

## COUNTRY PRODUCE.

## EGGS.

The receipts of eggs in Montreal last week amounted to 5,381 cases as against 13,372 cases for the corresponding week a year ago. The receipts from May 1st to July 28th amounted to 174,251 compared with 250,872 for the same period in 1916. For the past week the total receipts fell short of those for the corresponding week a year ago by 8,000 cases, while the receipts for the season to date are over 76,000 cases short of last year's for the corresponding period. At the beginning of last week prices were advanced 4c per dozen over those for the previous week and the firmer market has been maintained. New laid candled stock changing hands in a jobbing way at 46c to 48c with fresh gathered as they arrived selling at 42c to 43c with number one storage at 40c to 44c. These jobbing prices are above an export basis. Receipts of eggs continue light, and the consumption is heavy.

The export outlook has greatly improved. Enquiries and offers have been received from Britain both for immediate and fall shipment. There is, however, no fresh-gathered surplus at present available. Some sales reported of storage for fall shipment at good prices.

Current prices are as follows:

Strictly new laid	0.46	0.48
Selected eggs	0.40	0.44
No. 1 candled stock	0.37	0.40
No. 2 candled stock	0.36	0.38

## POULTRY.

The poultry market continues quiet with a few arrivals of live fowl selling at 22c to 25c according to size. Large quantities of storage stocks still on hand.

There is no business passing in the export trade. Sales could be made if space was procurable. About 5,000 boxes of chickens were exported to Great Britain last week from New York.

## BEANS.

The city of Verdun has prohibited the sale of Rangoon or Burmese beans in that district and so a new situation has arisen in the local market. This notice followed letters from the Health Department at Ottawa, stating that the Rangoon bean, was poisonous, and would be likely to cause diseases. In former years, Montreal has been in the habit of importing French and Austrian beans to supplement the Canadian crop, but this source of supplies has been cut off since the war began, and this year local firms imported large quantities of beans from India and Burmah, commonly known as "Rangoons." Because these beans have been selling at a much cheaper price than the Canadian white beans, they have been more generally bought by the local consumer. Sometime in August, there will arrive via Japan, a large consignment of these beans for the local market, and if Verdun's order is to be followed by like orders throughout Canada, and the imported bean is put off the list of foods, the Canadian bean will possibly become more of a luxury than it is at the present time.

## POTATOES.

A few new potatoes from districts around Montreal have been brought into the city, but they were very small. Next week they are expected to be in more

marketable shape. Sales of American potatoes in barrels are reported at \$5.00 to \$6.00 per barrel for No. 1 and \$3.00 to \$4.00 for No. 2. A lot of 150 bags of old Canadian potatoes were reported at \$2.00 per bag of 90 lbs.

## MAPLE PRODUCTS.

Last week the British Government lifted the embargo that had been placed on sugar imports into England, and a good cable demand for Canadian goods was the result. In the local market the demand for syrup had caused a lot of manufacturing from the sugar in store, so that when the English embargo was lifted the market was found to be shy of stocks of sugar, and the price advanced a cent per pound immediately. Outside of this demand and some shipments to Western Canadian points and to Denver, Colorado, there was little business done. Prices for syrup closed unchanged from those of last week.

## PROVISIONS.

Receipts of provisions in Montreal for the week ending July 28th, 1917, were 1,439 packages of tinned meats, 2,643 live hogs, 86 boxes of hams and bacon, and 154 packages of lard. The extreme hot weather of last week had a depressing effect on the provision market except in the case of cooked meats the demand for which was exceedingly good and dealers were kept busy filling orders. Prices did not change, however. The price of pure lard descended 1c. per lb., and there was a much weaker tone to the market which was due to the accumulation of stocks and a decreased demand. The market for live and dressed hogs became very firm on Friday when sales for dressed were made at 1/4c per lb. advance to 23c to 23 1/4c for abattoir fresh killed stock. The prices for live hogs did not change.

We quote current prices as follows:

	Per lb.
Hams:—	
Smoked Hams, 8-10 lbs.	0.30
Do., 12-15 lbs.	0.28
Do., over 25 lbs.	0.26
Bacon:—	
Breakfast	0.35
Windsor Bacon, selected	0.37
Windsor Bacon, boneless	0.39
Barrel Pork:—	
Short cut pork	0.48
Pure Lard:—	
20 lb. pails	0.24 1/2
Compound Lard (Western Grades):—	
Tubs	0.21 1/2

## LIVESTOCK.

MONTREAL.—The offerings at the two sales last week, amounted to 1,510 cattle, 1,135 sheep and lambs, 1,940 hogs and 1,520 calves. There was a very draggy market for cattle on Monday and with the exception of lambs, which advanced a dollar on light offerings, prices were generally lower. On Tuesday small offerings of very choice cattle resulted in a reaction, and the draggy feeling which has existed for some weeks now disappeared and with the exception of hogs the general undertone of the market became stronger, sheep advanced 50c per cwt., and lambs \$1. Trading in hogs was heavy on both days but prices showed a slight decline in price. As offerings in sheep and lambs were limited and the demand good, prices went up to \$9 for sheep, and \$14.50 for lambs. Calves were steady at \$6 to \$8 for grassfeds and weaker at \$12.00 to \$14.00 for milkfeds.

TORONTO. — The offerings at the two yards amounted to 5,745 cattle, 571 calves, 2,427 hogs and 2,209 sheep and lambs. The hot weather had a depressing effect upon the cattle markets and trade throughout the week was dull and draggy, with further sharp declines in prices. All cattle became easily 25c to 40c lower constituting a decrease for the first three days, business of from 60c to 75c. The high figure paid for butcher cattle was \$10.50 for a load of twenty, averaging 1,277 lbs. Good butchers', with very little demand, were bringing from \$9.50 to \$9.85. Cows found a better request, and sold at from \$7.50 to \$10 for good to choice, and one exceptionally fine cow brought \$11 per cwt. Bulls were a slow sale at from \$6.50 to \$7.50.

In marked contrast to the decline in the cattle section of the market hogs sold at an advance, and brought \$16 fed and watered. The apparent scarcity of hogs is responsible for the rise in price.

	Per Cwt.	Montreal.	Toronto.
Butchers' steers, per 100 lbs.			
Do., choice	10.00	10.25	11.00
Do., good	9.50	10.00	10.25
Do., medium	8.50	8.75	9.50
Do., rough	7.50	7.25	8.00
Butchers' Cows.			
Do., choice	8.25	8.75	8.00
Do., good	7.50	8.00	7.50
Do., fair	6.50	7.00	7.50
Bulls, choice	9.00	9.50	8.50

Do., good	8.00	8.50	.....
Do., fair	7.00	7.50	6.00
Canners cattle.			
Do., bulls	5.50	6.00	5.00
Do., Cows	5.25	5.75	.....
Sheep and Lambs.			
Yearling	13.00	14.00	.....
Spring Lambs, each	8.00	9.00	13.00
Calves, milkfed	11.00	12.00	8.00
Do., grassfed	6.50	7.25	.....
Hogs, good	15.25	15.75	.....
Do., choice selects	16.00	16.50	.....
Do., heavyweights	15.00	15.25	.....
Sows	13.00	13.50	.....
Stags	12.00	12.50	.....

## INCREASE OF 1 CENT IN GRAIN RATES, LAKE AND RAIL.

Increases in both the through and local grain rates on both lake and rail and all-rail routes east of Fort William have been granted by the Dominion Railway Commission. On the through rates from Fort William to Toronto and Montreal, there has been an increase of one cent in both lake and rail, and all-rail rates, making the former 16 cents, and the latter 21 cents. But the board has refused to add an additional two cents to the lake and rail rates as asked for by certain railway companies for the purpose of preventing the competition of the Canadian Northern Railway from breaking the all-rail rate.

The increase in freight rates on grain and grain products east of Fort William was included in the Eastern rate increases applied for by the railway companies in February, 1915. But in May, 1916, the request for these specific increases was withdrawn owing to the construction of the National Transcontinental which provided a shorter mileage and the railway companies were unable to agree among themselves what the increase rates should be. Judgment in the Eastern rate case last July provided for increases in the rates on nearly all commodities but no increases on grain and grain products.

The railway companies then made another application for such increases which was opposed by the Dominion Millers' Association, the Montreal Board of Trade, the Montreal Corn Exchange, and James Richardson & Sons, of Kingston. The original application for increased rates on grain and grain products called for the rate by lake and rail to be raised from 15 to 16 cents, and the all-rail from 20 to 21 cents. The second application asked that the lake and rail rate be 18 cents, and the all-rail 21 cents. The increase in the lake and rail rate requested was due to the Canadian Northern not reaching any port on Georgian Bay or Lake Huron. To secure all-rail traffic in competition with the lake and rail routes the Canadian Northern cut the all-rail rate from 20 to 18 cents, claiming they could not handle any of the business at more than three cents in excess of the lake and rail rate. It was to prevent this rate cutting that the additional two cents was sought on the lake and rail rate which was refused by the commission.

On the application for increases on the through rates east of Fort William the board in its decision says: "On the evidence before us we would not be justified in allowing a greater increase in the lake and rail rate than the one cent originally applied for, unless some temporary increase was allowed during the abnormal conditions of war time under the 15 per cent. increase application which the board has now before it. If that application is favorably considered the Canadian Northern Railway Company would doubtless have an opportunity of fixing a remunerative rate which would enable it to get a share of the summer business."

Local mileage rates on grain and grain products have in many instances been increased. For instance local carload rates at present are on a six cent basis, while under the board's decision they will be 6 1/2, and for 200 miles are increased from 9 to 10 cents. Decreases are provided in certain local rates. Detailed schedules of new rates on grain and grain products for the lower St. Lawrence and the Maritime Provinces are also included in the judgment. The railway companies may issue new tariffs based on this decision to become effective on September 1st.

## HIDES AND SKINS.

Receipts of raw hides for the past week were 921 against 823 for the week previous, and 1,231 for the same week last year.

The market is quiet for beef hides at 27c. for No. 1, 26c. for No. 2 and 25c. for No. 3. Calfskins 40c, and Lambskins 90c.

The market is quiet but firm. Ontario unwashed wool is quoted at 56 1/2c., and 70c. for fine washed Ontario fleece.

## THE ALLAN LINE.

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I have wrought out shoulder to shoulder the work we were set to do."

## THE ADDRESS.

The address is as follows:—

On the occasion of your retiring from active business, the undersigned, on behalf of themselves and the Staffs of the Glasgow, Liverpool, and London Offices of Allan Bros. & Co., U.K., Limited, take this opportunity of expressing in a permanent form their deep appreciation of the consistent and unvarying kindness, consideration and courtesy which you have shown to them since taking control of the Allan Line in September, 1909. They wish to assure you of their esteem, respect and affection, and greatly regret the severance of business relations with you, which have always been of the most pleasant and cordial character. They trust you will have long life and health in which to enjoy your well-earned retirement in the companionship of your wife and daughter.

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