

MARKET REVIEW AND FORECAST

Toronto, Monday, Aug. 28.—Fall trade has assumed a brighter aspect. Increased orders are coming in to wholesale houses and the volume of business this past week has been considerably ahead of the week previous. The short crops over a good portion of Ontario does not seem to have cut down trade in country districts. A farmer in Western Ontario remarked lately, "We are so used to living well that we will draw on our bank account and trust to good crops for next year."

The crop situation remains unchanged. Recent rains have improved matters somewhat in the dry areas of Ontario. Reports of damage to the western wheat crop have been exaggerated and weather conditions are now favorable.

Wheat, coarse grains and mill feeds are stronger this week and the long looked for advance in butter and eggs has arrived. The cattle market is firm and hogs are stronger. Call money rules here at 5% to 6 per cent.

WHEAT

Wheat has again assumed the strength of a few weeks ago and the advance from the first of last week has been continued. Poor threshing returns in the western states and the falling through of the reports of injury to the Canadian crop greatly strengthened the market. No. 1 Northern is quoted at \$1.04-1/2; No. 2, \$1.03-1/2; No. 3, \$1.01. Ontario wheat also has advanced one to two cents but the state of trade remains the same, the farmers holding on to their crops in the hope of higher prices for winter receipt. Winter wheat is quoted at 85c to 84c outside; new wheat, 82c to 83c.



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COARSE GRAINS

The grain market is decidedly firmer. Oats and peas have made strong advances. Quotations are as follows: Oats, Canada Western No. 2, 42-1/2c; No. 3, 41-1/2c; Ontario No. 2, 39c to 40c outside, 42c to 43c on track here; corn, 67c; peas, 87c to 88c; rye, 72c to 73c; barley, malt, 110c to 112c; feeding, 55c to 57c; and buckwheat, 56c to 57c.

Oats and corn are stronger at Montreal. With a lively export demand the figure most largely in the trade. Quotations are as follows: Oats, Canada Western No. 2, 42-1/2c to 44c; No. 3, 42-1/2c to 43c; corn, 75c; barley, malting, 74c to 75c; peas, 81c to 82c; and buckwheat, 56c to 57c.

HAY AND STRAW

The hay market continues firm. Supplies have eased off this last week, and there has been a dearth of local hay in Toronto. Large shipments continue to go forward to the eastern states. No. 1 timothy is quoted on the market at \$19 to \$20; clover and mixed hay, \$19 to \$21, and straw, bundled, \$15 to \$16. At Montreal also hay is strong, both English and American buyers competing in the field. Wholesale quotations are as follows: No. 1, \$14 to \$14.50; No. 2, \$10 to \$13; No. 3, \$9 to \$9.50.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Quotations are as follows: Peaches, best, 85c to \$1.25, ordinary, 45c to 70c; potatoes, \$1.50 to \$1.45 a bag; cauliflower, doz., \$1.50; cabbage, crate, 25c; cucumbers, bkt., 20c to 25c; wax beans, bkt., 55c to 35c; tomatoes, 11 qt. bkt., 50c to 55c; rhubarb, 50c to 30c; plums, 11 qt. bkt., 30c to 55c; apples, bkt., 30c to 40c; pears, 11 qt. bkt., 45c to 50c; corn on cob, doz., 5c to 1c; and grapes, 6 qt. bkt., 15c to 40c.

EGGS AND POULTRY

The long expected advances in eggs have at last materialized. Prices this week are one cent to two cents higher. During Exhibition week the outlet for eggs is large, and prices are much smaller than they were some weeks ago. Strictly new laid eggs are quoted at 22c to 23c, and fresh gathered, 19c to 20c. On the Farmers' Market eggs are 25c to 28c. At Montreal the advance is attributed to the return of people from their country residences and to the high cost of meat. No. 1 stock is selling at 23c and selected at 24c.

Quotations for poultry are: Chickens, 15c to 16c; fowl, 14c to 15c; ducks, 13c to 14c. On the Farmers' Market chickens are quoted at 16c to 20c; ducks, 15c to 18c, and fowl, 12c to 14c.

DAIRY PRODUCE

Prices for the choicest grades of butter have advanced one cent per pound, but the poorer grades remain at old prices. A stronger market for dairy produce is to be expected from now on. Quotations are as follows: Creamery prints, 24c to 25c; solids, 22c to 23c; dairy prints, 22c to 23c; and inferior, 15c to 16c. On the Farmers' Market dairy butter is quoted at 25c to 28c. Cheese is quoted at 13c for large and 13-1/2c for twins.

HORSES

Choice heavy drafters are quoted at \$200 to \$275; fair, \$175 to \$225; medium weight horses, \$140 to \$200. Good agricultural horses bring \$160 to \$225, fair, \$100 to \$150; express horses, \$165 to \$210; drivers, \$140 to \$200, and maddlers, \$140 to \$270.

LIVE STOCK

Prices for live stock do not vary materially from those quoted last week. Choice stock remains the same, and there have been slight declines for the low grades. A week ago to-day the market opened with a brisk demand at the prices of the previous week, and the yards were cleared in good time. The demand from local butchers was good. The best, however, were forwarded to the London market, the price paid being \$6 to \$6.20. Choice butcher cattle sold around \$6. On Tuesday and Wednesday the market was over brisk and unusually large runs were quickly absorbed.

Good cattle sold at steady prices on the final market of the week, but secondary grades were harder to dispose of than for two weeks past. Quotations are as follows: Export cattle, choice, \$6.10 to \$6.30; medium, \$5.75 to \$6; bulls, \$4.50 to \$5.25; butcher cattle, choice, \$5.75 to \$6.15; medium, \$5.50 to \$5.70; common, \$5 to \$5.25; butcher cows, choice, \$4.50 to \$5.25; common to medium, \$3.25 to \$4.40; bulls, \$3.50 to \$5.25; and canners, \$1.50 to \$2.50. Trade in stockers continues dull. Feed-

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