

MARKET REVIEW AND FORECAST

Toronto, Monday, December 26, 1910.—The advent of the New Year brings with it the outpourings of good wishes to our fellow beings, and in no instance is the editor of this special page of Farm and Dairy wishes the thousands of readers of the paper a brighter and more prosperous New Year. The year that is passing away has proved a red letter one for the farmers and that its successor will prove as successful for the farmer as it is passing away fairly well assured. When even the chronic croaker is still, the outlook must be indeed a rosy one.

Thornton, Davidson & Co. say in their weekly circular letter:

So far as Canada is concerned, the business situation seems to be unusually promising. All lines of industries report expansion and good prospects for the coming year. Money is likely to be fairly plenty all after the turn of the year. This will be an advantage both to industry and to the stock market. As time goes on, the situation as respects the new securities issued during the year should gradually improve, so that it is not unreasonable to hope for a better securities market before the close of the winter season.

Call money in Toronto rates at 5% to 6 per cent.

WHEAT

There was a slightly upward tendency in wheat at the end of the year. Chicago and Winnipeg in sympathy with the British market, but the change has not been enough to cause even a flutter.

Local quotations: No. 1, 96c; No. 1, Northern 93c; No. 2, 96c; No. 3, 91c a bushel; No. 2, Ontario winter wheat, 85c to 86c outside. On the farmers' market, the fall wheat is selling at 85c and goose wheat at 80c to 81c a bushel.

COARSE GRAINS

The market is steady in all classes of grains, and local quotations run as follows: Canada western oats, 32½c; No. 3, 35½c at lake ports for immediate shipment. Ontario white oats, No. 2, 32c to 32½c outside; No. 3, 31c to 31½c and 34c to 35c on track. Toronto: No. 2, 78c to 79c; American yellow corn, No. 3, 52½c a bushel on track; Toronto: feed barley, 58c to 60c a bushel; malting barley, 56c to 57c a bushel outside; rye, 55c to 56c a bushel; 40c a bushel at shipping points. On the farmers' market, oats are selling at 38c; peas, 75c; rye, 67c; barley, 59c to 61c; buckwheat, 42c a bushel.

The market in Montreal is dull and the demand very quiet. Prices are as follows: Canada western oats, No. 3, 32½c to 33½c a bushel; No. 3, 32½c to 33½c a bushel; Quebec white oats, No. 2, 37½c; No. 3, 35½c a bushel. American yellow corn, No. 3, 57½c to 58½c a bushel; feed barley, 45c to 48½c a bushel.

POTATOES AND BEANS

Wholesale dealers give the following quotations for potatoes: 15c to 50c a bag in cart lots. On the farmers' market potatoes are selling at 50c to 51c a bag.

In Montreal the potato firm and prices remain unchanged. Green Montanas are quoted by dealers at 82½c a bag and 81c a bag in a jobbing way.

The demand in Toronto for beans is

quiet and dealers quote three pound pickers at \$1.80 to \$1.95 a bushel.

The Montreal market is quiet; three pound pickers are selling in a jobbing way at \$1.75 to \$1.90 a bushel and in car lots at \$1.65 to \$1.70 a bushel, on track, Montreal.

DAIRY PRODUCTS

There is a very fair demand for butter on the local market and the supply is in good. Dealers quote choice creamery butter at 28c to 30c a lb.; dairy prints, 23c to 24c; separator prints, 24c to 25c; ordinary grades, 18c to 19c a lb. On the farmers' market, choice dairy butter is selling at 28c to 30c a lb. Local wholesale quotations for cheese are: large cheese, 12½c; and twins, 12½c a lb.

Montreal wholesale prices for butter are as follows: Choice western creamery, 25½c; and seconds 24½c a lb. The cheese market is quiet and westerns are quoted at 11½c to 12c a lb. and easterns at 10½c to 11c a lb.

EGGS AND POULTRY

There is a particularly joyful look on the face of the man or woman who has eggs to sell at this festive season, and no wonder, for the whole market quotations range from 45c to 50c a dozen for new laid eggs; select lots, 30c to 31c; cold storage eggs, 27c to 28c, and pickled eggs at 25c to 26c a dozen in case. On the farmers' market new laid eggs are selling at 50c to 52c a dozen.

Local poultry quotations are as follows: Chickens, 15c to 15½; fowls, 12c to 12½; turkeys, 20c to 21c; geese, 15c to 16c; ducks, 15c to 16c a lb.; live weight one to two cents a pound cheaper.

On the farmers' market dressed chickens are selling at 15c to 17c a lb.; fowl, 14c to 15c; turkeys, 22c to 25c; geese, 15c to 16c; and ducks, 15c to 17c a lb.

The wholesale market in Montreal runs as follows: Turkey, 15c to 21c; chickens, 14c to 16c; fowl, 12c to 14c; ducks and geese, 15c to 16c a lb. All prices are unchanged and prices are as follows: Selected stock, extra choice, 33c; No. 1 quality, 27c; No. 2, 23c to 24c a dozen.

HIDES

There is nothing particular to be noted in the hide trade. Local quotations run as follows: No. 1 inspected and cow hides, 10c; No. 2, 8c; No. 3, 8c a lb.; calf skins, 12c to 14c; horse skins, 45c to 50c; tallow, 6c to 6½c a lb.

At country points dealers are paying as follows: Sheep skins, 81c to 81½; lamb skins, 55c to 60c; horse hides, 12½ to 13½; horse hair, 30c a lb.; calf skins, 12c.

HAY AND STRAW

The local market is quiet and a steady trade is being done. Dealers quote No. 1 timothy at \$1.50 to \$1.6 a ton, on track, Toronto; second grade timothy, \$1.50 to \$1.6 a ton on track, Toronto; baled straw is quoted at 85c to 87c a ton on track. On the farmers' market, choice timothy hay is being sold at \$1.7 to \$1.8 a ton; clover and clover mixed at \$1.3 to \$1.4; straw in bundles, \$1.7 to \$1.8, and loose straw at 81c to 82c a ton.

There is a very active demand in Montreal, and export business is brisk. No. 1 timothy is quoted by dealers at \$1.10 to

\$1.15; No. 2, \$1.10 to \$1.05; clover, 87c to 87.50; and clover mixed at 87.50 to 88 a ton.

WOOL

Wool prices are unchanged. Washed fleeces are quoted at 21c to 22c; unwashed, 13c to 14c, and rejects at 17c to 18c a lb.

In Montreal washed fleeces are quoted at 25c to 30c; and unwashed fleeces at 16c to 17c a lb.

HONEY

Wholesale quotations for honey on the local market run as follows: Strained clover honey in 60 lb. tins, 10½c a lb.; in 15 lb. tins, 10c to 11c; No. 1, comb honey, 22½c to 25c a dozen; buckwheat honey, 7c a lb. The market for honey in Montreal is dull. Dealers quote white clover honey, 14c to 14½c; extracted white clover honey, 12c to 13c; buckwheat honey, 6c to 7c a lb.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Dealers give the following quotations in regard to fruit and vegetables: Apples, 85c to 86c a barrel; cabbage, 40c to 50c a dozen; onions, \$1 to \$1.25 a bag; parsnips, 50c a bag; beets, 50c to 60c a bag; celeriac plants, 60c to 70c; celery, 30c to 40c a dozen; cauliflower, 75c to 81c; citrons, 50c to 75c; artichokes, 60c to 70c. On the farmers' market apples are selling at 83 to 85 a barrel according to quality; cabbage, 40c to 50c a dozen; celery, 40c to 50c a dozen; cauliflower, 10c to 15c; dry onions, 30c to 40c a basket.

MILL FEEDS

The prices of millfeeds remain unchanged. Local quotations quote Manitoba bran, \$19 a ton; shorts, \$21 a ton on track, Toronto; Ontario bran, \$20 a ton; shorts, \$22 a ton on track, Toronto.

Montreal prices for millfeeds: Manitoba bran, \$18 to \$20 a ton; shorts, \$21 to \$22 a ton; Ontario bran, \$18.50 to \$19 a ton; millings, \$22 to \$22.50 a ton in bags, 10c on track. Montreal prices are firm both Toronto and Montreal and the demand is active.

SEEDS

Local wholesale quotations for seeds are: No. 1, 81c; No. 2, 78c; No. 3, 75c; No. 4, 72c; No. 1 red clover, 87c to 87.25c; No. 2, 86c to 86.50 a bushel.

HORSE MARKET

There is a fair amount of activity on the local market, and prices have ranged about as follows: Horses, \$275 to \$300; general purpose horses, \$200 to \$250; medium, \$150 to \$175; drivers, \$140 to \$160; expressers, \$125 to \$250; saddle horses, \$150 to \$270; serviceably sound horses, \$50 to \$100.

LIVE STOCK

The close of the year finds drovers and farmers in quite a hopeful frame of mind regarding the future outlook for the industry. The Christmas rush, notwithstanding the heavy shipments from the west, has proved that the demand is keeping up well with the supply. Hogs which have been going downwards lately in a way unpleasant to the producers, took a turn upwards during the week. Sheep and lambs have proved good sellers at firm prices and butcher cattle have been changing hands at strong prices. Feeders and stockers from the west, and in fact every development of the cattle trade has shown a cheerful outlook in keeping with the holiday season.

Dealers give the following as the latest quotations:

Choice export cattle—\$5.75 to \$6; medium, \$5.50 to \$5.60; ordinary, \$4.50 to \$5.25. Butcher cattle, choice—\$5.60 to \$5.85; medium, \$4.75 to \$5.25; ordinary, \$4.25 to \$4.50. Feeders—\$5 to \$5.25. Stockers—\$4.50 to \$5. Canners—\$5.50 to \$6. Milk cows—\$60 to \$75; springers, \$50 to \$65; medium cows, \$40 to \$45; calves, \$1.50 to \$3. Sheep—\$4.25 to \$4.60; bucks, \$2.75 to \$3.50; lambs, \$5.75 to \$5.85. Hogs—7c to 8c, \$5.50 a cwt, fed and watered, \$7 a cwt.

MONTREAL HOG MARKET

Montreal, Saturday, Dec. 24, 1910.—The offerings of live hogs on the market were very heavy this week and prices were maintained with difficulty, the bulk of the goods selling at prices practically unparallel at 42.75 to 47 a cwt.

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EXPORT BUTTER AND CHEESE

Montreal, Saturday, Dec. 24, 1910.—The cheese market has been very quiet this week, a decided holiday spirit pervading the trade generally and as far as can be ascertained very few exports have changed hands. Prices, however, are being steadily maintained, and there is no sign of weakness. There is generally being convinced that they will have difficulty in disposing of the small balance of the unsold stock at very full prices after the holidays. The bulk of the stock here unsold consists of fancy Septembers and Octobers, largely white cheese, and are being held for 11½c to 12c a lb., which after all barely represents the present cost when interest, storage charges and insurance are calculated upon.

The advice from the west side are very dry but mail advices would indicate a very strong market; there with prices steadily advancing. The bulk of the supplies expected from New Zealand this winter, where the make is expected to be considerably above of last year.

The butter market is very firm on choicest quality of creamery, which is still quoted at 25½c to 26c a lb., but the fresh receipts coming in, which are more or less indifferent in quality, are being cleared up as fast as they arrive at the best price possible. And as a consequence good butter is obtainable on this market today at 24c to 24½c a lb. There is not a great deal of it, however, and the market is kept pretty bare of supplies of this class of goods.

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