do., medium	0.06½	0.07½	7.50	10.00

U. S. COTTON CROP.

The preliminary forecast of the United States Department of Agriculture on the condition, acreage and production of the 1916 cotton crop placed follows:

The condition of the growing crop on June 25 was 81.1 per cent of a normal as compared with 77.5 per cent on May 25 this year, 80.2 per cent on June 25 last year and 80.2 per cent, the average condition for the last ten years on June 25. This condition, on the estimated acreage of 35,994,000 acres, indicates a cotton crop of 14,266,000 bales. Last year's crop, the smallest since 1909, was 11,191,820 bales, while two years ago it was 16,134,930 bales, the biggest crop ever grown. In 1913 it was 14,156,486 bales, and in 1912 the production was 13,703,421 bales.

FLOUR, CEREALS AND MILLFEED.

The wheat market was a little stronger last week, prices advancing 2 or 3 cents per bushel, and the consensus of opinion now is that wheat has touched its lowest level. In spite of the alternating holidays, in Canada and the United States, which interfered considerably with trade, a good export business is reported for flour for July shipment, and some August business might have been put through if it were not for the scarcity of ocean space. Buyers on the other side, however, are still limiting their commitments in anticipation of lower prices. Freight rates remain unchanged at last week's price of 45c per 100 lbs. Domestic business has been good although principally of a hand to mouth nature to fill actual requirements.

There is no change in the market for winter wheat flour. Recent advices from the district between Lake Huron and Lake Erie are to the effect that there will be very little more flour of last year's crop offering as the wheat is pretty well out of the farmers' hands. The new crop of Ont. wheat which will hardly be harvested before the middle of August, promises to be a short one as the acreage in Western Ont. is less than one-half of what it was last year, and consequently higher prices are looked for. There has been so much rain this year that the winter wheat is not in as good condition as last year, but with better weather from now on samples should be good although last year's yield per acre cannot be expected.

Owing to the low prices quoted there is still a good demand for feed of all kinds, and consequently the market appears to be a little stronger. There was rather more enquiry than usual last week and stocks seem to be lighter as the surplus has been pretty well cleaned up. Corn has been very strong and has advanced 15c to the present price of 90c per bushel, track Montreal, carload No. 2. The Western oats crop is progressing favorably, varying on an average of 12 inches in height.

According to the latest reports, the wheat crop has been estimated at 200,000,000 bushels or 165,000,000 under last year.

Current quotations follow:

	Montreal.	Toronto.	
Flour:—			
First patents, per bbl. in bags	6.60	6.30	6.50
Second patents, do.	6.10	5.90	6.00
Strong clears, do.	5.90	5.60	5.80
30c per bbl. more in wood.			
First Feed Flour	3.80	3.50	3.50
Winter wheat flour—			
Fancy Patents	6.25	5.85	6.10
90 per cent in wood	5.40	5.60	5.80
90 per cent in bags	2.55	2.70	2.75
Cereals:—			
Cornmeal, yellow, per bag, 98 lbs.	1.95	1.85	1.85
Rolled oats, per bbl. in wood	5.10	5.45	2.50
per bag, 90 lbs.	2.60	2.65	2.50
Rolled wheat, 100 lb. bbl.	4.00	.....	4.00
Rye flour, 98 lb. bag	2.65	2.80	2.80
Graham flour, 98 lb.	3.05	.....	2.75
Barley pot., 98 lbs.	3.00	.....	3.00
Barley, Pearl, 98 lbs.	4.50	4.20	4.40
Whole wheat flour, 98 lbs.	6.10	.....	3.00
Feeds:—			
Bran, per ton	20.00	21.00	20.00
Shorts, per ton	24.00	.....	24.00
Middlings, per ton	26.00	25.00	26.00
Flour Middlings	27.00	.....	.....
Montlie, pure grain grades, per ton	31.00	32.00	.....
Do., mixed	27.00	29.00	.....
Barley feed, per ton	30.00	.....	.....
Do., meal, per ton	35.00	.....	.....
Crushed oats, 80 lbs.	1.70	.....	.....
Reground oatmeal feed, per ton	19.00	.....	.....
Corn, No. 2 Yellow, K.D., \$1.85 per 98 lbs.			
Manitoba oats, 62c. per bushel.			

RECEIPTS OF BUTTER, CHEESE AND EGGS.

The following table shows the receipts of butter, cheese and eggs in Montreal for the week ending July 8th, 1916, with comparisons:

	Butter.	Cheese.	Eggs.
Pkgs.	Boxes.	Cases.	
Week end. July 8, 1916	18,496	93,504	23,694
Week end. July 1, 1916	26,852	102,195	20,499
Week end. July 10, 1915	18,191	95,359	25,016
Total receipts, May 1st to date, season, 1916	146,994	718,625	198,026
Total receipts, May 1st to date, season, 1915	136,009	728,476	209,870

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES.

The Montreal markets have been very largely attended owing to the fine weather at the end of the past week. New vegetables are coming in better supply, but in many districts the recent heavy berries are in very heavy supply, as the Montreal has resulted in a surplus of excellent quality fruit and Niagara berries have coincided this year, which has resulted in a surplus of excellent quality fruit and very low prices. Lemons and limes are higher owing to a very large consumption in the warm weather. California fruits are plentiful, and are meeting with a ready sale as they arrive in such attractive condition. Cuban pineapples are now over, and the Florida stock is supplying the demand. Raspberries from the Niagara Peninsula will probably arrive this week, but a very short crop is expected on account of extensive winter killing, where the buds have been touched by frost. Mississippi tomatoes are nearly finished, and Jerseys are looked for shortly. Canadian asparagus is practically over, although there are a few small lots left here and there.

Current quotations are as follows:—

Fruit:—			
Apricots, California	1.50	2.00	
Apples, Ben Davis, per bbl.	3.00	5.00	
Do., American, per box	...	3.00	
Bananas, per bunch	2.25	2.75	
Lemons, California, per box	4.00	4.50	
Do., Messina, 300's, per box	4.00	4.50	
Limes, per box	...	1.25	
Oranges, late Valencias	...	4.75	
Do., Californias, 176, 200, 216	...	4.75	
Do., 126's	...	4.50	
Peaches, Californias	1.75	2.00	
Plums, Californias, per crate	2.00	2.75	
Pineapples, Floridas, per crate	3.25	3.50	
Strawberries, Niagara, per qt. cup	0.08	0.10	
Do., Montreal, shorts	0.05	0.10	
Vegetables:—			
Beets, new, per doz.	...	0.50	
Beans, N.Y., per basket	2.00	2.25	
Do., Montreal, per bag	2.00	2.50	
Cabbage, new American, Norfolk	2.00	2.75	
Do., Montreal, per doz.	...	1.00	
Carrots, new, per bunch	...	0.25	
Cauliflower, Canadian, per doz.	...	1.75	
Celery, per doz.	...	1.40	1.50
Cucumbers, North Carolina, per basket	...	2.00	
Do., Montreal, per doz.	...	0.50	
Egg Plant, N.Y., per doz.	...	2.25	
Garlic, per lb.	...	0.30	
Horse Radish, per lb.	...	0.16	
Lettuce, head, per doz.	...	0.50	
Do., Curly, per doz.	...	0.10	0.20
Mint, Canadian, per doz.	...	0.25	
Onions, Spanish, per crate	5.00	5.50	
Do., New Montreal, per bag	...	0.60	
Potatoes, new, per bbl.	...	4.50	
Do., New Brunswick, 80 lb. bags	...	2.00	
Radishes, per doz.	...	0.10	
Rhubarb, per doz.	...	0.10	
Spinach, per box	...	1.00	
Turnips, new, per doz. bunches	...	0.50	
Tomatoes, Mississippi	1.50	1.75	
Do., hothouse, per lb.	...	0.22	

DAIRY PRODUCE EXPORTS.

Exports of butter, cheese and eggs from the port to Montreal, for Europe, for the week ending June 24th, 1916, issued July 8th, 1916:

	Cheese.		
	Local.	Through.	Total.
Week end. July 8, 1916	82,855	16,443	99,298
Corr. week last year	44,359	10,143	54,502
Corr. week, 1915	51,759	9,866	61,625
Total shipments since May 1, 1916	311,318	100,392	411,710
Corr. period, 1915	302,064	126,880	428,944
Corr. period, 1914	188,213	31,561	219,774

	Butter.		
Week end. July 8, 1916	7,777	3,417	11,194
Corr. week last year	...	1,310	1,310
Total shipments since May 1, 1916	17,710	4,795	24,505
Corr. period, 1915	...	4,200	4,200

	Eggs.	
	Cases.	
Week end. July 8, 1916	...	4,960
Corresponding week last year	...	11,220
Total shipments since May 1st, 1916	...	22,118

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