

RECEIPTS OF BUTTER AND CHEESE.

The following table shows the receipts of butter and cheese in Montreal for the week ending December 15th, 1917, with comparisons:

	Butter, pkgs.	Cheese, boxes.
Receipts Dec. 15, 1917	399	353
Receipts Dec. 8, 1917	620	488
Receipts Dec. 16, 1916	925	1,005
Week ending Dec. 15, 1917	1,774	3,285
Week ending Dec. 8, 1917	3,245	10,315
Week ending Dec. 16, 1916	3,341	5,874
Total receipts May 1 to Dec. 15, 1917	340,798	1,809,871
Total receipts May 1 to Dec. 16, 1916	486,589	2,200,647

LIVE STOCK.

MONTREAL—The offerings of livestock at the two Montreal stock yards, for the week ending December 15th, amounted to 2,850 cattle, 2,250 sheep and lambs, 1,100 hogs and 350 calves. Choice cattle was not plentiful last week, and calves were small as to offerings. Hogs were very firm. A good trade was done in all lines. Lambs were very strong as supplies were light.

We quote Montreal prices as follows:

Steers, per 100 lbs.—		
Choice	\$12.50	\$13.00
Good	12.00	12.25
Fairly good	11.00	11.50
Fair	10.50	10.75
Light steers	8.00	9.00
Butchers' bulls—		
Choice	9.00	9.25
Good	8.50	8.75
Medium	8.00	8.25
Common	7.50	7.75
Butchers' cows—		
Choice	8.50	8.75
Good	8.00	8.25
Medium	7.50	7.75
Common	7.00	7.25
Canners' cattle—		
Bulls	6.50	6.75
Cows	5.50	5.50
Sheep, per 100 lbs.—		
Ewes	12.50	13.00
Bucks and culls	11.50	12.00
Ontario lambs	17.00	17.50
Quebec lambs	16.00	16.50
Calves, per 100 lbs.—		
Choice milk-fed stocks	14.00	15.00
Good milk-fed stock	12.00	13.00
Grass-fed calves	6.50	10.00

TORONTO — The feature of the week was the increase in the price of hogs in spite of a heavy run. Cattle prices showed a decline due to the fact that there were a good many stale cattle on the market, and that choice cattle were somewhat scarce. Lambs were easier in price, and trade was slow.

Toronto quotations:

Choice export steers	11.30	13.00
Butchers' choice handy	10.50	11.25
Do., good	9.50	10.00
Do., medium	8.50	8.75
Do., common	7.75	8.00
Butchers' bulls, choice	8.00	9.25
Do., good	7.50	8.25
Do., medium	6.25	7.25
Butchers' choice cows	8.25	8.75
Do., good	7.25	8.00
Do., medium	6.50	7.00
Fedders	8.00	9.25
Stockers, good	7.25	8.00
Do., medium	6.50	7.00
Canners	5.00	5.40
Milkers, good to choice	90.00	125.00
Do., common and medium	65.00	85.00
Calves, veal, choice	15.00	15.50
Do., medium	6.00	6.50
Do., common	6.00	7.00
Do., grass	6.00	7.00
Do., heavy fat	8.00	10.50
Spring lambs, cwt.	16.75	17.00
Sheep, ewes, light	8.50	13.50
Do., heavy and bucks	7.50	9.50
Do., culls	4.00	5.50
Hogs, fed and watered	18.40	18.40
Do., off cars	18.00	18.75
Do., f.o.b.	17.50	17.50

PROVISIONS.

An increased demand from packers for supplies and light offerings due to the stormy weather led to a very firm feeling in the hog market and higher prices. The net advance in the Toronto market has been 75c to \$1.25 per 100 lbs. with last sales reported at \$18.50 per 100 lbs. fed and watered, and at \$18.75 weighed off cars, while in Winnipeg selected lots have sold fully \$1 per 100 lbs. higher at \$17, but the rise in prices in the local market has only been 50c per 100 lbs., with latest sales of selected lots reported at \$18 to \$18.50 per 100 lbs. weighed off cars.

Prices of dressed stock also increased from 75c to \$1 per 100 lbs., due to the increased consumption of pork. The market for smoked and cured meats showed little change, but the tone has been firm. The tone of the market for lard is also firm.

We quote current prices as follows:

	Per lb.	Per lb.
Hams:—		
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	0.27½	0.28
Compound Lard (Western Grades):—		
Tubs	0.25	0.26

C. P. R. EMBARGO ON WHEAT MOVEMENTS.

The Manitoba Free Press of December 10, says: "At the request of the Board of Grain Supervisors for Canada, the C. P. R. has placed an embargo on the movement of wheat to Fort William over their lines in Alberta. All movements of wheat on their lines from now on in the Province of Alberta will be to mills only."

"The territory covered by this embargo feeds mills at Medicine Hat, Maple Creek, Lethbridge, Macleod, Calgary and vicinity, as well as smaller mills at more interior points."

"Practically all of these mills have contracts for Britain and the Allies. For some time the Board of Grain Supervisors has been making very careful investigation as to the amount of wheat still in the country, and has concluded that if contracts are to be met and domestic requirements supplied, no more wheat must go off C. P. R. lines in Alberta. The C. P. R., in accordance with the urgent demands of the Wheat Export Company, has been making every effort to move an exceptional amount before navigation closes. In this effort they have succeeded almost too well, as supplies seem to be very thoroughly cleaned up at some points."

"The conflict of interests which has occasionally been apparent in the past between the requirements of the Wheat Export Co. for wheat and the buyers of flour for Britain and the Allies has now been eliminated by the appointment of a buyer here who will work from the office of the Wheat Export Co."

"The movement of wheat off Canadian Northern lines in Alberta has been much slower. The northern portion of the province, served by the latter road, is later than the south. So far the Board of Grain Supervisors has not found it necessary to place an embargo on their lines in regard to the wheat for export."

CANADA'S RESOURCES.

Ottawa, December 4.

The first comprehensive and authoritative directory of Canada's natural resources is to be published without delay by the Commission of Conservation. Sir Clifford Sifton, the Chairman, gave the first intimation of this at the annual meeting of the Commission last week and the details respecting the mammoth undertaking are now made public. The task was begun in 1910 as being fundamental to the work with which Parliament expressly charged the Commission, viz., to consider all questions relating to the conservation and better utilization of the natural resources of Canada and to "make inventories, collect and disseminate such information." The inventories will be arranged and published geographically, provinces having similar or identical resources being grouped together. One division, for instance, will cover the Maritime provinces, another the Prairie provinces, another Ontario, etc.

The securing of this information was a colossal task. Some of it was obtained from unpublished government documents that had lain dormant for years, and

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MARY COCKBURN, of the City and District of Montreal, wife of JOHN C. ROSS of the same place, newspaper representative,

PLAINTIFF.

vs.

THE SAID JOHN C. ROSS,

DEFENDANT.

An action in separation as to property has been taken against the Defendant, on November 10th, 1917. HENEKER, CHAUVIN & WALKER, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

Montreal, November 13th, 1917.

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The information now to be published will be of the utmost importance in the solution of after-the-war problems, in the utilization of natural resources and in ensuring the enactment of intelligent legislation regarding them. Its publication will mark another stage in the valuable work the Commission of Conservation is carrying on.