

MARKET REVIEW AND FORECAST.

Office of FARMING,
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The cold weather has greatly improved the general conditions of trade. In the country the roads have not been good, and that has tended to offset somewhat the advantages of more seasonable weather. Holiday goods are beginning to show activity, and it is expected that the next three weeks will likely show a very good trade. The price of hogs is advancing. The supply of poultry is fair, but there is some complaint as to quality. Country remittances have been very satisfactory.

Wheat.

The wheat situation shows but little change. There has been a good export demand during the week, which rather shows a fear of shortage on the part of European buyers. Wheat has advanced steadily in price all week, but the probabilities are that prices will recede this week. Owing to the bad condition of the roads deliveries are light, and this, no doubt, affects prices a little. The prices at Toronto at the end of the week showed an advance of at least two cents, the price being 83c. to 85c. north and west. Some 100 cars were sold at these figures. Spring wheat sold at 82c. and goose wheat at 78c. east. Manitoba wheat is going for 99c. at Goderich and Midland. At Montreal red winter wheat is quoted at 91c. to 92c.

Barley and Oats.

There has been no change in the barley market. There has been a quiet demand at 30c. to 32c. for No. 2, and 25c. for feed outside. At Montreal feed barley is bringing 33c. to 35c. Oats have been in good demand, but deliveries have been light owing to bad country roads. Mixed lots are quoted at 23c. and white at 24½c. west. At Montreal sales for local account have been made at 26½c. to 26¼c.

Peas and Corn.

Peas are quiet at Montreal at 50½c. to 51c. At Toronto they have been steady all week at the prices given last week, 43½c. for cars north and west was quoted at the end of the week. Corn has been very quiet. It was expected that there would have been an advance in it corresponding with the advance in wheat. Old Canada yellow is quoted at 26½c. to 27c. west at Toronto and 33c. to 34c. at Montreal.

Rye and Buckwheat.

There has been a good demand for rye all week and prices have advanced a little. Sales are reported at 45½c. east and 45c. middle freights. At Montreal the market is quiet at 52c.

Many farmers have made well out of their buckwheat this year. The demand for it is steady, and prices have advanced to 31½c. for cars east. At Montreal sales have been made at 35½c. to 36c.

Millfeed.

The demand for millfeed has been somewhat easier, and shorts are now quoted at \$10 to \$11 west and bran at \$7.50 west.

Potatoes.

There has been a good demand for potatoes. The approach of cold weather no doubt has helped this. The price has advanced to 60c. per bag for carlots and the market is firm.

Honey.

All the choice Ontario white clover honey has been sold, but a fine lot of Quebec white comb honey slightly tinged was sold for 12c. A fine lot of extracted honey changed hands at 7c. Some fine Ontario white clover sold for 9c.

Apples.

There has been no change in the market since last week. Reports from England show that quite a lot of the fruit is arriving in bad condition, owing to poor packing. \$1.50 to \$4.50 per blb. is quoted. Dried apples, from 2½c. to 3½c., and evaporated from 5½c. to 6c. per pound.

Cheese.

The cheese market still continues to "drag along its weary way." Dealers are making special efforts now to size up the situation and find out where they are. After the close of navigation the bulk of the cheese in the country is usually in the hands of the middlemen. This is usually the case, especially with the make east of Toronto. West of Toronto the farmers are more inclined to hold their cheese for a longer time. A week or two ago there was a large quantity of cheese in the factory men's hands west of Toronto. During the past few days, however, a large amount of this has changed hands, and factory men are more eager to sell. The estimated number of

boxes in the warehouses at Montreal is said to be about 250,000 boxes. Some place the number of boxes at over 400,000. An interesting factor in the situation just now is the probable output of Australia and New Zealand. Certain reports from these countries seem to indicate that the make there will not be as large as at first expected.

The market is reported quiet but steady, with not much change in prices from last week's figures. The local markets vary considerably. For Septembers and Octobers the ruling price seems to be about 8 cents, while for Novembers the top price is 7½c. Though considerable business is being done, the prospect for any material advance in prices is not very certain.

Butter.

The creamery butter market is also reported quiet but steady. Exporters have been picking up some fine creamery at from 18 to 18½ cents. The local trade affords somewhat higher prices. Holders of late made, choice creamery are holding for higher prices. The exports show an increase amounting to about 10,000 packages, and there seems to be an improved demand for the better quality of creamery butter. Earlier makes are not wanted for export, and the sale of some August creamery is reported at 16½ cents.

The market for dairy butter is firm and steady for good stuff. At Toronto there is a good demand for butter in tubs, at from 16 to 17 cents; large rolls 14 to 15 cents, and medium quality at 12 to 13 cents. At Montreal prices for good dairy butter range from 16 to 16½ cents.

Eggs.

The demand has been good and the market steady at Toronto at 15c. to 16c. for fresh gathered eggs, 18c. to 19c. for held fresh, and 13½c. for limed. On the farmers' market at Toronto they have been as high as 18c., and guaranteed fresh eggs sell as high as 30c. out of the stores. At Montreal fresh gathered eggs are being sold to retailers at 20c. to 21c.

Poultry.

The supply for Thanksgiving was good and prices did not fall away. At Montreal turkeys are bringing 8½c. to 9c., spring chickens 7c. to 7½c., ducks 8c. to 8½c., and geese 5c. to 6½c. At Toronto trade is reported a little slower after Thanksgiving. Turkeys, 7c. to 8c., 5c. to 6c. for geese, 40c. to 60c. for ducks, 25c. to 40c. for chickens.

Cattle.

Export cattle are very dull and few are offering. According to latest reports the exporters have lost heavily this season, and altogether it has been a most unprofitable one. Good animals will bring a good price and can be handled, but poor stuff is a drag, and must be sacrificed.

Light stockers are not in as good demand as they have been. Only 2½c. to 3c. was the range at the close of last week. Feeders also were quieter at from 3c. to 3½c. On account of a very large supply the market on Friday at Toronto for butchers' cattle was weak; prices fell away 25c. per cwt. Choice stuff brought 3½c., but the majority sold between 2½c. and 3½c. If the market is a light one next Tuesday prices will pick up a little. At Buffalo Canadian stockers of the best quality are bringing from \$3.55 to \$4 and feeders of good quality from \$3.75 to \$4.10 per cwt.; common feeders are quoted as low as \$3.25; calves from \$2 to \$8.

Sheep.

Export sheep were quiet at 3c. to 3½c. There has been a good demand for good lambs, and quite a number have been taken for shipment to the Old Country at from \$4 to \$4.25 each. The bulk of the lambs now going forward to the Buffalo market are too heavy for the trade and do not bring as good prices as they would if lighter. Lambs of the right quality will bring from \$5 to \$5.50. Butchers' sheep at Toronto bring from \$3 to \$3.50 each, choice \$3.75.

Hogs.

As predicted last week, the price of hogs went up, but this brought out the largest offering of hogs ever seen on the Toronto market. On Friday 6,000 were offered, and prices fell away ½c. a pound on all that were not contracted for. Choice hogs were sold at \$4.38, which is an advance of 12½ cents on last week's prices; light and thick fat hogs at \$4.13, and stores at \$4 to \$4.10 per cwt. Prices will advance again unless offerings continue extremely large. The heaviest run of hogs on record on any previous day was less than 5,000. Best hogs at Buffalo are quoted at \$3.60 to \$3.65 per cwt.

Hay.

The market is dull but steady at \$8 to \$8.50 for cars on track at Toronto. Baled straw, \$5 on track.

BOOKS AND BULLETINS.

Nearly all "Bulletins" mentioned under this heading can be obtained free on application to the Directors of the respective Stations or Colleges. In cases of doubt as to address write to FARMING.

The Annual Report of the Bureau of Mines, issued by the Director of Mines, is a valuable report. The section dealing with sphagnum moss is an interesting one, and should be read by farmers.

Publishers' Desk.

Christmas Fat Stock and Poultry Show.—The Guelph Fat Stock Club will hold their annual show on December 9th and 10th, in the Victoria Skating Rink, Guelph. The prospects are bright for a good show.

National Stock Growers' Convention.—The Denver Chamber of Commerce and the Colorado Cattle Growers' Association have called a convention of stock growers to meet in Denver, January 25th, 26th, and 27th, 1898. The object of the meeting is the formation of a National Stock Growers' Association. The stock industry of the country is entering on a new era, old methods are giving way to new ones. Cattle are now being fattened in the corn-fields on the ranges before going to market. The stockmen of the west believe that a centralized association, representing every branch of the industry, would promote and bring into closer relationship the stock growers of the continent. Mr. Arthur Williams, Denver, Col., is the provisional secretary, and from him circulars can be obtained.

Quebec Dairymen's Association.—The sixteenth annual convention of the Quebec Dairymen's Association will be held at Nicolet, on Dec. 1st and 2nd, 1897. The programme, as announced, is a good one, and a right helpful time is expected. The Hon. Sidney Fisher, the Dominion Minister of Agriculture, and the Hon. P. D. M. Déchêne, Commissioner of Agriculture for Quebec, are expected to attend. On the evening of the 1st Dec. the subject of Good Roads will be illustrated by magic lantern. The following evening Mr. J. C. Chapais, Assistant Dairy Commissioner, will give a lecture on The Choice of a Milch Cow, which will be illustrated by magic lantern views. The able secretary of the association, Mr. Emile Castel, St. Hyacinthe, has recently issued a year book containing a lot of useful information about the association, of the work it is doing, and the dairy school, and an interesting sketch of Nicolet, and how to get to the convention.

American Clydesdale Association.—The annual meeting was held on Nov. 2nd, at Chicago during the Horse Show. Canadian breeders in attendance were Messrs. Robert Beith, M.P.; Robert Graham, Richard Gilson, and David McCrae. The report of the Executive Committee was a good one, and showed that interest in horse breeding was reviving. Mr. David McCrae, of Guelph, and others addressed the meeting on the question of amalgamation with the Canadian Clydesdale Association, and the general feeling seemed to be that there existed no serious obstacle to the union of the Clydesdale Associations, and that such a union would doubtless be to the interests of the Clydesdale breed. A committee was appointed to arrange a basis of union with the Canadian Association. Mr. N. P. Clarke, St. Cloud, Minn., was elected President; Mr. Robert Davies, Toronto, Vice-President; and Mr. Alex. Galbraith, Janesville, Wisconsin, Secretary. Mr. Robert Graham, Claremont, was elected a member of the Executive Committee.

Ontario Agricultural and Experimental Union.—The annual meeting will be held at the Agricultural College, Guelph, on December 8th, 9th, and 10th. Reports of co-operative experiments carried out on 2,835 different farms throughout Ontario will be given. These include tests with leguminous crops and mixed grain for green fodder; grasses and clovers for hay; commercial fertilizers for corn and mangels; and with leading varieties of grain, potatoes, roots, and fodder crops. From the horticultural section

the results of the co-operative tests with the leading varieties of strawberries, raspberries, currants, and gooseberries will be given. The committee appointed to look after the dairy work will report on uniform tests made in several cheese factories and creameries during the past summer. The results of all these experiments in the different branches of agriculture should prove both interesting and profitable to those in attendance at the meeting. Mr. George McKerrrow, Superintendent of Farmers' Institutes in Wisconsin, will give an address on Economical Feeding. Addresses will be given by Dr. Mills, C. C. James, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, and others. Mr. Harold Jarvis an ex-student of the college, and one of America's most famous singers, and Miss Helena M. Lozier, graduate and gold medalist in elocution at Albert College, Belleville, have consented to give selections. Programmes of the meeting can be had from C. A. Zavitz, O.A.C., Guelph.

Stock Notes.

J. G. CLARK, Ottawa, Ont.: I have sold my entire stock of spring pigs this year for breeding purposes, and out of forty fall pigs I have only thirteen left. My stock boar, "Oak Lodge Capheat," has proved an exceedingly good sire. His youngsters are giving satisfaction wherever sent.

W. C. SHEARER, Sprucedale Farm, Bright, Ont.: Has been breeding Tamworth pigs for two years and has found them fast growers, of a quiet disposition, and quickly fattened for market. At present he has five brood sows, thirty-two pigs nearly ready for market, one litter suckling, and more to come.

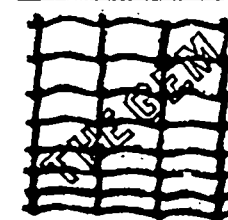
ANDREW ELLIOTT, Galt, Ont.: We have been breeding Tamworth swine for the past six years, and find them well suited to the requirements of the market. They are good growers, early in maturity and docile. The sows bring large litters and are good mothers. We have at the present time 30 head on hand, composed of six breeding sows, and the balance being young stock.

MESSRS. A. & W. MONTGOMERY recently imported five horses from America. Among them was Mr. Robert Davies' Prince of Quality so well known to Canadians. In referring to the importation, the *Scottish Farmer* says: "Prince of Quality is well named, is a short legged, thick horse, with broad, clean bones, sound joints, and extraordinary action. He is likely to have a run of steady popularity." He has been hired to the Rhins of Galloway District Society.

WM. STEWART & SON, Menie, Ont. Our stock are going into winter quarters in prime condition. We have put up another silo of about 100 tons' capacity. We have some cows calved and some more due shortly. The young bull, Glencairn, is developing into a fine young bull, and by all appearances will take some beating next year. He was placed second in a class of twenty-eight at Toronto this year. He won first at Ottawa and Stirling, first at Norwood, and sweepstakes for best bull any age. We have some young bulls for sale, one a full brother to the bull Tom Glen, winner of first in his class at Chicago, and one out of the cow that won second as a heifer at same place. These bulls are fit to head any herd.

W. W. OGILVIE, Laehine Rapids, Que., has decided to go more extensively into dairying, and hopes to import a number of Ayrshires this winter. To make room for these animals, he has decided to sell his entire herd of Aberdeen Angus cattle, and offers them this week at a bargain to any one who wants them. The herd is a good one, and consists of a bull, seven cows, three bull calves, and three heifer calves. These animals would grace any herd of Aberdeen Angus or they would make good foundation stock for a herd, as they are all well-bred animals and good individually as well. The young bulls will be sold separately or in a lot at the option of purchasers. Mr. Ogilvie also offers the noted Ayrshire bull, Traveller. He was bred by the late Thos. Brown, of Petite Cote, and has been a famous stock getter. This bull should make a grand stock bull for some one.

ALEX. HUMR, Burnbrae, Ont.: The foundation of our dairy herd was laid in 1873 by the purchase of a purebred Ayrshire bull. Six years after we bought an Ayrshire cow, and we have, with few exceptions, carried off the prize for "Dairy Herd" ever since. It is only about eight years ago that we conceived the idea of building up one of the strongest dairy herds of purebred Ayrshires, combining dairy and show-yard qualities, that could be got together, and accordingly selected females from the best herds in Canada, and also sent to Scotland for that purpose. We have taken the same care in selecting males with the best pedigrees for milk and show ring qualities on both sides of sire and dam. Our herd now numbers 46, including calves, 36 purebred Ayrshires, the balance Ayrshire grades of various crosses. We have on hand almost anything required, five bulls of different ages from nearly a year to four months old, yearling heifers, several heifers rising three years old, carrying their second calves, due to calve in March, April and May, and older cows, any of which we will sell at prices to suit the times. We have also several head of Yorkshires, a few of both sexes. May pigs are ready to mate, and a choice lot of June pigs of either sex.



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