

**SUGAR SCORES FURTHER ADVANCES.**

During the past week the local sugar market has continued to advance to unheard of prices in sympathy with the strong upward tendency of the New York raw sugar market. Early in the week the St. Lawrence, Canada and Acadia Sugar Refineries advanced their prices twenty cents to the price quoted by the Atlantic Sugar Refineries the week previous, making a uniform price of \$8.00 in the local market. On Friday there was another general advance of 15c, bringing the prevailing price to \$8.15 per 100 lbs., a net rise of \$2.15 since Sept., 1915.

There is a particularly strong feeling in the New York market for raw sugar, due partly to the active buying on the part of the British Commission in Cuba for the United Kingdom, estimated at 100,000 tons on a 5c. f.o.b. basis. Moreover, the crop movement in Cuba is rapidly decreasing now that the weather has turned rainy. Receipts will be lighter from now on, and stocks on the island may again fall off, since shipments will be made both to the United States and England. During the past week shipments have been delayed by the strike of dock hands in the New York harbour, the railroads being affected quite seriously.

Throughout the United States refiners have light stocks on hand, as they have yet to buy for summer requirements of granulated. On the whole, therefore, sentiment continues conservatively bullish.

Prevailing prices are quoted as follows:

Extra granulated, bags 100 lbs. . . . .	\$8.15
Do. (Star), bags, 100 lbs. only . . . . .	8.10
Do., gunnies, 5-20s . . . . .	8.25
Do., do., 4-25s . . . . .	8.20
Do., do., 10-10s . . . . .	8.30
Do., cartons, 20-5s and 24-5s . . . . .	8.45
Do., do., 50-2s and 60-2s . . . . .	8.45
Beaver granulated, bags, 100 lbs. only . . . . .	8.10
Bright coffee, barrels . . . . .	8.00
No. 1 yellow, bags 100 lbs. . . . .	7.75
Dark yellow, bags . . . . .	7.55
Unbranded yellow, bags . . . . .	7.55
Extra ground, barrels . . . . .	8.50
Do., boxes, 50 lbs. . . . .	8.70
Do., boxes, 25 lbs. . . . .	8.90
Do., cartons, 50-1 lbs. . . . .	9.65
Do., do., 20-1 lbs. . . . .	9.90
Powdered, barrels . . . . .	8.30
Do., boxes, 50 lbs. . . . .	8.50
Do., boxes, 25 lbs. . . . .	8.70
Do., cartons, 50-2 lbs. . . . .	9.15
Do., do., 25-2 lbs. . . . .	9.40
Cut loaf, Paris Lumps and Crystal Diamonds, 1/2-barrels and boxes, 100 lbs. . . . .	8.85
Crystal Diamonds, carton 20 per cs. . . . .	9.40
Do., half cartons, cs., 40 per cs. . . . .	10.10
Do., dominoes, cartons, 20 per cs. . . . .	9.60
Paris lumps, cartons, 5s, each . . . . .	.45
Do., cartons, 2s, each . . . . .	.20
Tea Blocks, and assorted tea cubes, 1/2-barrels and boxes, 100 lbs. . . . .	8.75
Do., boxes, 50 lbs. . . . .	8.80
Do., boxes, 25 lbs. . . . .	9.05
Assorted tea cubes, cartons, 2s, each . . . . .	.19

**MONTREAL PRODUCE RECEIPTS.**

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

	Week end. May 6,	Week end. April 22,
Wheat, bushels . . . . .	785,056	689,364
Oats, bushels . . . . .	310,623	386,205
Barley, bushels . . . . .	13,300	12,688
Flour, barrels . . . . .	18,084	39,619
Eggs, cases . . . . .	21,103	17,871
Butter, packages . . . . .	6,293	4,890
Cheese, boxes . . . . .	16,174	5,229
Potatoes, bags . . . . .	6,677	8,843
Hay, bales . . . . .	19,988	13,972

**WHEAT HELD IN AUSTRALIA.**

Stocks of wheat in sight in Australia on February 29, 1916, were estimated by the Australian Wheat Board at 2,646,057 tons, or 98,785,128 bushels. This figure, which excludes grain on farms at that date, shows an increase of 939,189 tons on the month. It is also shown by the board that 8,879,061 bushels had been shipped away from Australia since the beginning of the season, excluding such quantity as was despatched in the form of flour. The late season and the scarcity of freight, however, make this export figure a rather unfavorable comparison with previous export seasons. In 1913-14 season for instance, well over 20,000,000 bushels had been despatched by the end of February.

**FISH AND OYSTERS.**

The supplies of fish from the Atlantic Coast have been very scarce during the past two weeks, as the fishermen have all been busy mending their nets and changing their gear to their summer outfits. Atlantic halibut is coming in freely. Trade reports indicate a larger after Lent fish business this year than in any previous year. It is reported that there will shortly be a big supply of codfish, and haddock on the market, in ample quantities to take care of the demand. There is already some report of fresh mackerel, which should be on the market during the next two weeks. Quite a demand is being worked up this year for shell fish, such as periwinkles, mussels, whelks, cockles, scallops, etc., hitherto only on the English market.

Prices of fish during the past week have been normal on the whole, although there has been quite a reaction in the price of halibut, which is fully 15 per cent lower than last week. The recent scarcity of haddock, owing to the storms on the Canadian coast, has compelled dealers to import from United States points. Lake fish is still very slow in coming, and no very large supplies are expected for some time yet. Lobsters are more plentiful and lower in price.

**Fresh:**

Haddock, per lb. . . . .	0.06
Steak Codfish, per lb. . . . .	0.07
Carp, per lb. . . . .	0.10
Lobsters, live, per lb. . . . .	0.22
Salmon, Red Cohoes, or Silvers, Round, per lb. . . . .	0.23
Salmon, Red—Cohoes or Silvers, Dressed and Headless, per lb. . . . .	0.25
Halibut, medium, per lb. . . . .	0.15
Herrings, medium, 60 lb. per 100 count . . . . .	2.50
Whitefish, per lb. . . . .	0.14
Pike, per lb. . . . .	0.10
Shad fish, each . . . . .	1.00
Perch, dressed, per lb. . . . .	0.12
Bullheads, dressed, per lb. . . . .	0.12
Fresh Mackerel, each . . . . .	0.23
Gaspereaux, each . . . . .	0.01 1/2

**Smoked Fish:**

Haddies, per lb. . . . .	0.09
Fillets, per lb. . . . .	0.10

**Frozen:**

Dore . . . . .	0.10
Whitefish . . . . .	0.11
Mackerel . . . . .	0.09

**Oysters:**

Standard Solid Meats—No water. No. 5 Can (containing 3 wine gals. . . . .	4.25
Ordinary Bulk Oysters, Standards, per Imp. gallon . . . . .	1.40
Ordinary Do., Selects, per Imp. gallon . . . . .	1.70
Shell Oysters, Cape Cods in large barrels . . . . .	8.00

**WOOL CLIP COMING FORWARD.**

Prices for the new clip are being maintained at a very high level, and so far the offerings have been easily absorbed. The home mills, however, are fairly well supplied with stocks, having purchased large militia orders and placings during that time. On the other hand there is a strong demand for our combing wools from United States dealers, which is augmented by the difficulty in securing New Zealand crossbreds and English wools for that market. This, combined with the fact that there is little likelihood of the United States being able to secure any large quantity of crossbred or English wools during the next few months, ensures a good market for our Eastern wools. Grading will commence at the various stations throughout the country about the middle of the month, and it is probable that the competition both from the home trade and the United States will be keen.

Grading in the Western Provinces will start about the 1st of June, and it is expected that the clip will be much heavier and in better condition than ever before. Some of the wool had already been bought up on the sheep's back, but Eastern dealers are preparing for their Western trips to visit the various stations. Wool grading in the West will take place at the following stations, the approximate clip being as follows:—

Manitoba at Winnipeg, St. Pierre and Elkhorn, 185,000 pounds. Alberta at Walsh, 125,000 pounds; Cluny 75,000 pounds; Calgary 250,000 pounds; Lacombe 60,000 pounds; Edmonton 50,000 pounds; Pincher Creek, 30,000 pounds; Conrad, 300,000 pounds; Chin 400,000 pounds; Formost 300,000 pounds; Innisfail 60,000 pounds. Saskatchewan at Regina 500,000 pounds; Maple Creek 250,000 pounds. British Columbia at Duncan 35,000 pounds.

Eastern wool is now offering as follows: Unwashed fleece wool as to quality, 27c to 29c; washed fleece wool as to quality, 41c to 43c per lb.; washed rejections, (burry, cotted, chaffy, etc.), 32c to 33c; northwestern unwashed according to quality, 19c to 30c.

**LONDON WOOL SALES.**

The Colonial wool auction sales were concluded on May 5, with offerings of 9,000 bales. The demand was strong, and prices closed firm. From a steady opening the auctions gradually strengthened under keen buying by home trade, and occasionally Russian and French-buyers. Moderate stocks and the short supplies in sight were the chief incentives for the advance. Cross breeds closed 5 to 10 per cent higher, and merinos from 10 to 20 per cent over the March average. During the series the home trade bought 82,000 bales, and France and Russia 6,000, while 7,000 were held over.

**MORE AND BETTER WOOL.**

In connection with the propaganda for more and better sheep in Canada, many of the large Canadian Fairs this summer and fall have adopted a classification for wool in the fleece, and are offering prizes sufficiently large to induce many sheep raisers to preserve their fleeces and send them to the Exhibitions. This will doubtless serve as a means of creating a greater interest in the better preparation of wool, and will draw attention generally to the advantages of sheep raising. In Eastern Canada prizes will be divided among three classes; in the West four classes, two being for Range or Merino wool and its crosses, and two for the Medium and Coarse types.

Fairs at which prizes of this character will be given will most likely include Charlottetown, Halifax, Sherbrooke, Quebec, Three Rivers, Valleyfield, Toronto, London, Ottawa, Brandon, Regina, Calgary, Edmonton, Saskatoon and Vancouver.

**COMMANDEERED WHEAT SHIPPED.**

The Italian liner Bayern, the first ocean vessel to visit the Port of Montreal this season, loaded 420,000 bushels of No. 2 and No. 3 Northern wheat from the store which was commandeered by the Canadian government last fall. This wheat was loaded by Messrs. James Carruthers and Co., who are looking after all the wheat purchased or handled by the Dominion authorities.

According to a statement of Captain Domenico, of the Bayern, his vessel is the first of 40 Italian liners on their way to Montreal for the purpose of loading wheat and other produce. He also predicted that a regular fortnightly service between Italian ports and Montreal would shortly be inaugurated.

**NOTES.**

The mill and elevator of the Lake of the Woods Milling Co., at Medicine Hat, Alta., was badly damaged by fire on April 29. The loss is estimated at \$200,000. The mill had a capacity of 1,200 barrels, and the elevator of 100,000 barrels. It is understood that a new and larger mill will be erected without delay.

The damage done to the dam of the Sudbury Flour Mills, Ltd., Sudbury, Ont., by the recent floods has hampered operations considerably, but repairs are now being made. Prompt arrangements were made for all contract shipments.

The plant of the Rice Malting Co., Ltd., St. Boniface, Man., burned last week, with a loss estimated at \$350,000. The insurance on the plant was \$145,000 and on the grain in the elevator \$75,000. There were 300,000 bus. grain in the elevator at the time of the fire.

The Western Canada Flour Mills Co., Ltd., has appointed J. E. MacFarlane general manager of the company. Mr. MacFarlane is a man of considerable experience in the milling business, having been for several years connected with the Lake of the Woods Milling Co., Ltd., before joining the Western Canada company in 1905. He has had charge of the export department, as well as the domestic business in the East. Therefore he comes to the West with a thorough knowledge of both export conditions and the eastern domestic requirements.

**PRODUCE ASS'N OFFICIALS RESIGN.**

Arthur Vaillancourt and A. H. Dalrymple have recently resigned from the positions of secretary-treasurer, and president of the Canadian Produce Association. Vice-president A. E. Silverwood is acting president until new officials are appointed.