

Mitchel and Maher furnish the following as representative sales:—

No.	average	per
Head.	lbs.	cwt.
2 steers	1,065 @	\$7.90
10 steers	1,058 @	7.65
2 steers	1,380 @	7.60
12 steers and heifers	995 @	7.30
12 steers and heifers	1,050 @	7.25
3 heifers	1,300 @	7.65
3 heifers	950 @	7.25
28 heifers	1,000 @	7.20
7 heifers	1,055 @	7.15
11 heifers	1,030 @	7.10
2 cows	1,300 @	6.50
4 cows	1,240 @	6.35
8 cows	1,120 @	6.25
14 cows	1,140 @	6.00
3 cows	1,090 @	5.85
8 cows	1,100 @	5.75
3 cows	1,180 @	5.65
1 bull	1,660 @	7.25
1 bull	1,660 @	7.15
2 bulls	1,435 @	7.00
3 bulls	1,040 @	6.00
3 bulls	900 @	5.75
3 bulls	800 @	5.50
4 bulls	1,400 to 1,090 @	6.50
4 bulls	850 @	5.40

FLOUR, CEREALS AND MILLFEED.

Despite the congestion which has caused shipments of flour from the western mills during the past week to be included in the freight embargo declared on western lines, flour mills have been grinding at capacity. Most of the mills are busy in filling future orders and are engaged at present of January-February and February-March shipments. Mills in Canada are grinding over 1,000 cars of flour per week, and if the shipping congestion lasts long it will be severely felt in the milling industry. The demand during the last week has not been so heavy as for the previous few weeks, but in the early part of the week some fair-sized lots were sold of spring wheat, to go to Glasgow for February-March shipment. Much more business could be done with Scotch trade if ocean space could be obtained for future consignments. A fair amount of business has been done for local and country account. The continued advance in the wheat market at Winnipeg has caused a stronger undertone to the market, and if raw material continues to rise there will no doubt be a further advance in spring wheat grades. The exports of flour from the ports of St. John and Portland arriving on the other side for the week ended January 13, 1916, amounted to 24,200 sacks. Corn meal is very firm.

There has been an active demand for mill-feed during the past week for local, country, and United States account, and as supplies are small the tone of the market has been very firm. It is said that many millers have accepted orders far in advance of the supplies on hand.

The stronger tone which has developed in the local market for oats in sympathy with Winnipeg and also due to the fact that deliveries are very slow in arriving, has caused a much firmer feeling to be felt in rolled oats, and an advance is looked for in the immediate future. At this writing there is no further change.

The only business of note which has been done in the market for baled hay during the past week has been for Government account. The tone of the market is firm, and demand from local traders is fair, but supplies offering are none too large.

Spring Wheat Flour:—	Montreal.	Toronto.
First patents, per bbls., in bags	6.90	6.80 7.00
Second patents do	6.40	6.30 6.50
Strong clears do	6.20	6.10 6.30
30c per bbl more in wood.		
Winter wheat flour—		
Choice patents, per bbl.		
in wood	6.50	5.50 5.90
Straight rollers, bbl.	5.80	5.90 5.40
do., in jute per bag	2.75	2.85
Cereals:—		
Cornmeal, yellow, in bags, 98 lbs.	2.25	2.45 2.25 2.40
Rolled oats, per bbl., in wood	5.20	5.25
per bag	2.45	2.50 2.60
Rolled wheat, 100 lb bbl.		4.00 3.30 3.50
Rye flour, 98 lb. bag		2.65 3.00
Graham flour, 98 lb.		3.05
Barley pot, 98 lbs.		2.80
Barley, pearl, 98 lbs.		4.50 4.00 5.00
Whole wheat flour, 98 lbs.		3.05
Baled Hay—		
No. 1 per ton	21.00	17.50 18.50

Extra Good, No. 2 do.	20.50	15.00	16.00
No. 2 per ton	20.00	13.00	14.00
No. 3, per ton	18.50		
Mill-feeds—			
Bran, per ton	24.00	24.00	26.00
Shorts, per ton	25.00	26.00	28.00
Middlings, per ton	28.00	30.00	26.00 28.00
Feed Flour, per bag			1.65
Moullie, pure grain grades, per ton	33.00		
Do., mixed	31.00		
Moullie prices includes bags.			

PROVISIONS.

The feature of the provision market during the past week has been the strong feeling which has been maintained in the local market for hogs. The run has been fairly large, over 3,000 arriving on Monday, and as these were prime bacon stock for the most part top prices were paid which equalled \$10.25 to \$10.50 per cwt. for selects weighed off cars. The demand for good bacon never was better than at present, for besides the local demand, which is always done, and many more select hogs can be taken care of than are at present being received. There is no change in the market for fresh killed abattoir stock, but the demand is good at \$14.00 to \$14.50 per cwt., while country dressed light weights are bringing \$12.75 to \$13, and heavies \$11.50 to \$11.75 per cwt.

The market for cured and smoked meats is very firm, and there is a good trade being done for both local and country account, owing to the cool weather, and the fact that more of this grade of meats are being consumed this year than usual, on account of the high price of fresh meats. There is also a big demand for export account, therefore the stocks in packers' hands are not large.

The demand for lard is good at the firm prices which have been maintained for some time, and buying is active for both local and country account, while supplies on spot are not large they are ample to fill all present demands.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES.

With the exception of the drop of 50 cents per barrel in the price of apples the past week has been dominated by strength in nearly all lines of fruit, and everything that constitutes fruit is tending higher. There is at present only one car load of lemons known to be on the local market at this writing, and these are Messinas, for which 50 to 75 cents a box advance is being asked. There are a few scattered boxes of California lemons offering, but the prices have been advanced the same amount as the Messinas, to \$4.50 to \$5.00. California and Navels are up 50 cents to \$4.50, Jamaica are out of the market, and the few Porto Ricos and Mexican offering are firm, but tending upward. Strawberries are of better quality, and prices are 45 to 50 cents the box. Malaga grapes are up 50 cents on common and \$2 per barrel on fancy grades. Cape Cod cranberries have jumped \$1.50 per barrel, and they are going much higher. The reason for the jump of foreign fruits is the higher freight rates from the Mediterranean and the small cargoes coming forward. Frosts in California have also hit the orange and lemon crops badly.

The big feature of the vegetable market is the advance in potatoes, which is treated at length in another article in this issue. What few hot house tomatoes are obtainable are selling 10 cents higher, but Cuban tomatoes are offered at \$4 to \$5 the crate of six baskets. Owing to the short crop of onions in Canada and the United States there is a great scarcity here, and prices have advanced \$1 to \$1.50 per bag. Florida lettuce is selling at \$2.75 the larger hamper. Spinach is 50 cents lower.

U. S. VISIBLE GRAIN.

The visible supply of wheat, corn and oats in the United States on the dates mentioned were:

	Jan. 8, 1916.	Jan. 1, 1916.	Jan. 9, 1915.
Wheat	69,259,000	66,745,000	77,243,000
Corn	10,513,000	8,937,000	22,019,000
Oats	20,814,000	21,092,000	32,529,000

FORT WILLIAM GRAIN STOCKS.

The stocks of wheat and oats in store at Fort William for the week ended January 8, 1916, as compared with a week and a year previous were:

	Wheat, Bush.	Oats, Bush.
Week ended Jan. 9, 1915	4,980,121	2,154,189
Week ended Jan. 8, 1916	19,305,284	7,094,418
Week ended Jan. 1, 1916	16,578,971	6,119,941
Increase	2,726,313	972,477
Shipments	879,200	396,324

FISH AND OYSTERS.

The fish trade the past week has been without a pronounced feature. The demand has been generally fair, and prices have for the most part been well maintained all round. There is a report that haddock and cod fishing on the eastern banks has practically closed. If this is so then the prices of this line of fish will probably advance before long. It is known that stocks of these kinds of fish are below the average this year, and their scarcity will have a bad effect on the finnan haddie and fillet trade. It was one of the poorest seasons experienced in a long time for tom cod, in fact, not one quarter of the usual supply has arrived yet, and owing to this the market prices are high. It is claimed that these fish have gone up the rivers before the fishermen arrived on the grounds, and the only hope still held out is that when the fish come down the rivers again the fishermen will make catches sufficient to make up the losses. The same applies to smelts, and they are exceptionally high. The frozen supply of herring is practically exhausted, and prices have advanced 15 to 25 cents. Shredded codfish has advanced 5 cents a box.

The oyster market in bulk and shell is quiet, and prices, with the exception of quarter gallon pails, which are 15 cents lower, are steady.

MONTREAL GRAIN MARKET.

While the local market for wheat has not been what could be termed active during the past week, there has been a little more business doing than for the week previous. During the first part of the week cabled bids were still all the way from 4d. to 6d. out of line with local traders views, but on Wednesday there was a strengthening of the market, and bids were cabled for No. 1 Northern on a basis of 6d. per quarter higher, and as this was acceptable to traders, 50,000 bushels was disposed of by different exporters on that day for future delivery, and a few scattering orders have since been accepted on about the same basis. The scarcity of ocean tonnage is still the main factor which is holding up all trading. There are said to be about 1,900 cars of grain between Montreal and Portland at present awaiting their turn to load on ships.

The continued strength being shown in the Winnipeg market caused foreigners to cable higher bids during the latter part of the week, these coming 6d. per quarter higher on which a few more odd sales were made for export account. The public cables from London have given sales of No. 1 Northern for January-February shipment at 64s and for the ocean grain freight market is strong owing to January-February shipment to Liverpool at 63s 6d. and February-March 63s 7½d. The condition of March-April 63s 9d, while No. 1 Northern sold for the big demand for room and rates are steadily advancing. Tramp vessels have been chartered from Portland to Avonmouth at 15s per quarter, which is an advance of 1s 3d per quarter as compared with the rate two weeks ago. For space from Portland to Italy 25s has been paid, and from St. John to Liverpool the rate paid has been 14s.

In coarse grains a much stronger tone has developed in oats during the week, and prices have advanced from 1 to 1½ cents per bushel in sympathy with the stronger feeling in the Winnipeg option market, coupled with an increasing demand from local buyers for car lots of almost all grades of oats. Sales of Ontario and Quebec oats are being made in car lots at the following prices: No. 2 white, 47½c to 48c; No. 3, do., 46½c to 47c, and No. 4 do., at 45½c to 46c per bushel, ex-store.

DAIRY PRODUCE RECEIPTS.

The receipts of butter, cheese and eggs in Montreal for the week ended January 15, 1916, as compared with a week and a year ago, were:

	Butter, pkgs.	Cheese, boxes.	Eggs, cases.
Week ended Jan. 15, 1916	1,354	2,074	2,602
Week ended Jan. 8, 1916	1,002	5,191	3,659
Week ended Jan. 16, 1915	1,038	1,517	1,162
Receipts from May 1, 1916, to January 15, 1916	393,414	1,990,984	519,992
Receipts for the same period, previous year	377,200	1,528,194	359,803

CANADIAN VISIBLE GRAIN.

The visible supply of wheat and oats in Canada on the dates mentioned were:

	Wheat, bush.	Oats, bush.
Week ended Jan. 8, 1916	44,713,130	16,294,493
Week ended Jan. 1, 1916	43,789,043	15,652,400
Week ended Jan. 9, 1915	15,163,322	6,850,796

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