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## MARKET REVIEW AND FORECAST.

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The somewhat quiet period in wholesale trade circles which usually precedes the holidays has been entered upon, and things are quieter at the leading centres than they were a week ago. Ontario farmers are beginning to market more of their wheat, which is likely to greatly improve trade in the country. The monetary situation in the United States is a healthy one, and the favorable reports from the Peace Commission have been assuring to the general financial interests of the country.

## Wheat.

All the leading wheat-growing countries are beginning to ship more wheat with the exception, perhaps, of Eastern Canada, where there still seems to be a disposition on the part of the farmers to hold. It is difficult to advise in the matter. The largeness of this year's crop should not, however, be overlooked. Careful estimates put the excess of the 1898 crop over that of 1897 at about 300,000,000 bushels. Already five months of the cereal year have passed and only seven are to follow. *The Trade Bulletin* sums up the situation very concisely as follows: "Five-twelfths of the year's consumptive requirements have already been met, while not three-twelfths of the world's supplies have as yet been drawn upon."

The London market has ruled quiet all week and values receded 3d. per quarter on Dec. 1st on the Baltic for cargoes afloat and spot grain. Stocks, however, are reported light and holders are not forcing sales. Receipts at Montreal, which are for through shipment, have increased very much of late. Prices there are nominal, as there is no business on spot. There has been a good demand for export of late, and the market has been steady at 68 to 69c. west with 68c. bid. Manitoba is steady at 81c. for No. 1 hard grinding in transit and 77½c. Midland. Locally red and white brings 70½ to 71½c., and goose 68½c.

## Oats and Barley.

There has been a good demand in London during the week for American and Canadian oats; owing to limited supplies from Russia and light stocks Canadian have advanced 6d per quarter. At Montreal oats have sold at 30 to 30½c. for No. 2 for local requirements. Oats appear to be in good demand here at 27 to 28c. for white west. On the local market they bring 30 to 31½ cents per bushel.

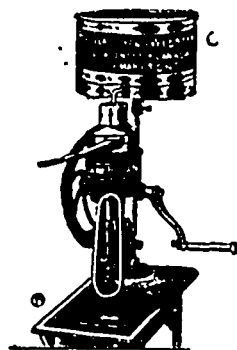
The Montreal barley market is quiet but steady, with choice malting grades quoted at 57 to 58c. It is steady here at 47 to 48c. for No. 1 and 45c. for No. 2 west. It is ½c. easier on the local market at 49 to 50c.

The same thing over and over again. Read what the AMERICAN has done this time.

## WILL PAY ITSELF IN 4 MONTHS

BLYTHESWOOD, ONT., JUNE 8TH, 1898.

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## Peas and Corn.

The London pea market is dull. The Montreal market is quiet on spot and quotations are 68 to 69c. The market here is firm at 61 to 62c. west. On the local farmers' market peas fetch from 61 to 64c.

Sales of American corn in car lots have been made in Montreal at 41½ to 42c. The market here appears to be firmer at 33 to 34c. for Canadian yellow west and 41½ to 43c. for American Toronto.

## Bran and Shorts.

There is a fairly good demand at Montreal, and Ontario winter bran is quoted there at \$14 to \$14.50, Manitoba bran in bags at \$13 for car lots, and \$15 to \$16 for shorts. Bran is quoted here at \$11 to \$12 west, and shorts at \$14 to \$15.

## Eggs and Poultry.

The markets at London, Liverpool and Glasgow continue firm and prices are well maintained, with Canadian fresh eggs in good demand. Strictly new-laid eggs are in good demand at Montreal at 22 to 22½c. in good-sized lots. Held fresh candled stock is quoted at 16c. for No. 1, and pickled stock at 14 to 15c. New-laid eggs are scarce and firm here at about 20c. Fresh gathered bring 18c. and limed 14c. Locally new-laid eggs are quoted at 17 to 18c.

There has been a good demand in Montreal for choice turkeys, which have brought during the week from \$½ to 9c in large lots for best. Straight lots of young chickens bring from 6½ to 7c., with poorer grades a cent or two less. Ducks are steady at 7 to 8c., and geese have been only in fair demand at 5½ to 6½c. The market here is quoted at 8 to 9c. for turkeys, 5 to 6c. per lb. for geese, 30 to 60c. per pair for ducks, and 25 to 50c. for chickens.

## Potatoes.

The Montreal market is steady for good sound stock, with sales of car lots reported at 53c. per bag on track. The ruling figures, however, are a little below this price. Potatoes are rather quiet here, with cars on track quoted at 45c. Potatoes out of store bring 65 to 70c. per bag. On the local farmers' market they are quoted at 55 to 65c.

## Fruit.

Good sound apples are in good demand on both sides of the water. Sales of choice lots have been made at Montreal at \$3 to \$3.25 per barrel. Poorer quality, however, is not good value. There is reported to be considerable quantities of apples in Western Ontario and several lots sent to the American market at about \$2.75 west of Toronto.

## Hay and Straw.

Considerable quantities of hay continue to go forward to Great Britain though prices are low. There is reported to be considerable reduction in the imports of foreign hay at Liverpool with a good demand for Canadian. At Montreal considerable hay is being bought for the export trade, via American ports. The market here for baled hay is steady at \$7 to \$7.50 for No. 1 timothy, \$5.50 to \$6 for No. 2 and \$4.50 to \$5 for clover in car lots. The demand here is slow and the market dull at \$7.50 for cars on track. Baled

straw being \$4.50 in car lots. The prices for timothy and clover on the local market range from \$6 to \$9.50.

## Cheese.

The cheese situation continues to show a healthier and firmer feeling all round, which is likely to be continued till the close of the season, with a likelihood of still higher prices. The English dealers, however, do not as yet seem to fully realize the condition of things on this side, and the full extent of the shortage. The total shipments from Montreal for the navigation season just closed were 1,874,990 boxes as compared with 2,099,529 boxes for the same period last year, showing a decrease of 224,539 boxes. The total shipments from New York up to Nov. 26 were 294,442 boxes as compared with 557,126 boxes for the same period last year, showing a decrease of 262,684 boxes, or a total decrease from Montreal and New York of 487,223 boxes. The stocks held in Canada are estimated to be 420,000 boxes, as compared with 650,000 at the same time last year, making a further decrease of 230,000 boxes, or a shortage of over 700,000 boxes on this side, and add to this the shortage in stocks held in England as compared with last year at this time and we have a total shortage of almost a million boxes. When the English dealers begin to realize the real condition of things prices are expected to advance with a rush, though this may not occur till after the holiday season.

The London market is reported firmer with finest Canadian quoted at 47 to 48s. There has been an advance of a shilling at Liverpool. There is an improved inquiry at Montreal, and quotations there are 9½ to 9¾c. for finest Westerns, 9¼ to 9½c. for finest Easterns. The local markets are now closed for the season.

## Butter.

The English butter market is very much excited and appears to be rapidly advancing. At London values rushed up 4s. to 5s. during the week. Finest Canadian creamery is quoted there at 102 to 107s. and good to fine at 94 to 98s. with really fancy lots going as high as 108 to 110s. The same condition of things prevails at Liverpool, where finest Canadian is only a few shillings below what it brings in London. The Montreal market is also strong and somewhat excited for fancy creamery, and sales are reported at 19½ to 20½c., an advance of nearly 2 cents over last week's quotations. Stocks seem to be pretty well concentrated and in the hands of one firm. The supplies have been pretty well cleaned up in the country and it is difficult to get anything but the winter creamery, for which the outlook just now is a hopeful one. Choice creamery at Montreal is quoted at 19½ to 20c. in boxes, and 19 to 19½c. in tubs. Creamery quotations here are about the same as last week.

The total butter shipments from Montreal for the navigation season just closed were 283,910 packages, as compared with 222,510 packages for the same time last year, an increase of 61,400 packages; but the shipments from New York for the same time show a de-