MARKET REVIEW AND FORECAST

TORONTO, May 3.—With the continued warm, dry weather of the previous week, seeding has been rushing on to a much earlier completion than usual, and the larger portion is now in the ground in Ontario. The warm showers, which fell towards the end of the week, proved very valuable in promoting growth and unless a cold period sets in this month, prospects are very favorable for a good crop this year. The winter wheat crop in the United States is reported as good, although authorities claim that the Russian fly is making its appearance.

Quotations on wheat dropped slightly during the week, and on the whole, the tone of the market was more bearish. Live stock have strengthened and were firm at the end of the week.

WHEAT

It is now reported that the Russian crop of last year was over-estimated, and it is believed that even with the opening of the Dardanelles before harvest, the shipment of breadstuffs would not materially affect quotations; at least all holders are on the side seem optimistic. Quotations: No. 1 Northern, $1.70; No. 2, $1.68; No. 3, $1.65; Ontario, $1.55 to $1.60.

COARSE GRAINS

It is anticipated that more oats and barley will be sown in Eastern Canada this spring than for a number of years, and from all appearances there will be a strong demand for them. Quotations on oats dropped slightly this week. We quote as follows: Oats, C.W. No. 2, 69½c; No. 3, 68c; No. 3 feed, 66c; Ontario oats, 65 to 66½c; barley, 87½c to 88c; peas, $1.55 to $1.60; buckwheat, 80c to 82c; rye, $1.05 to $1.10; malting barley, 75c to 78c.

Montreal quotes: Oats, C.W. No. 2, 67½c; extra No. 1 feed, 67½c; local white, 64½c to 67½c; corn, 85c to 86c; barley, malting, 86c to 88c.

MILL FEEDS

Quotations on mill feeds remain unchanged from last week: Bran, $26 to $27; shorts, $28 to $29; middlings, $35 to $34; feed flour, $30 to $32. At Montreal bran is quoted $26; shorts, $28; middlings, $33 to $34; moullie, $35 to $38.

HAY AND STRAW

The situation locally is unchanged. Quotations here are: No. 1 hay, $17 to $17.50; cattle hay, $14 to $14.50; baled straw, $7 to $8. On the Montreal market the scarcity of No. 1 hay is a marked feature. Dealers claim that $23 can easily be had on track for timothy No. 1 in car lots. No. 2 hay is quoted $19 to $19.50 and No. 3 $18 to $18.50.

HIDES AND WOOL

The quality of hides now coming forward is rather inferior, and while a strong market exists here, the prices quoted recently have been lower on account of the poor quality. Quotations are: Hides, cured, 14c to 15c; part cured, 13c to 14c; green, 12c to 13c; calfskins, cured, 16c to 17c; part cured, 15c; deacons, 75c to $1 each; horse hides, No. 1, $3.75 to $4.25; No. 2, $2.25 to $3; sheep skins, 75c to $1.25; horse hair, 35c to 40c a lb.

The wool market is steady. The new clip is now appearing on the market, but in small quantities: Washed, coarse, 29c to 30c; fine, 31c to 32c; washed rejects, 25c to 26c; unwashed, coarse, 22c to 23c; fine, 28c to 30c.

HORSES

The following are quotations on horses: Heavy drafts, young and sound, 1,400 lbs. and up, $175 to $200; light drafts, young and sound, $95 to $140; drivers, $120 to $150; farm chunks, $140 to $190; serviceably sound, $70 to $140; good workers, $50 and up.

DAIRY PRODUCE

The tendency of the butter market is to lower levels, and as receipts increase, still lower prices must naturally follow. The quotations on creamery butter at present are much higher than this week last year, prices the corresponding week of last year being 5c to 10c lower. Fresh creamery butter at Montreal is now offering at 30c to 32½c. Creamery prints here at quoted 30c to 35c; solids, 30c to 31c; dairy prints, 25c to 27c; bakers, 25c to 26c.

Sales of cheese have been made at different prices in the country; 360 boxes were offered at Belleville the past week and sold at 17½c; at Campbellford 285 cheese were boarded and all sold at 16 13-16c. These prices not expected to continue for any length of time as cheese making is now becoming general throughout the country. Buyers at the opening of the season have a tendency to pay high prices and then take what they can get for them, but as the season advances, market conditions are more strictly adhered to. But who can tell? With the British government still a buyer and liable to remain so, quotations cannot drop far.

LIVE STOCK

Last week was a banner week on this market, and at the close prices had advanced 30c during the week. Orders for stockers and feeders from outside sources, particularly Ohio and Michigan, and a brisk demand from Canadian packers for butchers' cattle, served to strengthen the market. Conditions this spring favor the holders of unfinished cattle, as pastures in Ontario are earlier and more luxuriant. A high as $7.35 to $7.40 was paid for select feeders, and this demand served to strengthen the whole trade. Quotations are as follows: Shipping steers, $7.65 to $8.30; handy choice steers, $7.70 to $8; butcher steers, $6.50 to $7.70; heifers, $6.25 to $7.50; cows, choice, $6.50 to $7; common to good, $4.75 to $6.50; butcher bulls, $4.50 to $7; feeders, $5 to $7.25; stockers, $5.50 to $7.10; canners and cutters, $3.50 to $5.

Milch cows held firm, $75 to $100 being paid for good and $45 to $70 for medium. Calves were steady: Veal, choice, $7 to $10 and from that down to $4.50. Bob calves brought $1 to $5 each.

There were not enough small meats to constitute a market and prices remained at the same level: Yearling lambs, light, $9.50 to $10.50; heavy to med., $7.50 to $9.50; culls, $7 to $7.50; spring lambs, $7 to $11 each; ewes, light, $7 to $8; heavy sheep and bucks, $5.50 to $7; culls, $3 to $4.25.

Swine prices continue to creep up, packers quoting this week $8.40 f.o.b. country points.

On the Montreal market, receipts of live stock the past week were larger than the week previous, except in cattle. Trade was active, however, and the market firm: Choice steers, $8; good, $7.50 down to $6; butchers' cows, $4 to $6; bulls, $4 to $7. The active demand for calves was the feature of the small meat trade, prices ranging from $2.50 to $10 each, according to size and quality. The demand for spring lambs was fair at $7 to $9 and yearling lambs sold at $9.50 to $9.75 a cwt. Owing to increased receipts of hogs, where were in excess of requirements, the market was weaker, with sales of selected lots at $9.25 to $9.50, weighed off cars.

THE BROCKVILLE DISTRICT CLUB SALE MAY 26th and 27th will see two of the strongest sales of pure-bred Holsteins that have ever been pulled off in the Dominion. Both of these are in the Brockville district—the public sale of A. C. Hardy at Avondale Farm and the sale being held by the Brockville District Club Breeders.

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