

LIVE STOCK.

MONTREAL: Receipts at the two Montreal stock yards last week amounted to 850 cattle, 900 sheep and lambs, 1,250 hogs, and 900 calves. Considerable activity developed at last week's sales, particularly on Wednesday owing to the large run of good quality steers offered. Buying in consequence was very keen as this is the first lot of high grade cattle there has been on this market for some length of time. Prices for best quality stock, however, declined at both sales with closing quotations, 75c to \$1.00 below the previous week's level. Offerings of undergrades were also liberal, but while the market was easy, no changes in prices took place.

The hog market firmed up last week, prices advancing 25c per 100 lbs., as good quality stock was in light supply. This advance takes place every year as hogs are difficult to transport in the very warm weather, and apart from that farmers are too busy haying to devote much time to live stock.

Calves remain normal, with fair supplies coming forward sufficient to meet the domestic and export demand. Sheep and lambs are also steady with no changes to note.

TORONTO: There was no outstanding feature in the market for cattle as owing to the poor quality of stock offering and short supplies in all lines the sales were uninteresting. Prices were weak for low quality stock on Monday, but all grades firmed up somewhat on Tuesday and Wednesday, on account of the short runs coming forward. Best prices for choice cattle for the week were \$8.25 to \$8.75. Hogs continued in light supply which resulted in substantial gains at Wednesday's sale, the highest prices reported being \$12.25 weighed off cars. Small meats were easily disposed of at last week's levels as offering were not large. Spring lambs fluctuated slightly.

Quotations for round lots were as follows:—
Per cwt.

	Montreal.		Toronto.	
Butcher steers, best	8.25	8.50	8.35	8.75
Do., good	7.00	8.00	8.00	8.35
Do., fair	6.50	7.50	7.50	8.00
Do., medium	6.00	6.50	7.00	7.50
Do., rough	5.25	6.25	6.50	7.00
Butcher cows, best	6.00	7.00	7.00	7.25
Do., good	5.50	5.75	6.50	6.75
Do., medium	5.00	6.50	6.00	6.75
Butcher cowst best	6.00	7.00	6.50	7.25
Do., good	5.50	5.75	6.00	6.50
Do., medium	4.50	5.50	5.50	6.00
Heifers	0.15	0.16½	7.75	8.50
Light ewes	7.00	7.75	7.00	8.25
Heavy sheep	5.00	5.00	5.00	6.50
Spring lambs, each	5.00	8.00	0.14	0.14½
Hogs, selects, weighed off cars	12.00	12.50	12.00	12.15
Do., roughs and mixed lots	11.00	11.75	11.75	11.90
Calves, choice, per lb.	0.08	0.09	10.00	12.00
Do., medium			8.00	10.00
Do., common			6.00	7.50

BALED HAY.

Reports from the country are to the effect that a great deal of the new hay crop has been harvested under most favorable conditions during the recent hot spell. A very heavy crop of medium quality is expected. As holders of old hay are anxious to get rid of their stocks before the new is on the market offerings are liberal and prices are correspondingly weak. No basis of prices has been established for the new crop as yet. The Government is still out of the market and is not expected to buy again until the new crop is well cured and fit for export.

The New York market which sold as high as \$31.00 to \$32.00 per ton not long since for prime timothy hay is now down to \$27.00 and \$28.00 per ton, whilst good No. 1 which brought \$29.00 to \$30.00 is now selling at \$26.00, showing a decline of \$3.00 to \$4.00 per ton in that market.

Sales of car lots brought the following prices:

No. 1 hay	\$19.50	\$20.00
No. 2 extra good	18.00	18.50
No. 2 hay	17.00	17.50
No. 3 hay	16.00	16.50
Clover, mixed, per ton, ex-track	16.50	17.00

Census returns for the six big cities of Japan at the end of last year, as announced by the Yokohama municipality, are published by the Far Eastern Review as follows: Tokyo, 2,244,796; Osaka, 1,460,218; Kyoto, 539,153; Kobe, 498,317; Yokohama, 428,663; Nagoya, 389,272.

FLOUR, CEREALS AND MILLFEED.

The sensational advance which has taken place in wheat during the past week has naturally curtailed export business and the market has kept steadily ahead of outside offerings. Reports from the American and Canadian spring wheat areas are very disquieting and the best expert opinion is that the growing crop has already been considerably damaged by black rust. Present weather conditions are favorable for its further spread and an increase in the damage will unquestionably result in higher prices. Buyers on the other side have by no means filled their requirements, and if good buying should be added to the present bullish sentiment, the market will continue to advance rapidly.

In sympathy with the strength in wheat, flour prices have already advanced twice since our last report, 20c each time, making a total of 40c and even at these levels millers claim that further advances will be required to keep pace with the raw material. Most of the millers are practically oversold for August and September, which is bound to be a factor in increasing prices. The export demand has been fairly good, although there has been some difficulty in supplying orders as ocean freight space is scarce and only limited options are allowed by the steamship agents. Rates are very strong at 60c for August shipment to London, and no bookings are accepted for September and October. There is sure to be an increase in these rates with the heavy export demand in the autumn.

Winter wheat flour has advanced 20 in sympathy with the market for spring wheat and also on account of the scarcity of offerings of 90 per cent as farmers are too busy with their field work to market their wheat. Great difficulty is being experienced in securing first class 90 per cent patent as the majority of the flour offered is of very poor quality. Prospects for the Ontario wheat crop are excellent although the volume no doubt will be smaller than last year.

The demand is good for millfeed as the pastures were dried up considerably in the recent hot weather. Bran is up a dollar a ton, making a market price of \$22.00. Prices of corn and oats are firmly maintained.

Current quotations follow:

	Montreal.		Toronto.	
Flour:—				
First patents, per bbl., in bags	7.00	.....	6.90	.....
Second patents, do.	6.50	.....	6.40	.....
Strong bakers, do.	6.30	.....	6.20	.....
30c per bbl. more in wood.				
First Feed Flour	3.80	.....	4.50	.....
Winter wheat flour—				
Fancy Patents	6.20	6.45	.....	.....
90 per cent in wood	5.60	5.80	.....	.....
90 per cent in bags	2.50	2.60	.....	.....
Cereals:—				
Cornmeal, yellow, per bag, 98 lbs.	2.40	2.15	2.25	
Rolled oats, per bbl., in wood	5.45	5.55	5.35	5.45
per bag, 90 lbs.	2.60	2.65	2.55	2.60
Rolled wheat, 100 lb. bbl.		4.00	.....	4.00
Rye flour, 98 lb. bag	2.65	2.80	.....	2.80
Graham flour, 98 lb.		3.05	.....	2.75
Barley pot., 98 lbs.		3.00	.....	3.00
Barley, Pearl, 98 lbs.		4.50	4.20	4.40
Feeds:—				
Bran, per ton	22.00			22.00
Shorts, per ton	24.00	.....	24.00	.....
Middlings, per ton		26.00	25.00	26.00
Flour Middlings		27.00	.....	.....
Manitoba pure grain				
grades, per ton	31.00	32.00	.....	.....
Do., mixed	27.00	29.00	.....	.....
Barley feed, per ton		30.00	.....	.....
Do., meal, per ton		35.00	.....	.....
Crushed oats, 80 lbs.		1.70	.....	.....
Reground oatmeal feed, per ton		16.00	.....	.....
Corn, No. 2 Yellow, K.D., per 98 lbs.			1.85	
Manitoba oats, per bushel		0.12		

RECEIPTS OF BUTTER, CHEESE AND EGGS.

The following table shows the receipts of butter, cheese and eggs in Montreal for the week ended July 29th, 1916, with comparisons:

	Butter, pkgs.	Cheese, boxes.	Eggs, cases.
Week ended July 29, 1916	15,761	88,850	13,372
Week ended July 22, 1916	20,983	81,837	20,852
Week ended July 31, 1915	13,127	75,550	8,344
Total receipts May 1st to date, season 1916	202,531	977,734	250,872
Total receipts May 1st to date, season 1915	177,350	981,740	255,588

FISH AND OYSTERS.

Owing to the recent hot weather the demand for all kinds of fish has slackened off and business has been slow. In any case there has been a shortage in several lines such as salmon, both from Gaspe and British Columbia, as the season for the former is just about over, and no more large shipments are expected. British Columbia salmon is scarce at the coast owing to the stormy weather there, but this condition will probably right itself in a week or so. Receipts of dore are practically nil, as very little of this fish is being caught at present, and no improvement is expected before about the fifteenth of August, when some of the Manitoba lakes start shipping. These adverse conditions apply to all varieties of lake fish, and dealers consider that this has been the worst season in this line for some years. Moderate supplies of haddock, halibut, and white fish are coming forward and prices remain steady. As regards codfish, the demand is light owing to the extremely hot weather we have had of late, and no improvement is expected until we have a drop in temperature. A few inquiries are coming in for salt and pickled fish, but so far no large sales have been booked. Pickled salmon and trout from the East have not been offered yet, but B. C. salmon is quoted at about last year's prices. Lobsters, both live and boiled, are scarce and advancing. In oysters, clams, scallops, and shrimps, the demand keeps up very well, particularly for supplies to summer hotels and so forth.

Current quotations follow:

Fresh:—	
Haddock, per lb.	0.05 0.06
Steak Codfish, per lb.	0.07
Brook Trout	0.25
Carp, per lb.	0.09
Lobsters, live, per lb.	0.26
Salmon, Gaspe	0.16
Salmon, Red, Dressed, Spring and Headless, per lb.	0.16
Halibut, medium, per lb.	0.14 0.15
Herrings, medium, each	0.03
Whitefish, per lb.	0.12 0.13
Dore, per lb.	0.15
Pike, per lb.	0.09
Perch, dressed, per lb.	0.12
Bullheads, dressed, per lb.	0.12
Fresh Mackerel, per lb.	0.12
Gaspereaux, each	0.03

MONTREAL PRODUCE RECEIPTS.

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

	July 29, '16.	July 22, '16
Wheat, bushels	1,655,554	1,508,921
Oats, bushels	701,022	259,107
Barley, bushels	39,756	6,057
Flour, barrels	186,240	156,223
Eggs, cases	13,372	20,505
Butter, packages	15,761	20,728
Cheese, boxes	88,950	73,010
Potatoes	1,439	13
Hay	10,634	25,394

COFFEE MARKET QUIET.

The new crop of coffee for the current year is estimated to be fully as large as last year's, which is an important factor in keeping the market steady, and therefore no serious change in prices is expected to take place. There is always a certain amount of speculative fluctuation in market prices but not sufficient to affect the consuming public. The domestic demand is reported as normal as consumption in Canada is not likely to be greater than last year, as the population has decreased to the amount of our overseas contingents. The shipping situation is improving and importers are meeting with much less difficulty in obtaining supplies than they did a year ago, as there are now many more vessels plying on the New York-Brazil route than formerly. In consequence freight rates are slightly lower. The prevailing high price of Mocha coffee makes retail trade in this line to-day practically prohibitive, as the genuine article cannot be sold to grocers at less than 40c to 42c. The reasons for this are the difficulty in securing transportation and the attendant high freight rates from Arabia, and the constantly declining production both in quantity and quality.

Current quotations are as follows:

	Per lb.	
Mexican	0.25	0.29
Jamaican	0.21	0.23
Maracaibo	0.20	0.25
Santos	0.20	0.23
Rio	0.17	0.19

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