

MARKET REVIEW AND FORECAST

Toronto, Monday, May 10.—Those close in touch with the trade of the country are inclined to be more optimistic in their utterances than for some time past. Foreign trade is reviving and local trade is also improving. It is noticeable that wholesale houses are placing orders for goods, especially in the case of expanding trade is the strong demand for such materials as wool and cashmere per cent. Farm mortgages run about six per cent, although we have heard of a few being placed at lower rates. Some of the best local leaders at five and one-half per cent.

Produce markets of the past week have been favorable to the producer. Wheat as advanced, grain is stronger and cattle are also on a higher level than last week. The one gloomy spot on the market is that for butter, which tends to be low.

WHEAT

The flour trade is quiet. The United States official report indicates 20,000,000 bushels in excess of the 1913 estimate. In spite of these adverse conditions quotations locally range firm to higher. No. 1 Northern, 90c; No. 2, 86c; screenings, 84c to 86c; Ontario, 81c to 82c.

COARSE GRAIN

This has been a boom week for coarse grain. Oats are selling much more freely. Western oats at highest levels. New and rye have both advanced. Quotations are as follows: Oats, C.W. No. 1, 30c; No. 2, 29c; Ontario, 30c to 31c; rye, 74c to 75c; peas, 86c to 87c; barley, 84c to 85c; buckwheat, 80c to 81c. At Montreal wholesale quotations, C.W. No. 1, 31c; No. 2, 28c; rye, 75c to 80c; barley, 81c to 82c; peas, 87c to 88c.

MILL FEEDS

The price continues steady, but the tendency is towards lower levels. Bran, 25c to 26c; middlings, 25c to 26c; screenings, 23c to 24c; feed flour, 84c to 85c. Montreal market asks for bran, shorts, 25c; middlings, 23c.

HAY AND STRAW

As is usually expected at this time of year, the market is firm and receipts of both wholesale dealers are quoting No. 1, \$14 to \$14.50; No. 2, \$13.50 to \$14; No. 3, \$13 to \$13.50; baled straw, \$8 to \$8.50. Montreal reports a firm market for the best grades: No. 1, \$16; No. 2, \$15.50 to \$16; No. 3, \$14 to \$15.

EGGS AND POULTRY

Country egg quotations are fully two cents in advance of this time last year. In some sections of Eastern Ontario, Toronto and Montreal dealers are coming into competition to the advantage of the poultryman. Toronto wholesale dealers quote eggs 25c to 26c on track. Montreal dealers quote eggs at 25c, some are paying as high as 26c f.o.b. and 25c to 26c on track.

Poultry alive or dead, is hard to get. Dressed fowl have gone up from 17c to 18c; live, 15c to 16c; yearling chickens, dressed, 15c to 16c; live, 15c to 16c; turkeys, 25c to 26c.

POTATOES AND BEANS

Potatoes have taken another customary advance and are now quoted wholesale at \$1.05 to \$1.10 for Ontario's in our lots. New Brunswick's, \$1.10 to \$1.15. Dealers estimate that the price will come down after planting, if it usually does.

Beans here are quoted \$2.10 to \$2.20 for primes and \$2.15 to \$2.25 for hand picked. At Montreal hand picked beans are quoted at \$2.10 to \$2.20. New Brunswick's, \$2.15 to \$2.20; three-pound pickers, \$1.95 to \$2.05.

Quotations are: Hides, cured, 15c to 20c; salt cured, 15c to 20c; green, 15c to 20c; sheep skins, \$4.50 to \$5.00; half, 35c to 40c; calf skins, cured, 17c to 18c; the dekins, 35c to 40c; lamb skins, 15c to 20c; sheep skins, \$1.50 to \$2.00.

The new clip is arriving and wool now have advanced. Unwashed, coarse

19c; fine, 20c; washed rejects, 18c to 19c; coarse, 17c to 18c; fine, 18c to 19c; 20c to 21c.

SEEDS

Wholesale seed accounts are selling to the trade per cent, as follows: Red clover, No. 1, \$19 and \$21; No. 2, \$17 to \$18.50; alfalfa, No. 1, \$25 to \$26; No. 2, \$24 to \$25; timothy, \$14 to \$15; No. 2, \$13 to \$14.50.

DAIRY PRODUCTS

Butter has been a still further drop of one cent during the week, but the trade is steadily improving. Creamery butter has been reported as selling in Winnipeg at 25c a lb. and in Winnipeg supplying us with butter as well as with hogs. It would seem that weeding farms is taking hold in the prairies with a vengeance, if we may judge by their shipments to us during recent months. The cheese situation is more encouraging. Wholesale quotations now are: Creamery, 25c to 26c; farmers' separator butter, 25c to 26c.

will be away behind last year, probably 15 to 20 per cent. This falling off is due to the fact that a large quantity of milk is being fed to calves, but after the lapse of this month it should all revert back to the cheese factories, unless we should have a demand again from the United States, such as we had last year.

Market for butter is fairly strong today, the stores being practically swept bare of stock, but as heavy receipts are expected all week, prices are expected for lower prices. Fine creamery is quoted at 25c today, but next week's prices are expected to fall from 25c to 22c.

MONTREAL HOG MARKET

Montreal, Saturday, May 9.—There is practically no change in the market for live hogs and prices are firm at last week's level. A good demand has been experienced for dressed hogs during the week at 25c a cwt. under our last prices, sales being made at \$13.50 and \$13.50.

CHEESE MARKETS.

Montreal, May 4.—The Cheese Makers' Cooperative Society sold 250 boxes of butter: 222 boxes No. 1 choice, 21c; 27 boxes No. 2, 22c; 21 boxes No. 1, 21c; 27 boxes No. 2, 22c. Offerings were 1,624 cheese and 215 white. The sales were 43 white and 125 colored at 12c for colored and 11c for white.

The New Champion Butter Producer of the World

This is May Rilma, the great Guernsey cow owned by Chesterbrook Farm. Rilma produced 19,635 lbs. of milk containing 1,659.59 lbs. of butter fat. This is the greatest production in the world to date, and was made by steady, persistent milking; in fact, May Rilma is making more butter in her thirty months of dairy life than she did in her first.

Kingston, May 6.—139 white offered and 66 colored; bid for white, 12 1/2c; 135c; 13c colored sold at 11 1/2c.

London, Ont., May 9.—49 hogs offered, 29 sold; bidded from 13c to 13 1/2c. Waterbury, N.Y., May 9.—Cheese sales, 7,000 boxes at 13c to 13 1/2c.

SALE OF HOLSTEINS EARLY IN JUNE
In a letter to Farm and Dairy the Clark Bros. of Iroquois, Ont., request us to announce their complete disposition sale of the Mapleton herd of Holsteins early next month.

This is one of the largest herds of females and five males. Messrs. Clark and W. D. Hamilton have spared no effort in placing behind this herd the best foundation stock that money could buy. Their breeding is, therefore, of the best, and only the choicest of sires have been used. A proven son of the great Pontiac Kordyke is now at the head of the Mapleton Holsteins. It is this fashionable line of color which to-day is drawing the high prices in New York State, and elsewhere. These blood lines comprise world's record holders.

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The Hamilton Bros. are giving up farming; their sale is genuine, disinterested. This large offering, especially of so many females carrying the blood of the greatest producing Holsteins in the breed, will, without fail, attract a large number of buyers. Those looking for the best foundation stock, or who wish to add something specially good to their Holsteins, will find in the large roomy kind with strong constitution and the udders of producers. Fuller particulars will be made through these columns in our coming issues.

OUR FARMERS' CLUB

Correspondence Invited

NOVA SCOTIA

CAPE BRITON CO., N.S.

SALMON RIVER, May 8.—The past winter was one of exceptional mildness, with very small snowfall. The first snow of any value to the farmers came in the first week of January. On an average there was not more than a foot of snow in the woods. There from 25c to 22c in the woods. There from 25c to 22c. The "lamb" weather and "lion" weather. The "lamb" weather was when the warm sun melted the snow to such an extent that the ground was ruined. However, the "lion" weather was to come, and the last day of the month was characterized by a strong storm that covered the ground with about eight inches of snow. This was a boon to those who were caught with their hawling still undone. April came in fine and warm, and the month brought another snowstorm. The sixth was a snowfall of 16 inches. This was one of the worst of the winter. The markets have been very brisk at times, and have been readily at good prices. Hides and cats' paws range from 30c to 40c and 30c to 40c respectively. Calves are scarce and fat at present. In some districts during the latter half of February and the month of March, Veal is plentiful and ranges in price from 35c to 40c a pound. Calveskins range from 15c to 20c a pound. Springers were in good demand but rather scarce and cheap. The present heavy supplies of butter and eggs will do doubt cause a slump in price during the next week or two. The source and retail from the stores at 90c from 50c to 60c.—J. H. McDonald.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

KINGS CO., P.E.I.

HERMANVILLE, May 6.—The season here is about opened in the vicinity of Ottawa. The ice is still there for a half-mile or more, from the shore in the Gulf of St. Lawrence to the little drying of the length. The winter and very backward spring is causing at all points and of feed for cattle. Hay, off cars, is 80c a cwt., and many farmers are buying it to buy more. The crops last year turned out poor; 1913-14 the poor season are cheap. Farmers here are by no means enthusiastic over prospects—quite a contrast from this time last year in this respect. Then they were jubilant. This spring they feel blue. Travelling has almost impossible between here and mud. No hauling can be done at present. There is very little milk being sent far. The partial failure of the potato crop last year was a big blow to farmers. There has been a shortage of pork this spring. At this time last year very farmer had a cellar full of potatoes, and these were very scarce and sold to all classes of live stock. This year cellars are empty and the farmers are suffering as a consequence and there are few pigs being fattened, for farmers here fattened largely on potatoes. While the prospects of good crops this year, though the season is late, are good, the price of the grain is very low. Farmers are very bad at least this is so in the Eastern part of the island.—J. A. McDonald.

ONTARIO

WATERLOO CO., ONT.

WATERLOO, May 5.—A late seeding is in full swing, but is often delayed by rain. The wheat is in good condition and has been sown to other grain. Clover looks promising. Feed is holding out well. Fat cattle are being shipped to 82.25, according to weight and quality. The price is \$1.25 a lb. of eggs; 15c to 20c; butter, 20c; maple syrup, \$1.50 to \$1.60.—C. H. S.

WILKINGTON CO., ONT.

ELORA, May 1.—Notwithstanding the cool weather, seeding is progressing nicely. The corn is in good condition and should be finished up in good season. A large variety now generally does best, so should be sown as early as possible. Grass is coming on fine. Stock are in good condition. Producers are bright to the farmer. All most products are still bringing good profits, though not quite so high as a former year. The outlook good for some time to come. The farmer

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