

MARKET REVIEW AND FORECAST

Toronto, Monday, January 2, 1911.
Writing at the advent of the New Year, the thought comes instantaneously to one's mind that here in the porchway of the...

It behooves us to be careful
Business is progressing everywhere. Call money in Toronto rules at 5/8 to 6 per cent.

WHEAT

There has been a decided tendency upwards in the wheat market and heavy manipulators are subsistent in consequence.
The amount that the Argentine crop had been largely overestimated was responsible for the change.

At last advices, December wheat closed at 95 1/2, and May at 97 1/2. The local market has been affected by the change and has...

COARSE GRAINS

The market has been dull and listless during the week with the exception of oats which are proving wonderfully firm.
Local dealers quote the following quotations: Canada western oats, No. 2, 35 1/2...

POTATOES AND BEANS

There is nothing new to chronicle in the price of these commodities. Prices are firm for potatoes at 28c to 30c a bag, in a job for...

DAIRY PRODUCTS

There is a steady trade in butter and cheese, local quotations ruling as follows:
Choice creamery, 25c to 30c; dry curd, 23c to 24c; separator, 25c and ordinary quality, 15c to 20c a lb.

The market is quiet for cheese: the following quotations are given by dealers:
Western colored cheddar, 15c; western white cheddar, 11c to 11 1/2c a lb.

by a man for a select assortment at an exhibition.
There is no doubt whatever as to the economic value of poultry that lay eggs at the present time.

Whole birds are quoted: new-laid eggs at 45c to 50c; dozers; cold storage eggs at 37c to 38c, and selected lots at 25c to 35c a dozen.
Their quotations for poultry are: ducks, 15c; geese, 15c; fowl, 10c to 20c; chickens, 14c to 14c; turkeys, 15c to 20c a pound cheaper.

On the farmers' market, new laid eggs are selling at 55c to 60c a dozen. Prices for poultry on the farmers' market are as follows: Turkeys, 25c to 26c; ducks, 15c to 17c; geese, 17c to 18c; chickens, 15c to 17c; and fowl, 14c to 15c a lb.

HIDES

Hides are going down in price and local dealers give the following as the latest quotations: No. 1, inspected steer and cow, 95c; No. 2, 90c; No. 3, 75c a lb; horse, calf, skins, 12c; tallow, 6c to 6 1/2c; horse, hair, 30c a lb; horse hides, 27c to 33c.
At country points dealers are paying the following prices: green, 15c to 16c; lamb-skins, 55c to 60c; horsehair, 30c; horse hides, 27c; calf skins, 10c to 12c.

HAY AND STRAW

There is a very active trade being carried on with the United States and very good prices are reported from the various shipping centres. There is a considerable stock in the farmers' hands throughout the country.

There is a steady trade in the local market, and quotations are as follows: No. 1 timothy, \$11.50 to \$12; second grade, \$10.50 to \$11 a ton, on track, Toronto; straw, \$6.50 to \$7 a ton on track, Toronto.
On the farmers' local market, timothy is selling at \$17 to \$18 a ton; clover and mixed, \$14 to \$15; straw in bundles, \$17 to \$18 a ton; alfalfa, \$18 to \$19.

HONEY

Wholesale quotations for honey on the local market rule as follows: Strained clover honey, in 60 lb tins, 10 1/2c a lb; in 5 lb tins, 10c; in 1 lb tins, 11c a lb; No. 1, comb honey, \$2.25 to \$2.50 a dozen; buckwheat honey, 7c a lb.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

There has been no change noticeable during the week in the prices of vegetables and fruit. Local quotations are: Apples, \$3.50 to \$5 a barrel according to quality; cabbage, 40c to 50c a bushel; onions, \$1 to \$1.25 a bag; parsnips, 50c a bushel; 10c to 60c a bag; oyster plants, 60c to 70c a bushel; 50c to 55c a dozen, cauliflower, 75c to \$1; cetrone, 50c to 75c; artichokes, 50c to 70c.

On the farmers' market apples are selling at \$3 to \$3 1/2 a ton; shorts, \$2.10 on track, Toronto; Ontario bran, \$20 a ton; shorts, \$22 a ton on track, Toronto.

Monter prices are as follows: Manitoba bran, \$13 to \$13 1/2 a ton; shorts, \$21 a ton, on track, Toronto; Ontario bran, \$22 a ton; middlings, \$22 a ton in bags, on track, Montreal.

The demand is active in both Montreal and Toronto.
Local dealers give the following quotations for seeds: No. 1, clover, \$7 to \$7.50 a bushel; No. 2, \$6.50 to \$7; No. 1, red clover, \$7 to \$7.25; No. 2, quality, \$6 to \$6.50 a bushel.

HORSE MARKET

Horses are ranging very high and the demand is fairly active. The following week: Heavy draught horses, \$300 to \$340 medium, \$200 to \$230; office general purpose, \$175 to \$250; medium, \$125 to \$150; drivers, \$120 to \$200; expressers, \$170 to \$250; saddle horses, \$150 to \$180; serviceably sound horses, \$50 to \$100.

LIVE STOCK

The effect of Xmas tide activity is shown in the reaction of the market this week. The outlook nevertheless is bright and the drovers are not showing signs of worry. Prices have been steady in all grades, and cows have been particularly well sought after. Dealers make the following quotations:

Choice export cattle—\$5.75 to \$6; medium, \$5.50 to \$5.60; ordinary quality, \$4.50 to \$5.25.
Choice butcher cattle—\$5.50 to \$5.85; medium, \$5 to \$5.35; ordinary quality, \$4 to \$4.75.
Feeder—\$5 to \$5.50.
Stockers—\$4.25 to \$5.
Choice milk cows—\$70 to \$80; medium, \$40 to \$60; springers, \$40 to \$50; calves, \$4 to \$6.25.
Sheep—ewes, \$4.25 to \$4.60; bucks, \$3 to \$4; lambs, \$6.25 to \$5.
Hogs—f.o.b., \$6.75, fed and watered \$7 a cwt.

MONTREAL HOG MARKET

Montreal, Saturday, Dec. 31—The market for live hogs this week is very strong and prices have been steadily advancing since the beginning of the week, and are closing to-day steady at \$7.50 to \$7.75 a cwt.
For selected lots weighed off carcasses receipts have fallen off somewhat and as there is an exceptionally good demand and as has caused the present advance in prices. Dressed hogs have also advanced in price this week and fresh killed abattoir stock is quoted to-day at \$10.25 to \$10.50 a cwt. Country dressed are quoted at \$9 to \$9.50 a cwt.

EXPORT BUTTER AND CHEESE

Montreal, Saturday, December 31—There is absolutely nothing doing in the cheese trade this week, a holiday spirit seems to have taken possession of the group of operators here, and no attempt whatever is being made to move stocks. There is no inquiry from the other side to stir things up and consequently the holders are inclined to sit firm and await developments. The British market is very strong owing to the small supplies expected from New Zealand and the comparatively light stock of Canada. There is no doubt

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whatever that the remainder of the cheese unloaded on this market will be bought up at full prices before long. Dealers here generally look for a good demand to come up after the turn of the year, and a couple of weeks of fair trading will clean up everything unsold on the market. Prices are unchanged from last week, finest September and early October being quoted

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