

THE COMMERCIAL MARKETS.

Giving Ranges of Prices in some of the More Important Branches of Trade; their Situation and Tendencies.

TORONTO.

Toronto, July 19th.

Fruit.—The strawberry season is waning. The market is strong at 10 to 12c. Prices of raspberries are firm at 15 to 16c.; lower prices may be expected next week. There is likely to be a good Ontario apple crop this season, the fruit being clean and free from scab. California fruit, such as peaches, plums, and pears are arriving in large quantities.

Hides.—This market is exceedingly dull, and the situation remains unchanged.

Provisions.—The market is unchanged. We quote: Creamery prints, 22 to 23c.; separator prints, 19 to 20c.; dairy, 18 to 19c.; large cheese, 12c.; twins, 12½c.; new-laid eggs, 17½ to 18c.

Wool.—The decline at the recent London sales has, on this market, caused those who have wool to sell, to become a little more inclined to take a reasonable price, consequently, wool has been moving more freely. Most dealers are now trying to buy for less money and in many cases are successful.

MONTREAL.

Montreal, July 19th.

Butter.—Shipments from Montreal last week were 3,300 packages, making 11,337 to date. The market continues dull, but as the make is small, prices are not greatly affected. Dealers are paying about 20½ to ¾c. per pound for finest Townships and selling at ¼c. advance. Quebecs are costing 20c. and selling about 20½c. per pound.

Cheese.—The market for cheese is holding fairly steady, but there is a decline in white cheese, colored being on the easy side also. The make in England is still large and the demand from there is only moderate. Shipments last week

amounted to 95,000 boxes against 120,000 a year ago, making 615,000 to date against 778,000 a year ago. Dealers are quoting Quebec cheese, white, at 10½ to ¾c., Townships being 11 to 11½c., and Ontarios 11½ to ¾c., colored being at least ¼c. more than these figures, all round.

Eggs.—The market is fairly active. Deliveries are free and demand good. The quality of the stock arriving is very poor, and dealers say they are only paying 14 to 14½c., f.o.b., according to location. They are selling at 16c. for straight receipts, and 17c. for straight candled, selects being 20c.

Honey.—Some new crop honey has been received for sale, but up to the present no prices upon it have been reported. The old strained clover honey was selling at 13c., being very scarce, and it is thought that 11c. should represent the price of the new crop.

Hides.—Again this week the price of hides has declined. Beef hides have gone down ¾c. per pound and calfskins 2c. per pound. The trade in hides has now had a prolonged period of dullness, and it is a long time since the drop in prices has been so pronounced. Dealers cannot account for it, save on the dear money theory. Dealers are offering 7, 8 and 9c. per pound for Nos. 3, 2 and 1 hides, respectively, f.o.b. Montreal, offering to tanners at ¼c. advance. For calfskins, 8c. per pound is now being offered for No. 2 and 10c. for No. 1. Lambskins are 30c. each.

Buffalo is to have an Old Home Week celebration and reunion from September 1st to 7th inclusive. Readers of the Monetary Times, who were former residents of Buffalo, are asked to send their addresses to the committee, which has offices at 207-215 White Building, Buffalo. A splendid programme has been arranged, and the city will be en fete for seven days. September 4th is Canadian Day, dedicated to the Dominion, when there will be a parade in which Canadian troops will be a feature.

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