

MARITIME MARKETS

Halifax, N.S., July 25, 1903.

Trade in almost all lines of country produce both here and at St. John has been tight during the past fortnight with the exception of garden truck. In the latter the demand is very brisk and will continue so for some time. There is an easier tendency in meats and prices would be very sensitive if any oversupply should appear. In pork there is nothing offering worth mentioning, and only choice stock is saleable. The demand for lamb is better than the average, and the price runs from 8 to 10c per pound.

Tourist travel has been very heavy this season, and all hotels and many private residences are filled with guests. Were it not for this the demand would be much less active than it is at present.

Butter is coming in freely, and is of average quality. Too many rolls are now being received, and on the whole the butter market is in a very congested state. The output of the local creameries is not now too great for dealers to handle. Our provincial creameries have been receiving about one cent per pound more for their product than the creameries in the Upper Provinces. As during the summer season we have no direct refrigerator steamers, the only way that butter can be shipped to the English market is by refrigerator car to Montreal and thence by steamer, a route that is too expensive to be useful. Under the circumstances the highest that can be paid the creameries is 19 cents, and the price should be at least one-half cent lower. Cheese should be bought this week at not over 9 1/2 cents at Maritime Province factories.

The egg market is in an unprofitable state. The small lots from nearby points handled by the commission men are being sold at 14 cents while purchased stock from P.E.I. cannot be sold under 16c to give the dealer any margin whatever.

The crop prospects are now very much improved and consequently lower prices are accepted for hay. Some lots of considerable size sold last week for \$12, but most holders demand \$14. The high price of potatoes led to a considerable quantity being shipped here from Montreal, and the market has declined materially in consequence. Oats have advanced, and are firm at 44 to 45c, the higher figure being for P.E.I. stock. Bank coffee is firm at \$3.50 on vessel.

 Dominion Exhibition Entries

The Dominion Exhibition prize list furnishes interesting information from cover to cover. It opens with the encouraging statement that, thanks to the liberality of the Dominion Government, all cash prizes will be increased by no less than twenty per cent, which will bring the aggregate amount given in premiums for all classes of live stock up to close upon \$30,000, a sum larger than given at any combined industrial and agricultural fair on this earth. Entries, which in all cases must be

accompanied by the prescribed fee and must be made on blanks that will be furnished on application to the secretary, J. O. Orr, 70 King street East, Toronto, Ont. close as follows: For Live Stock, Dairy Products, Ladies' Work, Fine Arts, Honey, and all classes of Manufacturers—Saturday, August 8th; Grain Field Roots, Horticultural Products and Poultry—Saturday, August 15th; Dogs—Monday, August 17th.

An important announcement is that freight on all exhibits coming from within 100 miles of Toronto must be paid by exhibitors. Excess of freight over 100 miles to or from Toronto and extending to Montreal on the East and Port Arthur on the West, both inclusive, will be paid by the Exhibition Association. All freight East of Montreal and including the Maritime Provinces, also from West of Port Arthur, will be paid in full by the Association. These payments will be made only on production of the freight bills, from the grant made by the Dominion Government for that purpose.

 Education on the Farm

There are many young men and women working on farms to-day who although anxious to obtain an education cannot afford either the time or money to attend college. To these the Canadian Correspondence College, of Toronto, especially appeals. This institution offers private tutoring by mail in a wide range of subjects under the care of expert teachers. It would be well worth the while of our readers to write for the free booklet of this college which gives full information regarding the courses and method of teaching. The institution is entirely a Canadian one, and therefore should enjoy the patronage of all Canadians.

The Nova Scotia Exhibition

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