

all these prices are being quoted from the wholesale markets and not as retail figures.

Potatoes, amongst all classes, are considered as a food, second only in importance to bread and equally as valuable as meat. Through inquiry from dealers and typical families the average consumption of potatoes by a family of five would be one bag per month for the community of 1,000 families. The average cost is 80 cents per bag, so that for one month the total expenditure would be \$800, and for one year, \$9,600 on potatoes.

The family of five it has also been ascertained would consume at least one barrel of sugar per year at a wholesale cost of \$5 per barrel. This would mean for 1,000 such families an output of \$5,000 per year for sugar. This amount is very much below the mark when the retail custom of selling 18 or 20 pounds for a dollar is taken into account.

Business for the Farmers.

Butter, eggs and milk are used abundantly and the per capita consumption is equally great in these articles with children and with adults. The rates of consumption of butter in the family of five is claimed to be at least one pound per day, and the average cost of the different grades used for baking and for the table, is 18 cents per pound. Thus, 1,000 families would spend each day \$180 for butter or \$65,700 per year. Eggs are consumed by a family of five at the rate of ten dozen per month and they cost on an average 23 cents per dozen for an entire year. One thousand families would at this price spend \$2,300 per month or \$27,600 per year on eggs. The milk dealers say that a family of five would use on an average of one quart of milk per day, and this quantity at an average cost of 5 cents. So milk would cost our thousand families \$50 per day, or \$18,250 per year. Summing up, the dairy produce alone, consumed by the industrial element in the town would represent an expenditure of \$111,550 per year.

One must pause at this juncture to consider the total amount of money paid by the people employed in the big factory for their food, every article of which, save sugar, might come from the farms bordering on the town. For flour, meats, potatoes, sugar, and dairy produce the amount paid in one year would be \$226,600, or, excluding the sugar, \$221,600. This sum comprises the wholesale price for all the farm produce eaten by five thousand factory people. One of the reasons for giving the wholesale quotations, while they do not represent the exact amount spent by the consumers, was to show the close relation between the industry employing one thousand men and the farmers in the neighboring country, because, there is very little difference in Ontario between the wholesale price and the producer's price.