

## MARKET REVIEW AND FORECAST

Toronto, Monday, October 3rd.—Reports from the European continent, India and Australia, in regard to the prevailing conditions in harvesting or seeding are favorable. In Australia a record crop is predicted. In India seeding prospects are good.

The first trial shipment of Canadian potatoes to the English market has been abundantly successful—the shipment arrived in excellent condition and was eagerly sought after by purchasers. Mr. Lockie Wilson's continuation has been successfully upheld and, as is evident, he has paved the way for the building of a new market, he deserves the thanks of Canadian agriculturists.

The sugar beet crop in western Ontario is reported a fine one.

It is interesting to note that one of the leading American farm periodicals, the American Agriculturist, witness to the ability of the latest crop of Canadian farmers, disgusted with the Northwest, were re-crossing the border. The Agriculturist frankly states that the assertion is wholly devoid of truth.

Business is moving briskly in all directions. Call money in Toronto rules at 15 to 25 per cent.

### WHEAT

The northwestern farmers who have been holding back their wheat in hopes of better prices seem to have realized that there is no chance of such a thing happening, and are pouring their products into the elevators at all points. Prices have declined according to the bearish sentiment last advised September wheat at Chicago closed at 94½¢; December, 96½¢; and May \$1.00½. In Winnipeg October wheat closed at 97¢; December, 95½¢ and May \$1.00½. Local dealers give the following quotations: No. 1 Northern, \$1.03; No. 2, 99¢; No. 2, 98¢ at lake ports; and May \$1.00½. Local dealers give the following quotations: No. 1 Northern, \$1.03; No. 2, 99¢; No. 2, 98¢ at lake ports; and May \$1.00½. Local dealers give the following quotations: No. 2, Ontario winter wheat, 88¢ to 90¢, outside. On the farmers' market, fall wheat is selling at 90¢ to 91¢ and goose wheat at 88¢ a bushel.

### COARSE GRAINS

There is a tendency towards weakness in coarse grains, with the exception of oats, which are holding their own in the face of an adverse market.

Local quotations are as follows: Canada Western oats, No. 2, 30¢; No. 3, 30½¢; at lake ports, 31¢; Oats, 78¢ to 79¢; American corn, yellow, No. 2, 61¢; No. 3, 60¢; Toronto freights: rye, 67¢ to 68¢, outside; malting barley, 55¢ to 56¢ outside; feed barley, 48¢ a bushel outside.

On the farmers' market, the following prices are given: new oats, 30¢ to 30½; old oats, 42¢; peas, 78¢ to 79¢; 74¢ to 75¢ barley, 55¢ to 60¢; buckwheat, 55¢ a bushel.

Montreal prices for coarse grains are as follows: Canada Western oats, No. 2, 30½¢; No. 3, 30½¢ a bushel; No. 2, Quebec white oats, 38½¢; No. 3, 37½¢ a bushel; American corn, 60½¢ to 61¢; No. 3, 59½¢ to 60¢ a bushel in car lots; barley, 55¢ to 56¢ a bushel in car lots.

### POTATOES AND BEANS

There is no question now of the failure extending over a wide area, of this year's potato crop. It is estimated that the yield will be total and no apparent reason can be found for such a condition of things. In Ontario the farmers have been more fortunate and prospective potato crop are fairly bright. On the local market, Ontario potatoes are quoted at 50¢ to 60¢ a bag in car lots and 45¢ to 50¢ at stores.

No quotations are available yet on this year's bean crop. Prices are firm at 85 to 82½ a bushel for prime and 81½ to 82½ a bushel for second pickers.

On the farmers' market, potatoes are quoted at 60¢ a bag, and 60¢ in the jobbing way. In beans, three pound pickers, 82 to 82½ a bushel. Prices are firm in both cases.

### DAIRY PRODUCTS

Receipts of butter continue to be large but prices are firm; the quality generally is excellent. Montreal prices are quoted as follows: Choice creamery prints, 25¢ to 26¢ a lb.; choice dairy prints, 25¢ to 26¢; separator prints, 25¢; ordinary quality, 19¢ to 20¢ a lb.

On the farmers' market choice dairy butter is selling at 25¢ to 26¢ a lb., and ordinary grade at 19¢ to 20¢ a lb.

There is no change in these prices.

Dealers quote large cheese at 11½¢ a lb., and retail at 11½¢.

Montreal prices for butter are as follows: Choice creamery, 24½¢ to 24½¢ a lb.; second grade, 23½¢ to 24¢ a lb.; Western cheese, 11½¢ to 11½¢ a lb.; eastern cheese, 11¢ to 11½¢ a lb.

The Globe's English cable quotes: Canadian finest white cheese, new, steady at 54½d; Canadian finest colored, new, steady, at 54½d.

### WOOL

Prices for wool are slightly higher, quotations being as follows: Washed fleeces, 20¢ to 21¢; unwashed, 15¢ to 14¢; rejects, 15¢ to 16¢ a lb.

### HIDES

Local buyers predict lower prices for hides in the near future, the reason being that the manufacturers are finding orders coming a little slower and that it is therefore more difficult to dispose of hides. At present prices are as follows: No. 1 steer and cow hides, 10¢; No. 2, 9¢; No. 3, 8¢ a lb.; calf skins, 12¢ to 13¢; sheep skins, 40¢ to 45¢; tallow, 6¢ to 6½¢ a lb.; at country points dealers are paying the following prices: Sheepskins, \$1 to \$1.10; lambskins, 35¢ to 40¢; horsehides, \$2.75 to \$3; horse hair, 30¢ a lb.

### MILL FEEDS

Prices are unchanged and are as follows: Ontario bran, \$20 a ton; shorts, \$22 a ton on track; Toronto; Manitoba bran, \$20 a ton; shorts, \$22 a ton, on track, Toronto. Montreal prices are: Ontario bran, \$20 to \$21 a ton; shorts, \$22 to \$23 a ton; Manitoba bran, \$19 a ton; shorts, \$22 a ton, in bags.

### FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Present quotations for fruit and vegetables are as follows: Canadian plums, 40¢ to 75¢ a basket; early apples, 30¢ to 50¢ a basket; Canadian apples, 50¢ to \$1 a basket; pears, 25¢ to 50¢ a basket; California pears, 83¢ to 85¢ a crate; grapes, 25¢ to 30¢ a basket; pineapples, \$4 to \$4.50 a crate; strawberries, \$1.25 to \$1.50 a basket; \$2.25 to \$3 a basket.

Vegetables—Egg plants, 15¢ to 25¢ a basket; cabbages, \$1 to \$1.50 a crate; cabbages, 15¢ to 25¢ a basket; tomatoes, 20¢ to 25¢ a basket; celery, 50¢ to 60¢ a basket; cabbages, 25¢ to 30¢ a basket; pickling onions, 75¢ to \$1 a basket; Spanish onions, \$2.25 to \$2.50 a crate. On the farmers' market vegetables are selling as follows: Cauliflowers, 20¢ to 15¢ each; cabbage, 5¢ to 11¢ each; new beets, 15¢ to 25¢ a dozen; celery, 40¢ to 45¢ a dozen; dry onions, \$1 to \$1.25 a bushel; pickling onions, 50¢ a bushel.

### HAY AND STRAW

Supplies of hay have been coming in heavily to both Toronto and Montreal. Prices are not so low as in the local market, dealers giving the following quotations: Choice timothy, \$12 to \$12.50 a ton; clover mixed, \$11 to \$11.50 a ton, on track; Toronto; baled straw, \$5.50 to \$7.00 a ton on track, Toronto.

On the farmers' market choice timothy is selling at 11½¢ to 11½¢ a ton, mixed, at from \$14 to \$17; straw in bundles, 11½ to \$17, and loose straw, 88 to 89 a ton.

In Montreal trade is active and wholesale prices range as follows: Choice timothy, \$1.01 to \$1.10; clover mixed, \$1.50 to \$1.25 a ton. Baled straw is quoted at \$5.50 to \$6 a ton on track.

### HOPS

The Montreal Trade Bulletin says: "B.C. are offering at 26¢."

### HONEY

Dealers quote prices for honey as follows: In 60 lb. tins, at 9¢ to 10¢ a lb.; in 5 and 10 lb. tins, at 9¢ to 10½¢ a lb.; comb honey, 17¢ to 22¢ a dozen; second grade, \$1.50 a dozen. Montreal prices are as follows: White clover honey 14¢ to 15¢ a lb.; darker grades, 11½¢ to 12½¢ a lb.; white honey, 10¢ to 11¢ a lb., and buckwheat honey, 7¢ to 7½¢ a lb.

### EGGS AND POULTRY

Eggs are getting a good deal scarcer on the market and prices are firm at 26¢ to 27¢ a dozen in case lots for selected lots, and 25¢ to 26¢ a dozen for the ordinary variety. On the farmers' market new-laid eggs are at 26¢ a dozen, and at country markets the same high prices prevail. In Montreal dealers quote selected eggs at 26¢ a dozen and at 25¢ a dozen receipts at 19¢ to 19½¢ a dozen in case lots.

The local poultry market is beginning to assume an active appearance, and dealers quote as follows: Chickens, 11¢ to 12¢ a lb.; fowl, 9¢ to 10¢

a lb.; geese, 9¢ to 10¢ a lb.; ducks, 11¢ to 12¢ a lb.; turkeys, 14¢ to 15¢ a lb.; the foregoing are live weight prices. Dressed weight prices, one cent to two cents higher per lb.

On the farmers' market, dressed chickens are selling at 10¢ to 11¢ a lb.; ducks, 11¢ to 12¢ a lb.; fowl, 12¢ to 14¢; and turkeys, 15¢ to 20¢ a lb.

### HORSE MARKET

The demand for horse equipment the past week has been fairly active, the lumbering interests contributing thereto, and the following prices have been realized: Draft-horses, \$250 to \$250; general purpose horses, \$160 to \$250; drivers, \$175 to \$250; expressers, \$175 to \$240; serviceably sound horses, \$50 to \$100.

### LIVE STOCK

Receipts of live stock have been very good during the week just closed, and the demand has been fully equal to the supply. Milch cows have been eagerly sought for, and distillery bulls have also been in demand.

The hog market showed a slight tendency towards weakening but prices have remained unchanged.

Sheep prices have been coming in in large numbers, and the quality has been good. Dealers give the following quotations:

Export cattle—choice, \$2.25 to \$2.40; medium, \$2.25 to \$2.40; bulls, \$4.50 to \$5.

Butcher cattle—choice, \$5.50 to \$5.80; medium, \$5 to \$5.25; butchers, \$4.75 to \$5.

Feeder-cattle, \$5.25 to \$5.50; bullocks, \$3.25 to \$3.50.

Steers—choice, \$4.50 to \$5; medium, \$3.75 to \$4.50; canners, \$1.50 to \$2.

Milch cows—choice, \$10 to \$12; springers, \$2 to \$4; ordinary quality, \$3 to \$4; calves, \$4 to \$7.50.

Sheep—ewes, \$4.50 to \$4.75; bucks, \$3 to \$4; lambs \$8.00 to \$6.25.

Hogs—Lb., 88½¢; fed and unweaned, 99 to \$9.10 a cwt.

### MONTEAL HOG MARKET

Montreal, Saturday, Oct. 1.—The market this week for live hogs opened with prices fairly steady at the quotations current the week before, and no great rush for the offerings at the stock yards during the first part of the week. The market closed about \$9.25 for selected lots weighed off cars, and contracts were made at this price for delivery at the end of the week. The bulk of the week-end delivery was made at this figure, and as a result there was keen competition for the remainder and prices were worked up to as high as \$9.60 a cwt. at the closing sales. Dressed hogs remain steady with prices unchanged, fresh killed abattoir stock being quoted at \$13 to \$13.25 a cwt.

### EXPORT BUTTER AND CHEESE

Montreal, Saturday, Oct. 1.—The cheese boards all over the country this week ruled strong with prices showing a slight advance over those current last week, as high as 11-1/2¢ a lb. having been paid this week for second quality Cheddar, and in no case did cheese sell under 11¢ a lb. High prices ruled in the Province of Quebec, and the cheese offered for sale at the weekly auction in Montreal under the auspices of the Quebec Government Department of Agriculture realized more than a large proportion of the week-end sales. The first quality selling at 11½¢ F.O.B. factories and second quality colored fetching 11-1/2¢. These prices indicate to some extent the class of cheese that are being made in some of the districts in the Province of Quebec.

The Government is planning a great extension of this class of cheese during the coming season, having been well satisfied with the experiment made this summer. There is every indication at present that the top of the ladder of prices has been reached, and that we can confidently look for a reaction in the near future. There is not the same rush for butter as there is for cheese, and demand for immediate shipment is falling off. Stocks have been steadily accumulating on both sides of the Atlantic, and act as a check on the market. There are now over 55,000 more cheese in Canada this year than there was at this time a year ago.

The market for butter is steady, and prices are being well maintained, but there is a sign of weakness here also, and the dealers expect a reaction for lower prices in the near future. Finest Townships is quoted at 24½¢ to 24½¢, with other sections being 23¢ to 24¢.

### CHEESE MARKETS

Sterling, Sept. 27—930 boxes boarded; all sold at 11-1/2¢.

Canville, Sept. 27—700 boxes offered; all sold at 11-1/2¢.

Belleville, Sept. 29—335 boxes offered; 170 sold at 11½¢; rest at 11-1/2¢.

Vanhook Hill, Sept. 29—138 boxes white, and 275 colored cheese sold at 11-1/2¢.

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Kingston, Sept. 29—240 boxes white, 479 boxes colored registered; nearly all sold at 11-1/2¢.

Brookville, Sept. 29—1645 colored and 1045 white sold at 11½¢.

Brantford, Sept. 30—875 boxes offered; 205 sold at 11-1/2¢.

Pictou, Sept. 30—19 factories boarded 1846 boxes of cheese; all colored; 860 sold at 11½¢ and 98¢ at 11-1/2¢.

Victoriaville, Que., Sept. 30—Two cars of cheese sold at 10½¢.

Corwall, Sept. 30—729 white sold at 11-1/2¢ and 721 colored at 11-1/2¢.

Victoriaville, Que., Sept. 30—200 colored cheese registered; 389 sold for 11½¢.

Ottawa, Sept. 30—641 white and 842 colored cheese offered; all but five lots sold at 11-1/2¢.

Troquois, Sept. 30—261 colored and 90 white cheese offered. All sold at 11½¢.

London, Ont., Oct. 1—974 boxes of colored sold at 11½¢.

St. Hyacinthe, Que., Oct. 1—450 packages butter at 24¢; no sales; 500 boxes of cheese, 11½¢.

Watertown, N.Y., Oct. 1—Cheese sales, \$500 at 11½¢.

Canton, N.Y., Oct. 1—1600 tubs of butter sold at 26¢; 2000 boxes of cheese at 14½¢.

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