

POTATOES.

A steady trade is passing in potatoes in a whole-sale jobbing way, with prices steady at \$1.60 per bag of 100 lbs. ex-store, and car lots at \$1.50 per bag of 90 lbs., ex-track

BEANS.

The prospects are that the prices of beans will come down; at present trade is very light, as dealers are buying only small lots to fill actual demands.

We quote prices as follows:

Can. 3-lb. pickers	8.25	\$9.50
Can. 5-lb. pickers	8.50	8.75
Rangoon beans	7.75	8.00
Yellow eye beans	7.00	7.25

MAPLE PRODUCTS.

The market for maple products continues quiet, with prices firmly maintained

Extra choice syrup, 13-lb. tins	\$1.70	\$1.80
Choice syrup	1.55	1.65
Good syrup	1.40	1.50
Lower grades	1.25	1.30
Sugar, per lb.	0.14½	0.15

HONEY.

As supplies of honey continue to be very slow in coming in the market is very firm. The volume of business passing is very small.

We quote prices as follows:

White clover, in comb.	0.15	0.15½
Brown clover, in comb.	0.14	0.14½
White extracted	0.14	0.14½
Buckwheat honey	0.11	0.11½

GRAIN MARKET.

Not in many years has Winnipeg had such a continuous run of high grade wheat. The trade in oats has been decidedly active, with prices fluctuating, but on the whole tending downward, although on Saturday oats closed ¼c higher for October and November, December was unchanged, and May ¼c lower.

Flax dropped in price 4c to 4½c lower, due to speculative trading, followed by Argentina's entrance into the war against Germany. Duluth flax dropped 2c to 3c.

Cash prices closed:
Wheat No. 1 Northern, \$2.21; No. 2 Northern, \$2.18; No. 3 Northern, \$2.15; No. 4, \$2.10; No. 5, \$1.93; No. 6, \$1.83; feed, \$1.75; No. 4 special, \$2.10; No. 5 special, \$1.93; No. 6 special, \$1.83.

Oats No. 2 C.W., 66½c; No. 3 C.W., 65c; extra No. 1 feed, 65c; No. 1 feed, 64c; No. 2 feed, 63½c.
Barley No. 3 C.W., \$1.25; No. 4, C.W., \$1.21; rejected, \$1.15; feed, \$1.15.
Rye No. 2 C. W., \$1.82.
Flax No. 1 N.W.C., \$3.29½; No. 2 C.W., \$3.23½; No. 3 C.W., \$3.12½.

LOCAL GRAIN MARKET.

Quite an active trade has been done locally in Canadian Western oats, due to the fact that the market weakened, and prices declined ½c to 1½c per bushel. Sales of fully 100 cars of all grades were made for nearby and future shipment from Fort William. There was also a fairly good demand for spot supplies, including some round lots, and car lots of No. 2 Canadian western sold at 76¼c, No. 3 C. W. at 75c; extra No. 1 feed at 75c; No. 1 feed at 74c, and No. 2 feed at 73c per bushel ex-store. The market for Ontario and Quebec oats remains unchanged, with prices maintained. Trade in other lines of grain has also been more active than for some time past, and sales of some round lots of old crop American No. 2 mixed corn were made for shipment for December-January shipment at \$1.42 per bushel ex-track here. Sales of Manitoba feed wheat were made at \$1.87 to \$1.89 per bushel ex-store, and Manitoba feed and rejected barley changed hands at \$1.29. Ontario malting barley was offered more freely, and prices declined to \$1.30 to \$1.31 per bushel ex-track.

LOCAL FLOUR.

An unsettled feeling has developed in the local flour market, as there are indications of new developments in the near future. There has been a fairly good demand for spring wheat flour for prompt delivery, and for shipment within thirty days, and a number of orders for car and broken lots were received during the week, but it also reported that some millers have booked a few lines spread over for delivery during the next two or three months. The market is fairly active, with sales of first patents at \$11.60, seconds at \$11.10, and strong clears at \$10.90 per barrel in bags, and 30c more in wood, delivered to the trade.

The tone of the market for winter wheat flour has remained firm owing to the very limited supplies of winter wheat flour available on spot, and the continued small offerings from Ontario millers for prompt and nearby shipment. There is a steady demand for broken lots to meet immediate requirements, and sales of 90 per cent. patents on spot were made at \$11.80 per bbl. in wood, and at \$5.75 per bag, delivered to the trade, while contracts for quite a few car lots for future shipment have been made at \$10.50 to \$10.75 per barrel in bags.

MILLFEED AND ROLLED OATS.

As supplies of rolled oats available at present are small and the demand is steady the market remains unchanged with prices firm. Sales of standard grades were made in broken lots at \$4.30 to \$4.40 per bag of 90 lbs., delivered to the trade, and car lots were quoted at \$4.20.

The market for most lines of millfeed is steady with prices unchanged. A fairly good demand exists for both full cars and broken lots for prompt and nearby delivery, consequently millers say there is no accumulation of supplies to speak of, and the prospects are that quite an active trade will be done in the near future. Bran has sold at \$34 to \$35, shorts at \$40, and middlings at \$48 to \$50 per ton, including bags, delivered to the trade.

RECEIPTS OF GRAIN AND FLOUR.

The receipts of grain and flour in Montreal for the week ending September 22nd were:

Wheat, bushels	431,218
Oats, bushels	43,344
Barley, bushels	6,705
Flour, sacks	19,380
Hay, bales	9,558
Straw, bales	757

RECEIPTS OF GRAIN IN WINNIPEG.

The receipts of grain in Winnipeg for the week ending September 18, and the previous week, were:

	Sept. 11. date last yr.		
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No. 1 Hard	233	198	...
No. 1 Northern	2,011	2,523	...
No. 2 Northern	208	323	...
No. 3 Northern	87	113	...
No. 4 Wheat	41	24	...
No. 5 Wheat	17	12	...
No. 6 Wheat	6	7	...
Feed Wheat	4	2	...
Rejected	256	141	...
No. Grade	23	149	...
Winter	2	3	...
No. 4 Special	1	0	...
No. 5 Special	0	3	...
No. 6 Special	0	1	...
Totals	2,904	3,601	2,463
Oats	96	81	313
Barley	135	156	234
Flax	15	4	117

LOCAL STOCKS OF GRAIN IN STORE.

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

	Sept. 22, 1917.	Sept. 15, 1917.	Sept. 23, 1916.
Wheat, bushels	1,017,212	872,600	1,279,507
Barley, bushels	3,546	4,986	300,149
Rye, bushels	1,680	1,680	8,324
Flour, sacks	56,317	55,164	41,724
Corn, bushels	26,490	23,201	655,946
Oats, bushels	1,869,385	730,717	3,640,189

RECEIPTS OF BUTTER AND CHEESE.

The following table shows the receipts of butter and cheese in Montreal for the week ending September 22, 1917, with comparisons:

	Butter, Pkgs.	Cheese, Bxs.
Week ending Sept. 22, 1917	11,428	65,250
Week ending Sept. 15, 1917	9,580	72,594
Week ending Sept. 23, 1916	21,902	74,797
Total receipts May 1, to Sept. 22, 1917	255,947	1,368,169
Total receipts May 1, to Sept. 23, 1916	368,653	1,594,995

NEWFOUNDLAND COD FISHERY.

The St. John's Herald of September 11 has the following:

The catch of codfish, as follows, up to September 1st, is compiled from the reports received by the Board of Trade and shows an increase of more than 260,000 quintals over the previous year:

District	1917.	1916.
Ferryland	28,115	21,565
Placentia and Saint Mary's	58,825	37,375
Burin	184,530	115,850
Fortune Bay	102,475	55,540
Burgeo and LaPoile	41,485	41,455
St. George's	12,940	7,130
St. Barbe	39,000	21,025
Twillingate	27,710	7,610
Fogo	33,750	7,330
Bonavista	85,105	39,190
Trinity	20,446	30,140
Carbonear	1,120	1,510
Harbor Grace	3,335	4,430
Port de Grave	800	1,520
Harbor Main	310	2,850
Straits	31,120	15,900
Totals	672,080	410,420

WHEAT REQUIREMENTS AND SURPLUS.

The London Grain, Seed and Oil Reporter of Aug. 24 makes the following deduction from the 1917 crop requirements for foreign countries and the surpluses of the exporting countries, and says:

The wheat position, therefore, for the season just commenced, works out as follows on the basis of 20 per cent. reduction in the consumption compared with pre-war requirements in the United Kingdom and 10 per cent. in France and Italy:

	Estimated Requirements, Bushels.
United Kingdom	160,000,000
France	112,000,000
Italy	72,000,000
Holland and Belgium	64,000,000
Spain and Portugal	8,000,000
Switzerland, Greece and O. E. Co't.	48,000,000
Total Europe	464,000,000
Non-European C't	56,000,000
Grand Total	520,000,000
	Estimated Surpluses, Bushels.
United States	100,000,000
Canada	140,000,000
Australia (Pr. Res.)	136,000,000
India (Pr. Res.)	48,000,000
Argentina—	
From 1917 crop	100,000,000
Australia, do.	80,000,000
North Africa	4,000,000
Total	608,000,000

MILKMEN ASKED TO WAIT.

Ottawa, Sept. 23.

All milk producers and all wholesale and retail dealers in Canada engaged in the supply of fresh milk for daily consumption, are earnestly requested to make no advance upon the prices for milk obtaining in their district on September 1st until the committee appointed to deal with milk supply and prices have reported on what action, if any, should be taken. It is expected the committee will begin sittings during the week of September 24th and should be in a position to report by November.

Before a just basis for cost of milk production can be arrived at, the effect on prices of this year's crop of coarse grain in Canada and the United States must be ascertained.