Market Review and Forecast

TORONTO, Dec. 18.—One of the contributing factors to the high cost of living has been the delay which has been experienced in many railway centres in the delivery of freight. It has also been charged that some of the dealers, in order to create an artificial scarcity of food products, have left shipments standing on the track. Carloads of potatoes from New Brunswick and from Western Canada have, it appears, been held in Toronto, and Montreal in some cases until they were seriously damaged by frost. Difficulty has also been met in securing deliveries of coal, while one of our Western correspondents states that on his branch of railway a wheat blockade is preventing farmers from taking advantage of the good weather to market their season's crop. At the suggestion of the Board of Railway Commissioners, committees composed of representatives of consignees, shippers and railways have got together and are endeavoring to work out a solution to the question. One of the provisions of the solution will probably be the increase of demurrage charges.

War prices continue to soar, especially with dry goods. Remote values are obtained in some cases on goods that have been held over from last year, but which are being sold on the basis of the actual cost. Cotton continues to advance. Woollens are meeting with slow delivery and rising prices. Linen prices are mounting higher and higher, and it is expected that soon none will be procurable. Leather is firmer and advancing. In spite of all these factors, the Christmas season trade is opening and some lines of goods are moving rapidly.

WHEAT.

Still further reductions are to be reported in wheat prices. The feeling in local grain circles is that the break will not be extended further, but that values will advance. The depressing factor seems to be the influence of Chicago. The feeling seems general that there will be no advances in the wheat situation. Quotations are: Manitoba, No. 1 northern, track, bay ports, No. 1 northern, $1.72½; No. 2, $1.69½; No. 3, $1.63½; No. 4 wheat, $1.62½; old crop wheat, 5 cents higher; Ontario wheat, winter, new crop, No. 2, $1.50 to $1.52, according to freight outside; No. 3 winter, new crop, $1.48 to $1.50.

COARSE GRAINS.

There has been quite a decided drop in oats this last week. There has been a fair local trade in wheat, oats and corn. Deliveries of corn are much poorer this week, with an embargo on the United States roads feeding the C. P. R., completely blocking up the route to Chicago. Prices ruling are: Manitoba oats, track, bay ports, No. 2 C.W., 60½c; No. 3 C. W., 57½c; extra No. 1 feed, 57½c. No. 1 feed, 55½c. Ontario oats (according to freight outside), No. 2 white, 58c to 60c; No. 3 white, 57c to 59c. Corn, No. 2 yellow American, new, $1.02½, December shipments subject to embargo, track, Toronto. Peas, No. 2, $2.30. Barley, malting, $1.15 to $1.16, nominal. Buckwheat, $1.25; rye, No. 2 new, $1.34 to $1.35. At Montreal, oats, C.W. No. 2, 65c; No. 3 C.W., 61c; extra No. 1 feed, 61c; barley, Manitoba feed, $1; do., malting, $1.20 to $1.22.

MILL FEEDS.

The trade in mill feed continues fairly active, quotations being about the same as those of last week. They are: Carlots delivered, Montreal freights, $37; bran, $33; good feed flour, $3 to $3.10; shorts, $35 to $36; middlings, $38 to $40. At Montreal: Bran, $32; shorts, $35; middlings, $38 to $40; moulins, $43 to $48.

HAY AND STRAW.

Hay, No. 1, track here, new, $12.50 to $13.50, in car lots; No. 2, $10 to $11.50; straw, car lots, $8 to $9.50. At Montreal: Hay, No. 2, car lots, $13.

SEEDS.

Prices asked at country points by wholesalers are: Alsike, No. 1, $8.75 to $10; No. 2, $8.50 to $9; No. 3, $7.50 to $8; rejected, $4.25 to $6; timothy, cwt., $3 to $5; common grades, cwt., $1.50 to $3.50; red clover, No. 1, bus., $10.75; No. 2, $9 to $9.75; No. 3, $8 to $8.75.

POTATOES AND BEANS.

Potatoes, New Brunswicks, in car lots, $2 to $2.10; Western, $1.60 to $1.80; Prince Edward Island, $1.70 to $1.80.

Beans, hand-picked, $6; primes, $5.50.

EGGS AND POULTRY.

Egg prices are remaining about stationary, the highest price levels attainable apparently having about been reached. Wholesalers are selling to the trade new-laids, cartons, 65c to 70c; ex-cartons, 60c to 65c; storage, selects, 42c to 43c; storage, No. 1, 40c to 42c.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Butter and cheese are quiet but firm in price. The cheese coming in is lower in quality. The butter situation is being taken very seriously by householders, who appear to attach more importance to butter prices than to the prices of all other commodities combined. This is the result of the organized efforts of certain manufacturing and storage interests to concentrate attention on butter prices in an endeavor to secure the admission of margarine. Prices are: Creamery prints, fresh made, 47c to 48c; storage, 45c to 46c; creamery solids, 46c to 47c; choice dairy prints, 42c to 43c; ordinary, 36c to 38c; bakers', 35c to 36c. Cheese prices are as follows: New, large, 25½c to 26c; twins, 26c to 26½c; triplets, 26½c to 27c; Stilltons, 27c to 27½c.

Sales Dates Claimed

The Southern Counties Ayrshire Breeders' Club's third annual consignment sale at Imperial Hotel stables, Tillsonburg, on Thursday, Dec. 28, 1916.

Brant District Holstein Consignment Sale will be held Jan. 31st, 1917, at Brantford, Ont.

LIVE STOCK.

Aside from the general market quotations, some remarkable prices have been paid for the carcasses of prize animals at the live stock shows. The grand champion fat steer at Guelph was purchased at 50 cents a pound, while the statement has been published that the Chicago grand champion sold for $1.76 a pound. The general cattle trade during the past week was strong and steady, with a strong demand for good quality offerings. Christmas cattle are somewhat scarce, but in very strong demand. Dealers expect that the bulk of Christmas stock and the best quality stock will be marketed has already been sold. Trade was brisk in all departments. Quotations are about as follows: Steers, choice, weighty, $9.25 to $9.50; med. weighty, $8.75 to $9; choice handy, $9.50 to $9.90; med. to good, $7 to $8.40; cows, $6.25 to $8.75; butchers' cows, choice, $7 to $7.50; med. to good, $6 to $6.80; butchers' bulls, choice, $7.25 to $7.75; med. to good, $5.50 to $6.50; bologna, $4.85 to $5.20; feeders, 900 to 1,000 lbs., $6.20 to $6.75; stockers, 900 lbs., $5.50 to $6; med., 700 to 800 lbs., $4.80 to $5.20; com. light, $4.50 to $4.70; cutters, $4.50 to $4.90; canners, $4.40 to $4.60.

The market for choice milkers and springers continues to be firm, and offerings of the best quality early in the week brought prices that soared as high as $135. Milkers, good to choice, $75 to $120; com. to med., $50 to $70; springers, $55 to $120; calves, veal, choice, $11; com. to med., $5 to $9; grass, $5 to $6.

Small meats were slower toward the end of the week, but the rise in prices of the early part of the week's offerings were maintained. Spring lambs, choice, sold per lb. at 12c to 12 5-8c; culls, 8c to 10c; sheep, ewes, light, per cwt., $8.75 to $9.25; heavy and bucks, $7.50 to $8.50; culls, $3 to $5.

There was a tendency toward higher prices for hogs. The run was comparatively heavy, and slight advances were recorded. Quotations were, weighed off cars: $12 to $12.10; fed and watered, $11.75 to $11.85, less $1 to $2 on lights, less $2.50 to $3.50 on sows, less half per cent. government condemnation.

HIDES AND WOOL.

Country Markets—Beef hides, flat, cured, 22c to 24c; part cured, 20c to 22c; deacons or bob calf, $1.75 to $2.25 each; horsehides, country take-off, No. 1, $8 to $9; No. 2, $7 to $8; No. 1 sheepskins, $2.50 to $2.50; sheepskins, pelts and spring lambs, $1.85 to $2.25; horsehair, farmers' stock, 38c to 40c.

THE TILLSONBURG AYRSHIRE SALE.

WITH the coming into force next spring of the Ontario "Dairy Standards Act" the great majority of the dairy farmers of this province will find themselves facing conditions never before experienced. Quantity in milk production will not be the only point to be considered in the building up of a dairy herd. The quality of the milk will be of equal importance. An Ayrshire sire placed at the head of a low testing herd will work wonders in raising the percentage of butter fat in the milk of the progeny. The Ayrshire is a uniformly high tester, as the Record of Performance test has now proven. The average test for nearly 900 head that have now qualified in the yearly test is over 4%. The Southern Counties Ayrshire Breeders' Club are putting on sale at Tillsonburg on Dec. 28th, 40 females and 10 young bulls. Most of them fit for service. The Ayrshire families represented in this district are noted for their heavy producing proclivities. Stock sold at former sales now hold some of the championship records for the breed in Canada, such heavy producing families as the Jean Armours, White Lass, Scotch Thistles, Lennaxs, Geraldines, Briers, Primrose of Tanglewylds and Scotties are all represented at the sale. This is the third annual sale held by the club, whose constitution absolutely prohibits all bybidding or bidding in. Everybody is therefore assured of a fair and square deal. The noted Ayrshire breeder and judge of dairy cattle, W. W. Ballantyne, Stratford, is president of the club, and John McKee, Norwich, secretary and manager. Send to the secretary for a sale catalogue.

AT SERVICE

YEARLING SON OF THE GREAT MAY ECHO SYLVIA

The greatest combination of milk and butter in the world.

DAM:—MAY ECHO SYLVIA.

CHAMPION ECHO SYLVIA PONTIAC. A "champion" by breeding, records, individuality.

SIRE:—SPRING FARM PONTIAC CORNUCOPIA.

She is so well known in Canada that we shall only say that she holds by large margins all world's milk records from one day (152.5 lbs.) to 100 days (12,899.8 lbs.), and the second highest for butter for 100 days—365.5 lbs. She has three successive records of 33.94 lbs., 36.33, and 41.05 lbs. in 7 days—all made within 27 months. Her dam and grand dam both have records of over 700 lbs. within 7 days. Sylvia's 7-day milk record is 1,005 lbs.

A grand son of the great sire Spring Farm Cornucopia Lad, and a son of the first 44 lb. cow. She is a daughter of King of the Pontiacs and a 34 lb. cow.

Champion's three nearest dams average records for 7 days for both milk and butter are the highest in the world, being 799.5 and 36.36 lbs., respectively.

He is a magnificent individual, and a few weeks ago was pronounced by a leading American Holstein judge to be individually the finest young bull he had ever handled. His services are now offered for a limited number of approved cows—terms a matter of arrangement.

We have for sale, a small number of well bred young females in calf to Champion, and to our fine Pietje bull. Also bull calves from six months up, which we are offering at bargains to clear—five have gone to the U. S. in the last couple of months.

H. LYNN, HERD SUPT. AVONDALE FARM, BROCKVILLE, ONT.

HIGH LAWN HOLSTEINS

In the past few weeks we shipped young bulls to W. J. Elgie, Sault Ste. Marie; S. Higginson, Kinburn, Ont.; Hitch & Homberger, South Cayuga, Ont.; H. C. Martin, Melbourne, Que.; G. T. Markham, West Lorne, Ont., and still we have some choice ones left. No. 1, sire, "May Echo's Prince"; dam, "Helena Hengerveld Keyes 2rd"; 19,782 lbs. milk, 862 lbs. butter, 4 years. No. 2, same sire as No. 1; dam, a 5-yr.-old daughter of above-mentioned cow. No. 4, sire, "Pontiac Johanna King," a son of our 25,000-lb. cow, "Calamity Johanna King"; dam, "Burkeyje Hengerveld's May Echo," a daughter of "Burkeyje Hengerveld," first 20,000 lb. 4-yr.-old in Canada. These calves are fine, straight fellows, beautifully marked, and are priced best for quick sale.

If you need a herd sire it will pay you to get our prices before you buy. Write, phone or come.

JOSEPH O'REILLY - - PETERBORO, ONT., R. R. NO. 8.

HIGHLAND LAKE FARMS

Offer for sale at attractive prices a few choicely bred Holsteins.

No. 1—A yearling son of a 34 lbs. bull and a 20 lbs. 3 year old prize-winning cow. No. 2—An 8 months son of a 34 lbs. bull and a 16.21 lbs. 2 year old granddaughter of King Segis. The dams of these calves are the foundation herd, and will be tested again at next freshening. Write for printed pedigrees. We also have for sale a few females bred to our herd sire, KING SEGIS PONTIAC CANADA.

R. W. E. BURNABY (Farm at Stop 55, Yonge St. Radial) Jefferson, Ont.

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Over 60 pure bred holsteins and only one bull ready for service. His dam is a 29-lb. grand-daughter of Hengerveld DeKol, and his sire's dam average 32.50 lbs. of butter for seven days. We can also spare a few heifers just bred to King Segis Alcartra Calamity.

ARBOGAST BROS. Sebringville, Ont.

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Young bulls of Pontiac Korndyke blood. We have 4 of these, 8 months old, sired by our present herd header "Burkeyje Burke Het Loo," pronounced by expert judges to be a bull of outstanding type and quality. His sire, Pontiac Korndyke Het Loo, by Pontiac Korndyke. Dam—Boon Homestead Burke with 7 day record of 28.31 lbs. and testing over 4 per cent. fat. Dams of bulls have good R.O.P. backing. Could also spare a few yearling heifers and mature cows bred to our herd bull. Come and see them, or write (1 mile from C.P.R. station.) J. C. JAKES, - Merrickville, Ont.

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For Sale, Choice Young Bulls, sired by grandson of Pontiac Korndyke, and a brother of King Johanna Pontiac Korndyke, a cow giving 38.02 butter in 7 days, 156.92 lbs. 30 days—world's record when made. Also females bred to "King." J. W. RICHARDSON, - CALEDONIA, ONT.

LAKEVIEW HOLSTEINS

We are now offering the highest producing 5-yr.-old in Canada, in Lakeview Dutchland Artis, the 34.66-lb. Can. Champion, due to freshen Mar. 22, 1917; her 2 daughters; her own dam, her full sister and her daughter. Also several young bulls, all sired by Dut. Col. Sir Mona, and half brothers to the 34.66-lb. cow above. One is out of Queen Inka DeKol, the 34.277-lb. year cow, who held the Canadian Championship for 4 yrs. for butter in the 7 dy. Div. 8 mos. after calving. Don't miss an opportunity to see this herd.

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