

LIVE STOCK.

The chief feature in last week's live stock market was an advance in the price of cattle, due to the light supplies coming forward, which are scarcely sufficient to meet requirements. The strength in the cattle situation is attributed to the fact that there is a scarcity of suitable stock throughout the country at present, as grass-fed cattle are not in fit condition for the market yet. Rainy weather had a depressing effect on the Wednesday sale, which was characterized by a demand for small lots for actual needs. The price of choice steers and heifers advanced to \$9.50 to \$10.00 on Monday, but dropped 25c on Wednesday, closing at \$9.50 to \$9.65. Sheep and lambs remain firm at last week's quotations. Calves are unchanged with a fair trade and some shipments to American points. Hogs show an increase in price over the previous week, due to a strong demand from packers and a better quality of stock coming forward. At the Monday sale, 250 cattle, 200 sheep and lambs, 900 hogs and 300 calves, were offered, and at the Wednesday sale 400 cattle, 250 sheep and lambs, 650 hogs and 1,450 calves.

Receipts of cattle at the Union Stock Yards, Toronto, on Monday, were the largest of the season so far. The market was very active, with a good volume of business passing at exceptionally high prices. In some cases choicest butchers' steers showed a slight advance over last week's high levels. Sheep and lambs were steady, and hogs fairly firm. Wednesday's sale developed a stronger tone, with closing prices 25c to 30c above the previous week. The sheep and lamb market was very strong, with a couple of sheep weighing 100 lbs., making a new high record.

Quotations for round lots were as follows:—
Per cwt.

	Montreal.	Toronto.
Butcher steers, best	8.75	9.25
Do., good	8.45	8.70
Do., fair	8.15	8.35
Do., medium	7.50	8.00
Do., rough	7.00	8.00
Butcher bulls, best	7.00	8.00
Do., good	6.75	7.00
Do., medium	5.50	6.50
Canning bulls	3.75	4.50
Butcher cows, best	6.75	7.50
Do., good	5.50	6.50
Do., common	5.00	5.00
Do., canners	3.75	4.50
Sheep	8.50	9.00
Lambs	5.00	8.00
Hogs, select, weighed	12.00	12.25
Do., roughs and mixed	11.50	11.75
Do., common	11.00	11.50
Calves, choice	0.08½	0.09
Do., medium	0.06½	0.07½

RECEIPTS OF BUTTER, CHEESE AND EGGS.

The following table shows the receipts of butter, cheese and eggs in Montreal for the week ending May 20th, 1916, with comparisons:

	Butter, Pcks.	Cheese, Boxes.	Eggs, Cases.
Week ending May 20, 1916.	7,765	54,971	19,774
Week ending May 13, 1916.	7,654	33,506	20,047
Week ending May 22, 1915.	11,706	55,073	18,333

Total receipts, May 1 to date, seasons 1916.	21,712	104,651	64,924
Total receipts May 1 to date, season 1915.	28,725	115,623	66,587

BUTTER GRADING IN WEST.

An important dairy conference, the first of the kind held in Canada, took place in Regina today for the purpose of getting together representatives to compare the methods of grading creamery butter in the three prairie provinces and adopt a uniform scale of grading. The purpose was fully realized. Samples of butter from Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and Montreal were used for scoring purposes and the scores of the graders when compared were remarkably uniform. Differences in viewpoints were thoroughly discussed, and it was found quite possible to harmonize them, one standard and scale being adopted for all three provinces.

Minimum scores will be as follows:
First grade—Flavor, 39 points out of 45; total score, 92 out of 100 points.
Second grade: Thirty-seven for flavor and 85 for total.

FLOUR, CEREALS AND MILLFEED.

The Montreal flour market has been very quiet during the past week, with no outstanding features. Considerable enquiry from foreign buyers was reported in the early part of the week, but no business resulted owing to the increased prices asked by millers. There is very little demand for flour for the moment, as most houses are still stocked up with the liberal purchases made a short time ago. At this season of the year, however, the market is governed more by the weather and western crop reports than by actual stocks on hand. The wheat market has been very strong during the past ten days, in sympathy with crop damage reports from winter wheat states, and rather cool backward weather for growth in Canada and the spring wheat states.

The demand for millfeed is still good. On account of the late spring cows are not out to graze yet in most cases. This fact, coupled with the high prices of all coarse grains has helped to stimulate the demand. No drop in price is expected, as millers are pretty well sold out. There was a good enquiry from the United States last week for bran, but our millers not being in a position to accept further orders, it led to nothing. The rolled oats market continues quiet, with a fair demand for local account, and a better export trade.

	Montreal.	Toronto.
First patents, per bbl., in bags	6.70	6.80
Second patents, do.	6.20	6.30
Strong clears, do.	6.00	6.10
30c per bbl. more in wood.		
Winter wheat flour—		
Fancy Patents	6.00	6.10
90 per cent in wood	5.30	5.40
90 per cent in bags	2.45	2.50

	Montreal.	Toronto.
Cereals:—		
Cornmeal, yellow, in per bag, 98 lbs.	1.85	
Rolls oats, per bbl., in wood	5.10	5.20
per bag, 90 lbs.	2.40	2.45
Rolls wheat, 100 lb. bbl.	4.00	3.00
Rye flour, 98 lb. bag	2.65	2.80
Graham flour, 98 lb. bag	3.25	
Barley pot., 98 lbs.	3.00	
Barley, Pearl, 98 lbs.	4.50	4.70
Whole wheat flour, 98 lbs.	3.25	
Middlings, per ton	28.00	30.00
Bran, per ton	24.00	24.00
Shorts, per ton	26.00	26.00
Feed flour, per ton	35.00	
Feed flour, bag	1.60	1.70
Moullie, pure grain grades, per ton	35.00	37.00
Do., mixed	30.00	32.00
Barley feed, per ton	32.00	
Do., meal, per ton	35.00	
Crushed oats, 80 lbs.	1.85	
Reground oatmeal feed, per ton	19.00	

GRAIN 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 May 18, 1916.

	Flour, Sacks.	Wheat, Bush.	Barley, Bush.
Liverpool	3,929	200,199	
London	6,800	167,019	
Leith	9,550	161,900	60,190
Belfast	15,950		9,936
	36,229	529,118	70,126

MONTREAL PRODUCE RECEIPTS.

The receipts of the principal commodities at Montreal for the past two weeks follow:

	Week end. May 20	Week end. May 13.
Wheat bushels	1,397,225	2,355,221
Oats, bush.	364,673	1,167,699
Barley, bush.	2,689	106,670
Flour, barrels	44,696	16,335
Eggs, cases	19,774	24,047
Butter, packages	7,765	7,654
Cheese, boxes	54,971	33,510
Potatoes, bags	23,760	13,509
Hay, bales	18,138	19,422

Mr. Denning, of the firm of Hodgson Bros. and Rowson, cheese exporters, has returned recently from his annual trip to England. Mr. Denning tells of a shortage of cheese stocks in the Old Country, but is unwilling to make any startling prophecies as to the future of the cheese market, which is likely to fluctuate more or less owing to abnormal prevailing conditions.

GROCERIES.

A number of notable features characterize the present grocery situation. Prices of canned goods are firmly maintained under a good demand and light supplies. As present stocks are barely sufficient to meet requirements until the new crop is marketed in September, there is every prospect of an increase in price. It is reported that most of the tinned salmon of the new crop is already sold out at good prices, and as at least 35 per cent is for export, an advance in prices is expected. Supplies will about be sufficient for domestic needs.

The Montreal sugar market is quiet, as dealers bought heavily before the recent advance in price, and are pretty well stocked up for the next few weeks. The English embargo on sugar and articles containing sugar, coupled with high prices in the home market, has caused an advance in the price of jams, sweet chocolate and candies. The molasses situation remains unchanged from week to week. Very limited quantities are being manufactured, as the raw sugar is almost entirely taken up for refining purposes, and the small stocks available are held up by freight difficulties, as all the ocean bottoms are required for sugar transportation. In consequence the molasses market is practically bare, any shipments arriving finding their way immediately into the retailers' hands, without any appreciable effect on the market.

Imported rice is very high, at least 2c above ruling prices in Canada. Millers are using supplies bought last winter, which tends to ease the situation and keep the market firm. The tea market is very firm. Congos and Chinas are up in price, owing to heavy buying on the part of the Allies. Japanese tea has not yet arrived. According to cable advices the Japan market has opened up with a good quality of tea offering on about the same basis as last year. London advices report an active market, with a good demand and rising prices. The scarcity of lead for the boxes and the high freight rates are affecting the situation to a certain extent.

Imported soaps are very high and scarce. A Montreal dealer received a cable last week offering genuine castile at 130 frs. in comparison with 70 frs. before the war. The Canadian article, although not the genuine castile soap, is meeting with a good demand. Laundry soap remains unchanged in price, but an advance is expected before long, owing to the extremely high prices asked for oils and caustic.

Current quotations follow:—

	Montreal.
Syrup and Molasses.	
Barbadoes Molasses:	
Punchons, fancy, per gal.	0.57
Do., choice, per gal.	0.51
Barrels, fancy, per gal.	0.60
Do., choice, per gal.	0.54
Half-bbls., fancy, per gal.	0.62
Do., choice, per gal.	0.56
Corn syrups:—	
Barrels, per lb., 4c; ½ bbls., 4¼c; ¼ bbls.	0.04½
Pails, 38½ lbs., \$2.10, 25 lbs.	1.50
Cases, 2 lb. tins, 2 doz. in case	2.75
Cases, 5 lb. tins, 1 doz. in case	3.15
Cases, 10 lb. tins, ½ doz. in case	3.05
Cases, 20 lb. tins, ¼ doz. in case	3.00
Sealed jars, 3 lbs., 1 doz. in case	2.80
Canned Goods.	
Tomatoes, 3's, doz.	1.20
Peas, 2's, standard, per doz.	0.95
Corn, 2's, doz.	0.95
Salmon canners' quotations:—	
1 lb. flats, red sockeye	2.72½
½ lb. flats, red sockeye	1.67½
1 lb. talls, Clover Leaf	2.72½
1 lb. talls, Pinks	1.75
1 lb. Red Spring	2.75
Rice, B. per 100 lbs.	4.30
Do., Glace A, per 100 lbs.	5.40

NOTES.

Mr. G. D. Warrington, cheese exporter, has returned from his annual trip to Great Britain. Mr. Warrington reports a general scarcity of cheese in the English market.

A new milling company is being formed at Markham, Ont., with a capitalization of \$75,000. The company proposes to erect a mill of the latest type, valued at \$60,000, a short distance from Markham Station. It was stated on good authority that ctaive construction work would be commenced almost immediately. The chief shareholders in the new company will be A. Ward Milne, proprietor of Milne's Mill, a short distance from Markham; D. E. Jones, and J. Schnurr. It is the intention of the company to call for only \$10,000 of outside subscriptions. The proposed new mill will be one of the largest and most up-to-date in the county, and will be able to handle practically all the grain harvested in the township.