

Government placed, lately, large orders with oatmeal millers for supplies for shipment up to August.

Prices follow:

Flour:		per 98-lb. bag.	
First patents	.....	5.05	
Second patents	.....	4.80	
Strong Bakers	.....	4.70	
Feed Flour	.....	2.90	
Winter wheat flour, 90 per cent.	.....	4.10	4.45
Cereals:			
Rolled Oats, 90 lb. bag	.....	3.50	3.60
Oatmeal, 98-lb. bag	.....	3.80	
Rolled wheat 100-lb. bbl.	.....	3.60	
Bag	.....	4.95	
Rye flour, 98-lb. bag	.....	3.75	4.00
Feeds:		Per ton.	
Bran	.....	36.00	38.00
Shorts	.....	39.00	40.00
Middlings	.....	41.00	42.00
Moultrie, pure grain grades	.....	48.00	50.00
Do, mixed	.....	45.00	
Barley feed	.....	46.00	
Crushed Oats	.....	46.00	
Outfeed	.....	46.00	
Hay, No. 2	.....	13.00	

An extra charge of 30c is made for flour in barrels.

**HIDES AND LEATHER.**

With inadequate supplies coming forward and a heavy demand from the trade, prices of leather remain firm at a slight advance over those of a week ago. Oak bends are up to 83 and 85 cents, while oak backs have dropped to 68c. Calfskins are at a new high level, selling for 42c to 45c.

Current quotations follow:

Hides:		Per lb.	
No. 1 inspected	.....	0.26	
No. 2	.....	0.25	
No. 3	.....	0.24	
Rough	.....	0.22	
Sheepskins, each	.....	3.90	4.00
Calfskins	.....	0.42	0.45
Sole Leather:		Per Pound.	
Spanish sides	.....	0.60	0.58
Oak Sides, Canadian, dry hides	.....	0.63	0.61
Do., from hides, green	.....	0.68	0.66
Oak backs	.....	0.68	.....
Oak bends	.....	0.85	0.83
Upper Leather:		Per ft.	
Gun Metal Sides	.....	0.50	0.45
Chrome Box Sides	.....	0.48	0.45
Matt Sides	.....	0.45	.....
Kangaroo Grain	.....	0.42	.....
Russell Oil Grain	.....	0.42	.....
Elk	.....	0.45	.....
Splits Wax	.....	0.39	0.37
Automobile, Carriage, and Furniture Leather:			
Spanish furniture	.....	0.37	0.38
Hand buffed	.....	0.35	0.36
Machine buffed	.....	0.32	.....
Deep buffed	.....	0.19	0.20
Split	.....	0.16	.....
Belting Leather:			
Belting butts, shoulders off	.....	1.60	.....
Belting butts, shoulders on	.....	1.40	.....
Harness	.....	0.65	0.62
Skirting	.....	0.37	\$ .35

**LIVE STOCK.**

**MONTREAL:** Offerings on the local market during the past week amounted to 1,300 cattle, 100 sheep and lambs, 1,275 hogs and 1,600 calves which compares favourably with the receipts of the previous week which were 900 cattle, 100 sheep and lambs, 1,800 hogs and 1,600 calves. Extra choice cattle are in good demand on account of the approaching Easter trade and prices in selected stock are firm. While the offerings for cattle are higher than they have been for the past few weeks yet the packers are all in want of supplies with the result that the market is fairly well bought up. Although the quotations for hogs advanced at other Canadian centres, local packers would not meet the drovers' demand of an advance of 25c per 100 lbs. so prices while ruling very firm are still at former levels. Limited supplies of sheep and lambs are keeping the market steady while all offering of calves find a ready sale.

**TORONTO:** The Toronto market experienced an extra large run of all kinds of live stock last week in anticipation of the Easter trade and the result was a decided and general drop in prices in all except the very top grades. Receipts last week amounted to 6,497 cattle, 429 sheep and lambs, 14,936 hogs and 1,813 calves—just about double the receipts of the previous week when the figures were 4,358 cattle, 190 sheep and lambs, 8,700 hogs and 919 calves. Heavy bulls were weaker with sales at prices 50c to \$1.00

lower than the previous week. Choice heavy butchers sold as high as \$12.00 to \$12.25. Sheep and lambs were in good demand if of choice quality. Some spring lambs, weighing about 50 lbs., were on sale and realized from \$10 to \$14 each. The hog market, even with the heavy offerings, was very strong and some sales were made off the cars at \$16.50 to \$16.65—prices that are a record in Toronto. The quality of calves offered for sale was poor in general, with the result that trade was dull, some sales being made as low as two and a half cents a pound.

Comparative quotations follow:

	Per cwt.			
	Montreal.		Toronto.	
Heavy steers	11.00	11.25	10.75	11.50
Choice butchers	10.25	10.50	10.75	11.25
Do, good	9.75	10.00	10.25	10.50
Do, medium	8.75	9.00	9.75	10.25
Do, common	8.25	8.50	8.25	9.25
Butcher cows, choice	8.75	9.00	8.50	9.50
Do, medium	7.75	8.00	7.80	8.25
Do, common	7.25	7.75	6.50	7.00
Butcher bulls, choice	9.75	10.00	9.25	9.75
Do, good	9.25	9.50	8.25	9.00
Do, medium	8.00	7.25	8.00	.....
Canners	5.50	6.50	5.00	5.25
Sheep, ewes	9.75	10.00	10.25	11.00
Bucks	9.25	9.50	8.50	9.50
Lambs	13.75	14.25	14.50	15.50
Calves Milkfed	.....	.....	13.50	14.50
Do, choice	12.00	15.00	9.50	11.00
Do, hayfed, choice	6.50	6.00	7.00	.....
Do, common	5.00	.....	.....	.....
Hogs, choice	16.40	16.50	16.25	16.65
Do, heavy weights	15.75	16.00	15.75	16.15
Sows	13.25	14.00	13.25	14.25

**FISH MARKETS.**

This being the last week of lent the trade is expected to revive but the turn-over may be a little smaller this season by the fact that very small quantities of fresh fish shall be available. This week is always regarded as the opening up of the fresh fish season and unfortunately due to adverse conditions on the fishing grounds very few fresh fish has been caught lately either from the Pacific or Atlantic fisheries. The same applies to lake and river fisheries and whatever small quantities that have reached the markets have been disposed of at regular prices. It is expected that if no important change takes place in the frozen and lake and river fish due to-day, owing to holidays starting next week, price of dore, pickerel or pike will advance to unheard of prices. From the East besides, haddock and codfish, alewives have started to show up. Lobsters are also more plentiful with prices lower. Frozen fish of the best varieties are still left on the market. No famine is expected. Prawns, bulk and shell oysters, clams mussels and shrimps shall be in good demand for Easter trade.

The following wholesale prices are quoted to-day:

Fresh Fish:		per lb.	
Pacific Halibut	.....	0.17	0.19
Steak Cod	.....	0.09	0.10
Market Cod	.....	0.07½	0.08
Haddock	.....	0.08½	0.09
Carp	.....	0.12	0.13
Dore	.....	0.18	0.20
Whitefish	.....	0.15	0.16
Lake Trout	.....	0.15	0.15
Pike	.....	0.11	0.12
Fresh Frozen Sea Fish:			
Halibut	.....	0.16	0.18
Mackerel	.....	0.09	0.10
Salmon, B. C. Red	.....	0.13	0.15
Do, B. C. Pale	.....	0.10	0.11
Salmon, Gaspe	.....	0.17	0.18
Cod, steak	.....	0.08½	0.09
Haddock, fancy	.....	0.07½	0.08
Smelts, No. 1 and No. 1 large	.....	0.15	0.20
Tommy Cods, bbl.	.....	1.50	.....
Herring	.....	0.05½	0.06
Fresh Frozen Lake Fish:			
Lake Trout	.....	0.14	0.15
Whitefish	.....	0.14	0.15
Perch	.....	0.10	0.11
Dore	.....	0.12	0.13
Pike	.....	0.09	0.10
Eels	.....	0.10	.....
Smoked Fish:			
Pinnan Haddies	.....	0.11	0.12
Pinnan Haddies, Finest, Boned	.....	0.13	.....
Pinnan Haddie Fillets	.....	0.15	0.16
Digby Herrings, per bundle of 5 boxes	.....	1.00	.....
Smoked Boneless Herring, 10 lb box	.....	1.40	.....
Kippers, 40s and 50s, per box	.....	1.75	2.00
Salted and Pickled Fish:			
Herring (Labrador), per bbl.	.....	9.00	.....
Salmon (Labrador), per bbl.	.....	19.00	.....
Salmon (B. C. Red)	.....	16.00	.....
Sea Trout, red and pale, per bbl.	.....	15.00	.....
Green Cod, No. 1, per bbl.	.....	14.00	.....
Mackerel, No. 1, per bbl.	.....	21.00	.....
Salt Eels, per lb.	.....	0.08	.....
Codfish (Skinless), (100-lb. box)	.....	9.50	.....
Codfish (Boneless), Blocks, per lb.	.....	0.10	.....
Codfish, Shredded, 12 lb. box	.....	1.80	.....
Strip Cod, boxes, 30 lb., per lb.	.....	0.15	.....
Shellfish:			

**MONTREAL PRODUCE RECEIPTS.**

Receipts of the principal commodities at Montreal for the past two weeks follow:

	—Week ending—	
	April 3, Mar. 24	Mar. 24
Wheat, bushels	179,293	272,307
Oats, bushels	214,953	238,603
Barley, bushels	12,536	14,261
Flour, sacks	50,343	39,927
Hay, bales	19,086	11,402
Corn, bushels	34,009	989
Flax	8,824	16,153
Straw, bales	881	130
Butter, packages	2,996	2,317
Cheese, boxes	1,254	1,278
Eggs, cases	8,170	6,581

**CANADIAN BACON.**

"The export bacon business represents perhaps the safest and most satisfactory trade in which we may engage at present," says Mr. H. S. Arkell, of the Live Stock Branch, Ottawa. "That Canada is in a position to produce high-class Wiltshire sides has enabled her to take the place of Denmark, to compete with Ireland, and, in the matter of price, to outclass the United States in the war demand for his product. The significance of this statement will bear consideration. It means simply that Canada is in a position, if she can produce the necessary volume of hogs, to secure a grip on the British bacon market which should represent to her an annual revenue of millions of dollars in the years to come. Unquestionably, the Dominion will be faced with very serious competition after the war, but, if she makes good her hold at the present moment, she need have nothing to fear as her organization for this trade develops and improves. It is the view of those who have most carefully studied the situation that hog production in Canada is a safe business undertaking and should be developed into an industry out of which, by organization and systematization, may be developed, as in the case of Denmark, a great export trade."

The exports for the last four years are given by Mr. Arkell as follows: 1913, \$5,351,225; 1914, \$3,763,330; 1915, \$11,812,186; 1916, \$25,759,266. At the recent Swine Breeders' convention in Toronto, it was pointed out that Canada has a splendid opportunity for rebuilding in the British market a reputation as the producer of fine bacon, which had been slipping away from her. The suggestion was made that an organized effort be made to develop the production of the bacon hog in Canada and the name of Prof. Geo. E. Day was suggested as that of the man who was above all others in Canada was capable of conducting such an educational campaign.

**WINNIPEG GRAIN INSPECTIONS.**

The receipts of grain in Winnipeg for the past two weeks ending March 30 and March 23, respectively, were as follows:—

	Week	
	Mar. 30.	Mar. 23.
No. 1 northern	143	96
No. 2 northern	311	312
No. 3 northern	341	251
No. 4 northern	180	135
No. 5 northern	83	61
No. 6 northern	69	41
Feed wheat	75	68
Rejected	41	35
No grade	1,166	1,013
No. 4 special	37	57
No. 5 special	64	57
No. 6 special	25	34
Winter wheat	0	0
Totals	2,395	2,146
Same date last year	3,625	3,932
Oats	1,040	953
Same date last year	827	885
Barley	113	82
Same date last year	112	101
Flax	109	119
Same date last year	88	107