

MAPLE PRODUCTS.

The market for maple products showed little change throughout the week. The demand was quiet and offerings were small. Prices were fully maintained.

We quote prices as follows:

Extra choice syrup, 13-lb. tins ..	1.70	1.80
Choice syrup ..	1.55	1.65
Good syrup ..	1.40	1.50
Sugar, per lb.	0.14½	0.15
Lower grades ..	1.25	1.30

RECEIPTS OF BUTTER AND CHEESE.

The following table shows the receipts of butter and cheese in Montreal for the week ended October 6th, 1917, with comparisons:

	Butter, pkgs.	Cheese boxes.
Receipts Oct. 6, 1917...	1,655	13,509
Receipts Sept. 29, 1917.	2,152	14,302
Receipts Oct. 7, 1916.	3,680	17,564
Week end, Oct. 6, 1917.	12,475	61,965
Week end, Sept. 29, 1917.	9,463	68,597
Week end, Oct. 7, 1916.	15,773	73,084
Total receipts May 1, 1917, to Oct. 6, 1917.	277,885	1,498,731
Total receipts May 1, 1916, to Oct. 7, 1916.	399,845	1,744,272

PROVISIONS.

Firmness developed in the market for lard last week and prices scored an advance ¼c per lb. There were changes in prices of other lines.

Current prices are quoted as follows:

Hams:—		Per lb.
Smoked Hams, 8-10 lbs.	0.32	0.33
Do., 12-15 lbs.	0.29	0.30
Do., over 25 lbs.	0.28	0.29
Bacon:—		
Breakfast ..	0.37	0.38
Windsor Bacon, selected ..	0.39	0.40
Windsor Bacon, boneless ..	0.41	0.42
Pure Lard:—		
20 lbs. pails ..	0.25	0.27
Compound Lard (Western Grades):—		
Tubs ..	0.21	0.22½

GRAINS.

The Winnipeg option market for oats showed a stronger tone throughout the week and although prices closed 2½c per bushel lower than the high point for the week, they are ¼c to 1 higher than the same day a week ago. On the local market considerable business was done in most lines. Sales of Manitoba barley for export account were made.

Grains:		per bushel.
Spring Wheat, Northern No. 1.	2.21	
Do., No. 2.	2.18	
Do., No. 3.	2.15	
Do., No. 4.	2.09	
Do., No. 5.	1.94	
Do., No. 6.	1.85	
Feed.	1.75	
Oats:		
No. 2 G. W.	0.67	
Do., No. 3 C. W.	0.64	
Do., Extra No. 1 feed.	0.64	
Do., No. 1 feed.	0.63	
Do., No. 2 feed.	0.62½	
Barley:		
No. 3 C. W.	1.22	
No. 4 C. W.	1.18	
Rejected ..	1.11	
Flax:		
No. 1 N. W. C.	3.06½	
No. 2 C. W.	3.00½	
No. 3 C. W.	2.89½	

LOCAL FLOUR.

The decline of 80c per barrel for winter wheat flour, announced on Saturday, was the main feature of the flour trade, last week. The decrease is said to be due to the fact that Ontario millers increased their offerings for nearby and future redelivery 90 per cent. Patents are now quoted at \$10.70 to \$11 per barrel in wood, and at \$5.20 to \$5.35 per bag in broken lots delivered to the trade. The trade was very quiet throughout the week. Considerable trade was done in spring wheat flour although no official change has been announced in prices yet. The demand from local and country buyers for full and mixed car lots was active.

A good demand from the Allied Government for flour is reported and some large sales were made, including one of 100,000 barrels for shipment, and it is also reported that other large sales amounting to 100,000 sacks were made in other directions for October-November delivery.

MILLFEED AND ROLLED OATS.

There was no change in the market for rolled oats, prices ruling steady at the decline of a week ago. The demand from the Allied Governments for supplies was heavy and some of the large millers have sold the complete output of the mills for this month. The domestic demand is also increasing on account of the cooler weather prevailing and the larger consumption. The market has been more active with sales of standard grades at \$4 per bag of 90 lbs., delivered to the trade.

In the millfeed trade a renewed demand for supplies for shipment to the U. S. was the feature of the week. Owing to the requirements for home consumption at present, and the fact that millers in some cases are oversold of their output of the mills, little business resulted in the above direction. The tone of the market was firm and a large trade passed in mixed and full car lots of bran at \$33, shorts at \$40 to \$42, and middlings at \$48 to \$50 per ton, including bags, delivered to the trade.

	per barrel.
Flour:	
First patents.	11.60
Second patents.	11.10
Strong clears.	10.90
Cereals:	
Rolled Oats, 90 lb. bag.	4.00 4.10
Feed:	
Bran.	33.00 35.00
Shorts.	40.00 42.00
Middlings.	48.00 50.00
Moullie, pure grain grades.	58.00 59.00
Moullie, mixed grain.	55.00

LOCAL STOCKS OF GRAIN IN STORE.

The following table shows the stocks of grain and flour in store in Montreal on the dates mentioned:

	Oct. 6, 1917.	Sept. 29, 1917.	Oct. 7, 1917.
Wheat, bush.	817,457	814,770	1,975,799
Corn, bush.	31,051	28,803	821,516
Oats, bush.	477,619	729,340	3,330,787
Barley, bush.	45,689	18,000	589,882
Rye, bush.	2,845	2,845	124,367
Flour, sacks.	56,531	47,739	40,914

FISH.

All kinds fresh sea fish, including haddock, cod and halibut, are extremely scarce, owing to stormy weather at the coast. Lake fish are in fair supply, and smoked, salted and pickled fish is abundant.

Owing to the meatless days, decreed by Food Controller, the demand for fish of all kinds has been greatly stimulated.

We quote current prices as follows:

Fresh:		Per lb.
Haddock, fancy, express ..	0.08	
Market Cod, express ..	0.07	
Steak Cod, express ..	0.08	
Halibut, ..	0.22	
Gaspe Salmon ..	0.23	
Canadian Flounders ..	0.09	
Medium Mackerel ..	0.13	
Roe Shad, each ..	0.65	
Buck Shad, each ..	0.35	
Pike ..	0.12	
Doree or Pickerel ..	0.16	
Lake Trout ..	0.14	
Whitefish ..	0.15	
Dressed Barbotta ..	0.10	
Fancy Large Eels ..	0.10	
Frozen:		
Round Perch ..	0.13	
Round Pike (brochet) ..	0.08	
Small Whitefish ..	0.09	
Herring ..	0.05	
Halibut ..	0.22	
Shell Fish:		
Solid Meat Oysters, Standards, per No. 1 can ..	2.00	
Standards, per No. 3 can ..	5.75	
Buck Scallops, per imp. quart ..	0.75	
Liye Lobsters, per lb.	0.30	
Oysters Pails, pints, per 100 ..	1.50	
Do., quarts, per 100 ..	2.40	

Salted and Pickled:

Green Cod, barrels, per lb.	0.07
New Labrador Salt Herrings, barrels.	10.50
Do., half barrels.	5.75
Mackerel, per pail ..	3.00
Sardines, barrels, \$3.00, ½ barrels.	4.50
Smoked:	
Haddies, boxes 15 lbs.	0.11
Fillets, boxes 15 lbs.	0.18
Kippers, box ..	1.70
Bloaters, box.	1.50
Boneless and Prepared:	
Boneless Cod, in boxes 20 lbs. each:	
"Favorite" brand, 1 & 2 lb. blocks	
assorted ..	0.14
"Golden" brand, 2 lb. bricks ..	0.17
"Winterport" brand, 1 lb. tablets ..	0.18
New Skinless Cod, cases 100 lbs. case.	10.00
Strip Cod, boxes 30 lbs. lbs.	0.17

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES.

Fruit and vegetables generally are selling well and are on the market in good quantities.

We quote current prices as follows:

California Fruit:	
Clairegou Pears, per box ..	4.00
Peaches ..	1.75
Tragedy (Blue) Plums.	2.25
Tokay Grapes, crate ..	3.90
Oranges:	
California Late Valencias, "Sunkist brand," 96, 100 and 126 size ..	4.25
Do., 150, 176, 200, 216, 250 and 288 size ..	4.50
Lemons:	
Messina Verdelli Lemons, 300 size, per box ..	4.50
Apples:	
Alexanders, No 1, per barrel ..	7.00
Alexanders No. 2, per barrel ..	6.50
Wealthies, No. 1, per barrel ..	7.00
Wealthies, No. 2, per barrel ..	6.50
Nova Scotia Gravensteins No. 1 ..	5.50
Port Limon Jumbos, per bunch ..	2.50 3.00
Canadian Basket Fruit:	
Plums, 11 quart basket ..	1.00 1.25
Plums, 6 quart basket ..	0.60 0.75
Peaches, 11 quart basket ..	0.75 1.00
Peaches, 6 quart basket ..	0.50 0.65
Grapes, small basket, blue ..	0.35 0.40
Tomatoes, 11 quart basket ..	0.75 1.00
Tomatoes, 6 quart basket ..	0.40 0.50
New Potatoes:	
Montreal Potatoes, 80 lbs. in bag, per bag ..	2.00
Onions:	
Red Onions, 75 lb. bags, per bag ..	3.00
Spanish, in cases about 140 lbs. per case ..	6.25
Vegetables:	
Cucumbers, per doz.	0.50 0.65
Cabbage, per doz.	0.60 0.75
Corn, per doz.	0.40 0.50
Dates:	
Hallowees of 1 lb. packages ..	0.20
Do., loose, very fine quality, per lb.	0.20
"Dromedary," 1 lb packages ..	0.22
New Nuts:	
Per lb.	
Shelled Walnuts ..	0.55
Shelled Almonds, 28 lb. boxes ..	0.38
Finest Filberts ..	0.20
Peacans ..	0.20
Almonds ..	0.21
Walnuts ..	0.20
Peanuts, Bon Ton ..	0.19
Brazils ..	0.22

J. BULL, TRADER.

Despite air raids, submarines and all of the heavy impediments of war regulations, trade regulations, embargoes and socialization of industrial and capital forces, notes an American observer, John Bull sturdily and manfully maintains his ground as a great world trader. Exports and imports combined, for seven months of 1917, amounted to \$4,585,000,000, an increase of 10 per cent. over the preceding year and comparing well with the United States \$5,421,000,000, which includes heavy increases of exports in England and her colonies. Exports amounting to \$1,712,112,000, gained \$812,000 over the previous corresponding period, while imports of \$2,873,000,000 were \$193,290,000 larger than in 1916.