

LIVE STOCK.

The Montreal live stock market continues to be characterized by exceeding favourable conditions. Both the Monday and Wednesday sales report runs of unusually good quality cattle, with brisk demand from packers and butchers. On Monday prices advanced 15c over the high level of the past week, and these prices were firmly maintained at the Wednesday's sales, with the exception of a drop of 25c in the prices of cows and bulls, due to offerings of inferior grades.

Hogs show a decline of 15c cwt. The demand is still good for best quality stock, but packers are fairly well stocked up on account of heavy buying lately.

The market for sheep and lambs continues firm in one with a fair amount of business passing. Prices show an advance of 1 cent over last week.

Calves continue to arrive in large quantities with prices shading 1/4c higher than last week. This advance in price is the result of heavy shipments to the New England Dressed Beef Company, Boston, in addition to a steady demand from Montreal dealers.

Reports from the Toronto markets state that high prices prevail in all lines. Butchers' steers are very firm, and choice fat cows averaging 10c to 15c higher than last week. All grades of stockers and feeders are higher. Hogs are strong, packers' quotations being up 15c.

Sales of round lots brought the following prices:

	Montreal.		Toronto.	
Butcher steers, best	8.75	9.25	9.10	9.25
Do., good	8.45	8.70	8.50	9.00
Do., fair	8.15	8.35	8.25	8.40
Do., medium	7.50	8.50	8.00	8.25
Do., rough	7.00	8.00	7.50	7.25
Butcher bulls, best	6.75	7.50	6.50	6.75
Do., good	5.50	6.50	5.50	6.00
Do., medium	5.50	6.00	5.00	5.50
Canning bulls	3.75	4.50		
Butcher cows, best	6.75	7.50	6.50	7.25
Do., good	6.85	7.15	5.75	6.50
Do., medium		6.50		
Do., common	5.50	6.25		
Do., canners	3.75	4.50		
Sheep	5.00	8.00	6.50	8.50
Lambs	9.00	12.00		
Hogs, select, weighed				
off cars	12.00	12.50		11.40
Do., roughs and mixed				
lots	11.50	11.75	11.65	11.85
Do., common	11.00	11.50		
Calves, choice	0.8 1/2	0.09		
Do., medium	0.06 1/2	0.07 1/2		

MONTREAL GRAIN STOCKS.

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

	May 13.	May 6.	May 15.
Wheat, bushels	2,849,425	2,543,847	3,649,088
Corn, bushels	20,389	38,537	126,119
Oats, bushels	3,652,386	2,779,824	862,485
Barley, bushels	69,279	123,214	99,504
Rye, bushels	102,087	36,885	12,540
Buckwheat, bushels	4,805	4,805	10,977
Flax, bushels	57,721		10,000
Flour, sacks	79,558	77,300	67,948

GRAIN EXPORTS.

The following are the exports of grain from the Ports of Portland and St. John, N.B., that have arrived at their destination week ending May 11, 1916.

	Flour.	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.
	Sacks.	Bush.	Bush.	Bush.
Liverpool	4,500	88,489		
London	23,225	249,357	17,346	
Bristol	8,000	107,306		
Glasgow	27,637	8,000		32,240
Leith	3,000	48,000		35,000
	66,362	501,152	17,346	67,240

NORTH AMERICAN WHEAT EXPORTS.

Bradstreet's figures of the week's wheat and flour exports from the United States and Canada, compared with previous years, are as follows, in bushels:

	1916.	1915.	1914.
May 11	10,205,043	6,687,503	3,730,257
May 4	9,302,745	6,817,268	3,776,580
April 27	7,996,025	7,898,841	2,164,416
April 20	8,644,165	9,722,502	2,764,910
April 13	8,731,409	7,114,709	2,805,681
April 6	8,402,205	7,311,464	3,479,230

Wheat exports for this week in 1913 were 7,011,479 bushels; in 1912, 4,027,513 bushels; in 1911, 3,131,663 bushels, and in 1910, 2,933,538 bushels.

FLOUR, CEREALS AND MILLFEED.

The Montreal flour market in the early part of last week remained quiet, particularly on domestic account, in which the demand is for small lots, only sufficient to supply immediate requirements. There was some demand from English importers for spring wheat export patents, and sales were made during the week for several thousand sacks for May-June shipment to London and Brisaol. At the end of the week, in sympathy with the continued strength in the Winnipeg option market for wheat of late, and the steady rise in price, flour advanced 20c per bbl. This is considered by millers to be a very weak response to the advance of 50c per bbl. of the raw product.

There is no change to note in the millfeed market, which has been firmly maintained during the week. The demand for all lines has been good, but the volume of business passing has been limited, as supplies are somewhat limited, and millers are in many cases oversold.

Current quotations are as follows:

	Montreal.		Toronto.	
First patents, per bbl., in bags	6.70	6.80	6.70	
Second patents, do.	6.20	6.30	6.20	
Strong clears, do.	6.00	6.10		
30c per bbl. more in wood.				
Winter wheat flour—				
Fancy Patens	6.00			
90 per cent in wood	5.30	5.40	4.40	4.30
90 per cent in bags	2.45	2.50		
Cereals—				
Cornmeal, yellow, in per bag, 98 lbs.			1.85	
Rolled oats, per bbl., in wood	5.10	5.20		
per bag, 90 lbs.	2.40	2.45		2.65
Rolled wheat, 100 lb. bbl.		4.00		3.00
Rye flour, 98 lb. bag	2.65	2.80		2.80
Graham flour, 98 lb.				3.25
Barley pot., 98 lbs.	3.00			
Barley, Pearl, 98 lbs.	4.50	4.70	4.90	
Whole wheat flour, 98 lbs.				3.25
Middlings, per ton	28.00	30.00	26.00	27.00
Bran, per ton	24.00	24.00	25.00	
Shorts, per ton	26.00		26.00	
Feed flour, per ton	35.00			
Feed flour, bag		1.60	1.70	
Moultrie, pure grain grades, per ton	34.00	35.00		
Do., mixed	30.00	32.00		
Barley feed, per ton		32.00		
Do., meal, per ton		35.00		
Crushed oats, 80 lbs.		1.85		
Reground oatmeal feed, per ton		19.00		

THE SUGAR SITUATION.

The Canadian market has been featureless during the past week, with prices firm at last week's level. The New York market has been quiet, particularly on domestic account, as the country is supplied for weeks to come, and refiners are discouraging orders until contracts now on the books are taken out. Grinding is falling off steadily, and in the case of the smaller centrals at least the production is some 14 per cent below estimate. Therefore no surplus of sugar is expected to depress prices, more especially as the British Commission and representatives of other European nations will require considerable supplies to fill the gap until the Javas arrive in August. For the moment the British Commission is pursuing a waiting policy, but smaller countries such as Italy, Switzerland, Greece and Norway are in the market at practically quoted levels. The 500,000 purchase of Javas for Great Britain last week caused only a temporary reaction in the New York market, as this sugar will not be available under two months, as the journey from Java will take that time. The harbour strike has caused unusual conditions, and consequent delays in deliveries, but it is felt that this also will be only temporary. Attention is being already given to the fruit prospects in its bearing on the preserving demand for sugar. Should there be big crops the lower price of fruit may offset the higher price of sugar, which otherwise would curtail the consumption by canners.

CANADA'S POTATO CROP.

From 1905 to 1915 the average annual yield of potatoes in Canada was 78,405,000 bushels, constituting one of our important field crops. The annual yield, however, is greatly lessened by the ravages of diseases and insects. The season of 1915 was admittedly one of the worst in years for late blight, and the Botanical Division of the Central Experimental Farm observes that, in one small province of Canada, the loss from this disease amounted to about 2,000,000 bushels, not including loss in storage.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES.

This market continues firm, with a brisk demand for the vegetables as they arrive from the Southern States. Navel oranges are over now, with only a few wasty ones remaining on the market. The Valencia season has commenced, though the first arrivals have a tendency to be too green. Prices in both cases have advanced 25c to 50c per box. The demand for lemons has increased, with current prices ruling at 25c higher than last week. Most of the grapefruit has now been shipped, and the market is very strong. Pineapples remain stationary. Strawberries are coming in freely in quart boxes, from both Tennessee and Louisiana, selling at 18c to 20c per qt. ex-track. Apples are practically finished, with the exception of the Ben Davis, and a few fancy varieties from the United States, such as Wine Saps, Black Bens and Willow Twigs.

Canadian asparagus is now coming in larger quantities, with heavier receipts expected from now on, prices ranging from \$2.50 to \$2.75 per 11-qt. basket. Florida tomatoes are up \$1.00 per crate, owing to a general scarcity, and higher prices are expected yet. Southern Cabbage has also gone up \$1.00 over last week's quotations.

Current quotations follow:—

Apples:—		
Starks	5.00	
Spys, No. 1	6.00	7.00
Do., No. 2	5.00	6.00
Ben Davis, No. 1	3.75	
Russets	6.00	6.50
Baldwins	4.50	5.00
Bananas, bunches	2.00	2.50
Cranberries, Cape Cod, bbl.	12.00	14.00
Grapes, Malaga, heavyweight, bbl.	8.00	10.00
Grapefruit, 46-54-64-80-96	4.00	4.50
Lemons:—		
California	3.00	
Messina, 300 size, box	3.00	
Oranges:—		
Navel, Californias, 176-200-216	4.25	
126	3.25	
80-96	2.75	3.00
Pineapples, 18-24 and 30-36	2.50	3.00
Strawberries, qt., Louisiana and Tennessee	0.17	0.20
Vegetables:—		
Asparagus, Canadian, per 11-qt. bkt.	2.50	2.75
Artichokes, bag	1.50	
Beets, bag	1.50	
Beans, wax, N.Y., per basket	4.50	5.50
Beans, green, N.Y., per basket	4.50	5.50
Cabbage, Montreal, per bbl.	2.00	
Cabbage, red, dozen	0.40	
Do., New American	4.75	
Cauliflower, hampers	4.00	
Do., New American	3.50	
Cauliflower, crate, singles	3.50	
Celery, Florida, crate	2.50	3.00
Cucumbers, fancy, Boston, doz.	2.50	
Garlic, per lb.	0.30	
Horse radish, per lb.	0.14	
Leeks, bunch	0.30	
Curly lettuce, box, doz.	2.50	
Mint, dozen	0.60	
Mushrooms, 4-lb basket	2.50	2.75
Oyster plant, dozen	1.00	1.25
Onions:—		
Reds, 100 lb. bags	4.00	4.25
Spanish, case	6.50	
Do., crates	3.25	
Bermudas, crates	2.75	3.00
Parsnips	1.00	1.25
Potatoes:—		
New Brunswick, 80 lbs., bags	1.90	
Sweet, hamper	1.75	2.00
Radishes, doz.	0.40	
Rhubarb, lb.	0.10	
Spinach, New York, bbl.	3.25	3.50
Turnips, bag	0.90	
Tomatoes, hothouse, lb.	0.30	0.35
Tomatoes, Florida, Fancy	4.75	
Do., choice	3.75	
Watercress, Boston, hothouse, doz.	0.75	

WINNIPEG GRAIN RECEIPTS.

The receipts of grain at Winnipeg for the week ended May 6, 1916, compared with the previous week and the corresponding week a year ago were as follows:—

	May 13, 1916.	May 6, 1916.	May 15, 1915.
No. 1 Hard		1	...
No. 1 Northern	2,700	2,465	...
No. 2 Northern	758	719	...
No. 3 Northern	530	593	...
No. 4 Northern	366	273	...
No. 5 Northern	106	91	...
No. 6 Northern	20	39	...
Other grades	261	246	...
Winter grades	14	13	...
Total	4,755	4,440	722
Flax	130	1,150	35
Oats	1,246	153	97
Barley	129	134	13