

CHEESE.

The receipts of cheese for the week ending September 9th, 1917, were 71,700 boxes, which show an increase of 2,019 boxes as compared with the previous week, and a decrease of 5,578 boxes with the same week last year, while the total receipts from May 1st to date show a decrease of 212,788 boxes, as compared with the corresponding period a year ago. Of the total receipts for the same week last year 6,748 boxes were received from the United States.

Although prices paid at the country boards were somewhat irregular there has been very little change in the condition of the cheese situation.

No. 1 western and eastern cheese	0.21%
No. 2 western and eastern cheese	0.21%
No. 3 western and eastern cheese	0.20%
Lower grades	0.20%

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

EGGS.

The receipts of eggs in Montreal for the week ending September 8th, 1917, were 5,266 cases, as against 7,383 for the previous week, and 15,383 for the same week last year. The total receipts since May 1st to date were 211,809 cases, as compared with 315,202 for the corresponding period in 1916, showing a decrease of 103,433 cases.

The demand for domestic consumption has been good throughout the week, with prices firm, with sales of guaranteed new laid at 53c, and the ordinary run of new laid at 51c and 52c. An increased demand from English importers for supplies of both Canadian and American stocks is reported.

We quote current prices as follows:

Strictly new laid	0.52	0.53
Selected stock	0.47	0.48
No. 1 candled	0.00	0.44
No. 2 candled	-0.40	0.41

POTATOES.

Prices of potatoes have fluctuated during the week and the market has shown great activity.

Early in the week, on account of a temporary scarcity, prices advanced sharply to \$3.25 per bag of 80 lbs., in a wholesale jobbing way, but later a weaker feeling developed in the market owing to increased offerings, and prices declined \$1 per bag, with sales at \$2.25 per bag ex store and car lots have changed hands at \$2. The market closed easy and lower prices are expected in the near future.

SUGAR.

The Atlantic Sugar Refinery reduced the price of refined sugar 25c per 100 lbs. on Thursday last, to the level of the other refineries on the basis of \$9 per 100 lbs. for extra granulated in bags, and 9.05 in barrels.

We quote current prices on the local market as follows:

Extra granulated bags, 100 lbs.	9.00
Do., gunnies, 5-20's	9.15
Do., gunnies, 10-10's	9.20
Do., cartons, 20-5's	9.25
Do., cartons, 50-2's	9.30
No. 1 yellow, bags, 100 lbs.	8.60
No. 2 yellow, bags, 100 lbs.	8.50
No. 3 yellow, bags, 100 lbs.	8.40
Extra ground barrels	9.20
Do., boxes, 25 lbs.	9.60
Do., boxes, 50 lbs.	9.40
Do., cartons, 50-1 lbs.	10.50
Do., cartons, 20-1 lbs.	10.75
Powdered, barrels	9.10
Do., boxes, 50 lbs.	9.30
Do., boxes, 25 lbs.	9.50
Do., cartons, 50-2 lbs.	10.00
Do., cartons, 25-2 lbs.	10.25

CANNED GOODS.

The trade in canned goods is very quiet due to the Controllors embargo. The prices for new peas are announced and are as follows:

Standard peas, class A, \$1.70, B, \$1.67½; Early June, class A, \$1.77½, B, \$1.75; Sweet Wrinkle, class A, \$2.02½, B, \$2.00; Extra Sifted, class A, \$2.32½, B, \$2.30.

Prices of new pack salmon were also announced and are as follows:

Salmon Sockeye—	
"Clover Leaf," ½-lb. flats	2.45
1 lb. talls, cases 4 doz., per doz.	3.00

½ flats, cases 8 doz., per doz.	1.50	2.00
Chums, 1-lb. talls	1.80	2.20
Pinks, 1-lb. talls	2.20	2.65
Cohoes, 1-lb. talls	2.65	2.70
Red Springs, 1-lb. talls	2.70	
Salmon, Gaspé, Niobe Brand (case of 4 doz.), per doz.	2.25	

LOCAL STOCKS OF DAIRY PRODUCE.

The following table shows the stocks of butter, cheese and eggs in store in Montreal on the dates mentioned:

	Sept. 1, 1917.	Aug. 1, 1917.	Sept. 1, 1916.
Butter—			
Creamery, pk.	130,493	99,275	99,036
Dairy, pkgs.	4,416	2,956	6,581
Cheese, boxes	203,363	271,737	202,398
Eggs—			
Fresh, cases	6,379	2,771	2,276
Cold storage	114,549	115,463	127,072

THE PRICE OF CHEESE.

The following letter is a reply to one received by the Cheese Commission from the Brockville Dairymen's Board of Trade, and speaks for itself:—
Mr. J. B. Wilson, Secretary, Dairymen's Board of Trade, Brockville, Ont.:

Dear Sir,—The Cheese Commission begs to acknowledge your communication of the 30th ultimo and the resolution passed at the last meeting of the Brockville Dairymen's Board of Trade, requesting that the commission use its influence with the British Government to secure an advance in price for Canadian cheese, etc.

This resolution comes as a surprise in view of the many expressions of satisfaction which have reached the commission with regard to the price being paid for cheese this season.

As to the fairness of the present price and the increased cost of production, the commission does not feel called upon to express an opinion, but desires to point out that there are other and very much more important considerations. If it were permissible to make a full statement of the position at the present time, the commission feels sure that the members of the Brockville Dairymen's Board of Trade, instead of asking for more money, would be congratulating themselves on the present situation.

A mistaken idea seems to prevail that Great Britain must have Canadian cheese, and the commission regrets that any move of this kind should have been made at this juncture, as it may have the effect of endangering the whole trade.

If the dairymen will accept the advice of the commission, they will allow the business to proceed with as little disturbance and comment as possible. The price of any article is not fixed by the cost of its production, but rather by what it can be sold for. If the British Board of Trade should stop buying Canadian cheese, it is quite certain that there would be a disastrous slump in the price without any regard whatever to cost.

Under the general system of control which is being worked out in the United Kingdom, United States and Canada, it seems probable there may be a general reduction of prices, which would react on the cost of production.

Yours truly,
CHEESE COMMISSION,
Thos. M. Todd, Secretary.

RECEIPTS OF BUTTER AND CHEESE.

The following table shows the receipts of butter and cheese in Montreal for the week ending September 9th, 1917, with comparisons:

	Butter, pkgs.	Cheese, boxes.
Receipts, September 9, 1917	2,544	16,696
Receipts, September 1, 1917	3,742	12,943
Receipts, September 10, 1916	4,466	10,733
Week ending Sept. 9, 1917	10,525	71,700
Week ending Sept. 1, 1917	14,704	69,681
Week ending Sept. 10, 1916	20,506	77,278
Total receipts May 1st, 1917 to Sept. 9th, 1917	234,939	1,230,325
Total receipts, May 1, 1916, to Sept. 10th, 1916	322,006	1,443,113

CORN CROP IN U. S. TO MAKE RECORD.

Corn, the country's greatest crop, needs only a few weeks' freedom from frost to mature into the largest production ever known in the history of the nation. The Government's September crop report, issued on September 7, forecasts a production of 3,248,000,000 bushels, which is 124,000,000 bushels more than produced in the record year 1912.

Corn prospects improved to the extent of 53,000,000 bushels as a result of good weather during August, the Kansas crop showing improvements to the extent of almost 40,000,000 bushels, and Missouri 23,000,000 bushels. Declines were recorded in other states.

Spring wheat yields are turning out better than expected, and the September forecast showed an increase of 14,000,000 bushels over the production forecast in August, with a total of 250,000,000 bushels. Adding the winter wheat production, a total yield of 668,000,000 bushels of wheat this year was announced. That is 28,000,000 bushels more than last year's harvest, but 138,000,000 bushels less than the average of the crops for the five years 1911-1915.

Besides the record crop of corn, larger production than ever before will be harvested in oats, with 1,533,000,000 bushels; rye, with 56,000,000 bushels; white potatoes, with 462,000,000 bushels; sweet potatoes, with 88,200,000 bushels; tobacco, with 1,221,000,000 pounds; and hay, with 81,700,000 tons.

Oats prospects increased 79,000,000 bushels during August, but tobacco lost 49,000,000 pounds.

Washington, Sept. 7.—Forecasts of production of the principal crops, based on conditions existing September 1, were announced to-day by the United States Department of Agriculture as follows:

Winter wheat, 417,000,000 bushels, compared with 482,000,000 bushels in 1916; spring wheat, 250,000,000 compared with 159,000,000 last year; all wheat, 667,000,000 compared with 640,000,000 last year; corn, 3,248,000,000 compared with 2,583,000,000 last year.

Corn condition, 76.7 per cent. of a normal, compared with 71.3 last year and 75.2 the ten year average. Indicated yield, 26.8 bushels per acre, compared with 24.4 last year.

Oats condition, 90.4 per cent. of a normal compared with 78.0 last year, and 77.8 the ten year average. Indicated yield, 35.5 bushels per acre, compared with 30.1 last year and 31.7 the 1911-15 average.

Barley condition, 76.3, yield 24.3 compared with 74.6 and 23.6 respectively last year.

Oats, 1,533,000,000 bushels, compared with 1,252,000,000 last year.
Barley, 204,000,000 bushels compared with 181,000,000 last year.

Other details of the report follow:
Spring wheat condition, 71.2 per cent. of a normal compared with 48.6 last year and 74.0 the 10 year average. Indicated acre yield, 13.1 bushels, compared with 8.8 last year.

All wheat indicated yield, 14.3 bushels per acre compared with 12.1 last year.

LOCAL STOCKS OF GRAIN IN STORE.

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

	Sept. 9, 1917.	Sept. 1, 1917.	Sept. 10, 1916.
Wheat, bushels	298,282	673,079	1,088,275
Corn, bushels	19,377	10,568	914,700
Oats, bushels	609,920	1,503,463	3,819,629
Barley, bushels	103,451	102,915	409,930
Rye, bushels	1,680	1,680	152,214
Flour, sacks	55,516	59,783	46,019

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The Montreal City & District Savings Bank

Notice is hereby given that a dividend of two dollars and ten cents per share on the Capital Stock of this Institution (55% paid up) has been declared and will be payable at its Head Office in this City, on and after Monday, the first of October next, to shareholders of record on the 15th day of September next, at one o'clock p.m.

By order of the Board,
A. P. LESPERANCE,
Manager.

Montreal, August 20th, 1917.