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## COMMERCIAL MARKETS.

Wholesale and retail trade in Montreal continues brisk, and would seem to be influenced very little, if any, by the unfavorable news regarding the crop situation in the West. The belief apparently prevails that the high price for grain will make up, to a very considerable extent, for the reduction in the quantity or the deterioration in the quality of the wheat. Although money is almost as tight as ever, the feeling is more hopeful, and in some quarters is almost buoyant. The trade in men's ready-made clothing continues to expand rapidly from year to year, and the advance in the price of clothing will rather favor than discourage the demand for this class of goods. The demand for cottons has been exceptionally good. Boot and shoe manufacturers appear busy, and the trade in groceries is all that could be looked for. The movement in metals and hardware also continues brisk, and wholesalers have all they can do to attend to it. Collections are none too satisfactory, but fully as good as expected.

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Montreal, Sept. 26th.

**Butter.**—The market has advanced sharply again, and at present it would be impossible to get finest Townships creameries at less than 25½c., while for the freshest receipts 26c. is being demanded. Quebecs are about ½c. under Townships. Ontario dairy is selling at 22c., and Ontario is buying creamery in this market freely for this time of year.

**Cheese.**—The market shows a firmer tone, and there is considerable inquiry from England, which will probably result in business. Prices show little change as yet, being still 12¼ to 12¾c. for Quebec creamery, 12¾ to 12½c. for Townships, and 12½ to 12¾c. for Ontarios.

**Eggs.**—Dealers are now paying 19 to 20c. per dozen in the country, and selling the goods, as they arrive, at about 21 to 21¼c. No. 1 candled stock is a fraction more, and selects 25 to 26c.

**Hides.**—The only change is an advance of 10c. in lamb-skins, dealers now paying 60 to 70c. each for them. The remainder of the market is steady.

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Toronto, September 26th.

**Fruit.**—Local fruits are plentiful and cheap. There is a big drop in the price of plums. Peaches are about the only scarce fruit and are likely to be all the season. Grapes promise a good crop. The first Cape Cod cranberries have arrived.

**Fish.**—The oyster and haddie season is opening. With a little colder weather, the demand should be active.

**Hides.**—The market is weaker and there have been further declines. Any sales of any account have been at less than the last. Bottom prices do not appear to be in sight. We quote:—Inspected, No. 1, 8c.; No. 2, 7c.; No. 3, 6c.; country, 6c.; calf skins, city, 12c.; country, 10 and 11c.; lamb skins, 55 to 65c.; horsehides, \$2.75 to \$3; tallow, 5½ to 6c. per lb.

**Wool.**—The London sales opened on Tuesday. Prices were unchanged. Trade here is steady. We quote:—Unwashed, 12 to 13c.; washed, 22 to 23c.; rejects, 16c.

**Groceries.**—The price of currants has advanced in the primary market, while the price of raisins has declined. None of the Mediterranean fruit has arrived yet. Much preserving is being done, there being a great demand for sugar and jam jars. White beans are very high in price selling for about \$1.75 per bushel. This price should be reduced soon, as the potato crop is heavy.

**Provisions.**—There is no marked change in the market. Egg supplies are falling off somewhat, also the supplies of creamery butter. The demand is good. We quote:—Creamery prints, 26 to 28c.; creamery solids, 24½ to 25½c.; farmers' separator prints, 23c.; farmers' separator solids, 22 to 22½c.; dairy prints, 21 to 22c.; bakers', 20c.; eggs, 21 to 24c.

## DOMINION REVENUE.

The August figures of the Dominion revenue are very satisfactory. The average increase is nearly two million dollars per month. Here are the figures:—

August 1906.	August 1907.	Increase Per Cent.
\$7,630,000	\$9,364,000	22

The revenue during the first five months of the fiscal year was \$41,656,000. This is \$5,000,000 more than the total income of Canada for the whole of 1896. The details are as follows:—

Revenue.	Aug. 1907.	Total to Aug.
Customs . . . . .	\$5,618,583 09	\$26,070,498 52
Excise . . . . .	1,352,562 34	6,470,860 72
Post Office . . . . .	470,000 00	2,480,000 00
Public works, including railways	941,518 99	4,352,224 67
Miscellaneous . . . . .	981,852 89	2,282,822 01
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>\$9,364,517 31</b>	<b>\$41,656,405 92</b>

The public debt stands at \$251,785,653, a decrease for the month of \$1,216,214. Since the opening of the fiscal year the net debt has decreased about ten millions.

The expenditure shows signs of increasing. For August it was \$5,846,497, as compared with \$3,709,964, a year ago. For the five months it has been \$23,038,161. The expenditure on capital account for the month has been \$2,448,258, and for the five months \$7,009,900. The total disbursements for the year so far have been thirty millions. Of the seven millions spent on capital account \$5,118,671, have been on public works, railways and canals.

A movement has been started at Asquith, Sask., to establish the hamlet as a village corporation.



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