

**PROVISIONS.**

The outstanding feature of this week's market has been higher prices in live hogs, both in the Canadian and the Chicago markets. Live hogs touched 11c in the local market, and 9.85c. in Chicago. Supplies in the home market are likely to be short, so that prices will likely advance. The price of hogs and pork products is higher, and other lines are likely to follow suit. Shortening is up 1/2c, due to high prices on cottonseed oil, which today is selling at 10.42c on the New York market, as compared with 6.7c at this time last year. Southern States cotton growers are reaping a rich reward in this commodity.

Current prices are as follows:

Hams:—	Per lb.
Smoked hams, 8-14 lbs.	0.21 1/2
Do., 14-20 lbs.	0.21 1/2
Do., 20-25 lbs.	0.19 1/2
Do., over 30 lbs.	0.18 1/2
Large boneless hams	0.22
Bacon:—	
Roll Boneless Bacon	0.18
Windsor Bacon, selected	0.26
Windsor Bacon, Boneless	0.28
Barrel Pork:—	Per bbl.
Short cut pork	30.50
Clear Fat Pork, 30-40	31.50
Clear Fat Pork, 40-50	30.00
Clear Fat Pork, 20-35	27.50
Mess Pork	29.00
Bean Pork	24.50
Barrel Beef:—	
Plate Beef, 200 lbs.	24.00
Pure Lard:—	pound.
Tierces	0.14 1/2
Tubs	0.14 3/4
Pails	3.00
Tins	2.40
Cases, 3, 5, 10's	0.15 1/2
Prints	0.15 3/4
Compound Lard:—	
Western Grades:	
Tierces	0.13 1/4
Tubs	0.13 3/4
Pails	2.65
Tins	2.55
Cases, 3, 5, 10's	0.14 1/4
Prints	0.14 3/4
Cooked meats:—	
Roast shoulders pork	0.28
Roast ham, boneless	0.30
Cooked hams, rind off	0.31
Head cheese	0.09
Jellied pork tongues	0.28
Blood pudding	0.07 1/2
White pudding	0.07
Jellied beef tongues	0.28
English bravn	0.11

**NORTH AMERICAN WHEAT EXPORTS.**

Bradstreet's figures of the week's wheat and flour exports from the United States and Canada, compared with previous years, are as follows, in bushels:

	1916.	1915.	1914.
Mar. 16	9,765,236	6,277,903	4,480,101
Mar. 9	9,645,381	7,793,442	3,764,207
Mar. 2	8,199,193	8,432,806	3,576,737
Feb. 24	8,787,985	7,358,222	3,947,966
Feb. 17	7,430,933	10,227,426	3,174,640
Feb. 10	11,480,170	9,708,500	4,092,408
Feb. 3	10,567,676	9,883,671	3,779,908
Jan. 27	8,710,272	8,619,869	3,717,678
Jan. 20	8,247,494	8,395,263	3,881,823
Jan. 13	9,525,485	9,129,199	6,713,289
Jan. 6	10,989,331	10,915,119	6,404,224

**MONTREAL GRAIN STOCKS.**

The following are the stocks of grain in store at the close of last week and the previous week, and the corresponding period last year:

	March 18, 1916.	March 11, 1916.	March 20, 1915.
Wheat, bu.	807,394	1,076,849	345,643
Corn, bu.	13,487	11,490	129,816
Oats, bu.	1,788,726	1,479,915	791,440
Barley, bu.	195,636	197,106	234,400
Rye, bush.	26,008	23,310	14,720
Buckwheat, bu.	5,668	5,668	9,791
Flour, sacks	47,236	54,160	45,823

**NOTES**

The Spanish Government under an order of March 9 has ordered the seizure of all the wheat stocks in Spain and the sale of the grain at fair prices as a measure to allay the agitations and disorders in various parts of the country, due to the rising cost of living. Regulations have also been put in effect in regard to the importation of wheat and freight charges in order to lessen the cost of delivery.

**REFINED SUGAR PRICES.**

Refined sugar prices were advanced another 30c. per 100 lbs. last week by Canadian refiners, thereby making a net advance of 60c. per 100 lbs. during the past month. This advance is due to continued firmness, and heavy buying on French and British account, in the New York market. New York advices state that the result of the continued active export demand for sugar was to force refiners practically out of the market for the time being. Most of the refineries are sold up for some weeks to come and until further purchases of Cuban raws are made they will scan contracts, both domestic and foreign, in a cautious manner. There is also the question of the congestion of freight from Cuba, and while it is held that there is no actual shortage of supplies the handicaps placed on the trade are sufficient to make conditions serious. The British Government has recently placed a large order with the Atlantic refineries, and further orders are under consideration.

Present quotations by refiners are on the following basis:

Extra granulated, bags, 100 lbs.	\$7.30
Do., gunnies, 4-25 lbs.	7.35
Do., gunnies, 5-20 lbs.	7.40
Do., gunnies, 10-10 lbs.	7.45
Do., cartons, 20-5 lbs., 5-2 lbs.	7.60
Beaver granulated, bags, 100 lbs.	7.25
Yellow, No. 1 light, bags, 100 lbs.	6.90
Do., golden, bags, 100 lbs.	6.90
Dark yellow, bags, 100 lbs.	6.70
Bright coffee, barrels	7.10
Crystal diamonds, barrels	7.90
Do., boxes, 100 lbs.	8.00
Do., boxes, 50 lbs.	8.10
Do., boxes, 25 lbs.	8.30
Do., cases, 20 cartons	8.40
Do., cases, 40 half cartons	8.90
Cut bar, extra hard lumps, 55lb.	7.90
Do., boxes, 100 lbs.	8.00
Do., boxes, 50 lbs.	8.10
Do., boxes, 25 lbs.	8.30

**GRAIN AND FLOUR EXPORTS.**

The following are the exports of grain from the Ports of Portland and St. John, N.B., that have arrived at their destination week ending March 16 1916:

To	Wheat, bus.	Barley, bus.	Flour, sacks.
Liverpool	160,000	.....	1,929
London	213,418	.....	9,750
Glasgow	.....	50,000	14,220
Manchester	143,795	.....	.....
Bordeaux	80,000	.....	.....
Totals	597,213	50,000	25,999

**WINNIPEG GRAIN RECEIPTS.**

The receipts of grain at Winnipeg for the week ended March 18, 1916, compared with the previous week and the corresponding week a year ago were, as follows:—

	Mar. 18, 1916.	Mar. 11, 1916.	Mar. 20, 1915.
No. 1 Hard	3	12	.....
No. 1 Northern	2,131	1,587	.....
No. 2 Northern	870	611	.....
No. 3 Northern	693	443	.....
No. 4 Northern	339	220	.....
No. 5 Northern	107	66	.....
No. 6 Northern	25	25	.....
Other grades	327	253	.....
Winter grades	19	2	.....
Total	4,224	3,215	1,274
Flax	1,107	825	57
Oats	1,000	116	633
Barley	120	63	29

**NEW ELEVATORS FOR PORT ARTHUR.**

It is reported that two new grain elevators will be built during the coming season in Port Arthur — one of them for the Saskatchewan Co-Operative Grain Association will have a capacity of 2,500,000 bushels, in the first unit, and will be so constructed that other units may be added later on. The working house will have a capacity of 500,000 bushels.

No announcement has been made as to the identity of the ownership of the second elevator, but officials of the C.N.R. state that its construction is assured.

The death of James Patton of the St. Lawrence Flour Mills Ltd., Montreal occurred at his home in that city on March 7. Mr. Patton was a well-known figure in the milling trade of this country with the St. Lawrence Co. He was connected with the Canadian Cereal and Flour Mills Co., in Toronto, as manager.

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**LONDON WOOL SALES.**

The second series of colonial wool sales closed in London, Eng., on March 17. The feature of the early days of the sales was a decline in prices of crossbreds, and merinoes, but at the end there was a notable recovery in most grades in anticipation of further government orders. The usual American demand was lacking through difficulty in getting licenses. Compared with the last auctions, fine merinos and crossbreds closed unchanged, while other grades were from five to ten per cent lower. During the series the home trade bought 77,000 bales, and France and Russia 8,000, while 11,000 were held over.

**PER CAPITA WHEAT CONSUMPTION.**

The consumption of Wheat has been estimated by the United States Department of Agriculture for various countries, with results as given in the accompanying tabulation. The estimates are based upon the average production for ten years, exports or imports of Wheat including Wheat Flour reduced to Wheat equivalent, and an allowance made for quantities used for seed.

	Bushels.
Canada	9.5
Belgium	8.3
France	7.9
Spain	6.1
United Kingdom	6.0
Switzerland	6.0
Australia	5.5
Italy	5.4
United States	5.3
Uruguay	5.3
Argentina	5.2
Bulgaria	5.0
Austria-Hungary	4.3
Netherlands	4.2
Roumania	4.0
Denmark	3.5
Chile	3.4
Germany	3.2
Russia	2.7
Servia	2.5
Sweden	2.5
Egypt	2.5
Portugal	1.8
British India	.8
Mexico	.8
Japan	.5