MARKET REVIEW AND FORECAST

TORONTO, Monday, June 10.—"Prospects never looked finer." This is the general report from all over Ontario. The weather in May was very favorable to getting in spring crops in good condition, even with the small amount of help available. Recent rains have helped growth along wonderfully, and farmers generally are optimistic for the season's crop prospects. Clover fields and pastures are looking their best and prospects are excellent for another good hay crop, although the bumper yields of last year will hardly be realized this year. Corn for the silo is still being sown, but in the southwestern counties husking corn is already up and has had its first cultivation. Potatoes are ready for the hoe in this section. In fruit, apples give promise of a good yield and pears and plums are fair.

During the week the grain market has been very quiet, with little trade moving; the egg market is unsettled; butter is firmer at country points; cattle have advanced to new high levels. Hogs, however, are down, and packers show a tendency to sit on the market for all they are worth.

Wheat.

Some western wheat is arriving, but shipments have decreased of late. Interest centres in the western crop and prophets in Winnipeg are already estimating the western wheat yield this year at three hundred million bushels. Ontario wheat, too, is looking splendid, although the total crop in this province, spring wheat and all, can hardly be up to normal. Fixed prices are as follows:

Manitoba Wheat—In store, Fort William, nominal (including 2½c tax): No. 1 northern, $2.23½; No. 2 northern, $2.19½; No. 3 northern, $2.17½; No. 4 wheat, $2.10½. Ontario Wheat—No. 2, $1.22, basis in store, Montreal.

Coarse Grains.

The market for western oats fluctuates from day to day, and on the whole prices are slightly higher than in the early part of last week. The market for Ontario oats is unchanged and very little offering. The lower grades of corn are available in greater quantities than farmers are willing to buy. Quotations are as follows:—Oats, C.W., No. 2, 53½c (in store, Fort William); No. 3, 50¾c; No. 1 feed, 77½c; Ontario oats, 73 to 80c; rye, $1; barley, malting, $1.35 to $1.37; buckwheat, $1.20. At Montreal, too, the tone of the oat market is stronger: Oats, C.W., No. 2, 55½c; extra No. 1 feed, 52½c.

Mill Feeds.

There is a steady business for mill feed, supplies being readily absorbed with no change in prices. Bran is quoted at $25 and shorts at $26. Montreal quotes mouille at $32.

Hay and Straws.

There are still large stocks of the 1917 hay crop distributed throughout the country, and even some surplus from the 1916 crop. This with fair prospects for a hay crop in 1918 has a tendency to weaken the market. The quotation here on track is $15.50 to $16.50 for No. 1 hay; mixed, $13 to $14; straw, carlots, $8 to $8.50. Montreal quotes No. 2 hay at $16.50.

Potatoes and Beans.

New potatoes are arriving on the market in greater quantities and are now quoted at $7 a bbl. Ontarios bring $1.65 to $1.75 a bag wholesale, and Delawares $1.75 to $1.85. A large area of potatoes is reported to have been planted this spring and more northern or eastern grown seed has been used than ever before. This should have a material effect on the crop harvested next fall.

Prime Canadian beans are here quoted $7.50 to $8, and foreign hand-picked $6.75 to $7.

Hides.

Beef hides, green, 11c; part cured, 13c; cured, 15c; deacons or bob calf, $1.60 to $2.60; horsehides, country taken off, No. 1, $5 and $6; No. 2, $4 to $5; No. 1 sheepskins, $2.60 to $2.80. Horsehair, farmers' stock, 35c per lb.

Eggs and Poultry.

The egg market generally is unsettled and easy, and prices at country points are showing slight declines. The profits in the handling of eggs are now limited by regulation of the Food Board, and the present easy condition is due in some measure to the fact that the trade are taking no chances. The strong feature of the market is the continued heavy consumption, and this is easily understood when we consider that the price on eggs is practically no higher this year than it was a year ago, while the price of all other finished food stuffs that might be used, such as meats, have advanced very considerably. The prevailing price continues around 34c to 35c f.o.b. cases returnable. Although Toronto packers claim to be getting all the eggs they need at 33½c to 34c. Montreal quotes selected eggs to the trade at 44c to 45c; No. 1 stock, 40c and No. 2 stock, 38c.

Live weight Dressed		
Hens, 4½ lbs.	25c to 00c	36c to 00c
Hens, 3½ to 5 lbs.	28c to 00c	30c to 00c
Hens, over 5 lbs...	30c to 00c	30c to 00c
Roosters	23c to 00c	26c to 00c
Ducks	30c to 00c	30c to 00c
Turkeys	25c to 00c	30c to 00c

Dairy Products.

The butter market has firmed a trifle during the past week. Toronto reports that country prices range from 41c to 41½c a lb. for both prints and solids. Montreal quotes choicest creamery at 46c to 46½c. A little butter is said to have been bought for export, but so far the Dairy Produce Commission has announced no price and has given the trade very little assistance in coming to conclusions as to prices that will prevail in the export trade. It is suggested that the Produce Commission may not fix a price at all but may come on to the market occasionally when conditions seem favorable, and buy. Their advent, if this policy is followed conscientiously, will tend to steady the market, and might work even more advantageously than a fixed price, although as to this there is a wide divergence of opinion.

It is now admitted that the cheese made this year is smaller of the make of a year ago. Evidently the price of 23c is not proving as attractive to dairy farmers as it was hoped, and milk is being diverted to other purposes. All that is coming along is meeting with a ready sale for export account at the Commission's price of 23c a lb. alongside water for No. 1 cheese. The Montreal cheese market is firm, the price running from 23c to 23½c for fresh specials, and 22½c to 22¾c for average run. A great portion of the United States make is, of course, being absorbed by domestic demand.

Cheese Boards.

Peterboro', June 5.—1,365 cheese were boarded here; all sold at 22¾c.

Picton, June 7.—At Cheese Board here to-day 13 factories boarded 1,365 boxes; 1,194 sold at 22¾c, balance unsold.

Victoriaville, Que., June 7.—Two thousand boxes of cheese sold here to-day at 22½c.

Cornwall, June 7.—At to-day's Cheese Board 2,307 boxes of white cheese were offered and sold at 22¾c.

Napanee, June 7.—Cheese boarded, 1,685; all sold at 22 5-16c.

Iroquois, Ont., June 7.—At the Cheese Board this afternoon 1,070 boxes of cheese were boarded; all white. Price bid on board 22¾c, at which all were sold.

Live Stock.

The outstanding feature of the live stock market during the past week has been the decline of $1.50 per cwt. in the price of hogs. The decline was partly expected in live stock circles.

Last week's Toronto price of $20, fed and watered, was expected to change this week to $19.50 per cwt., fed and watered. American prices, however, dropped to $16.20, and there was an exceptionally easy tone to the market, even at that figure. Consequently Canadian prices declined $1 per hundredweight more than was expected. Cattle prices were maintained at a high level throughout the whole week.

Quotations—		
Heavy steers, choice ...	$ 14.00 to	$ 16.50
do. good	12.75 to	13.75
Butchers' steers and heifers, choice	11.75 to	12.50
do. good	11.00 to	11.75
do medium	10.00 to	10.75
do common	8.25 to	9.50
Butchers' cows, choice.	11.50 to	12.50
do good	10.75 to	11.25
do medium	8.25 to	9.50
do common	6.75 to	7.50
do canners	6.00 to	6.25
Butchers' bulls, choice .	11.50 to	12.50
do good	10.25 to	11.00
do medium	8.25 to	9.50
do common	7.50 to	8.00
Feeders, best	9.50 to	11.75
Stockers, best	9.50 to	12.50
Milkers and springers, choice	100.00 to	160.00
do com. to medium .	65.00 to	90.00
Calves, choice	14.00 to	16.00
do medium	12.00 to	13.25
Heavy fat	10.00 to	12.00
Lambs, choice	19.50 to	22.00
Sheep, choice handy ...	14.00 to	18.00
do heavy and fat bucks	11.00 to	13.25
Hogs, fed and watered.	18.50 to	00.00
do off cars	18.75 to	00.00
do f.o.b.	17.50 to	00.00

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