

# COMMODITY MARKETS

## Week's Wholesale Review

The conditions in the wholesale trade are very fair for the season of the year, and an average amount of business is being done.

The Dominion Textile Company has given note of an advance in price of spring prints. Dry goods travellers still report a good volume of orders.

An increase of 15c. per lb. in the price of all grades of sugar was announced by two of the refineries, making standard granulated \$8.20, the exact price of two years ago at the same date. The provision market has been fairly active, the flour market dull, with prices barely steady.

Local prices for eggs went up 2 cents per dozen. Butter prices remained steady, while cheese prices advanced slightly. The new vegetables have arrived, and prices for fruits and vegetables are lower. Strawberries were very plentiful last week, and the dealers bought large quantities.

Prices in hides advanced 1½ cents per lb., and calf skins 3 cents, and the market for leather developed a better tone.

## LIVESTOCK.

MONTREAL: The offerings at the sales last week amounted to 1,660 cattle, 1,775 sheep and lambs, 2,400 hogs and 2,650 calves. On Monday, at the West End market, a weak feeling developed in the market for all grades of cattle, and prices showed the somewhat sensational decline of \$1 per 100 lbs. The decline in price was the natural result of the lower prices prevailing at other Canadian centres at the end of the previous week. The offerings were large, but butchers and packers influenced by the warm, sultry weather, and the fact that many people were out of town, made only limited purchases even at the lower prices.

The market for small meats showed no change, supplies of sheep and lambs were larger, and of better quality than has recently been the case, the demand being brisk, prices remained steady. The trade in calves was active, and prices were maintained. On Monday the tone of the market for hogs was strong, and prices scored a further advance of 25c. per 100 lbs., and as the demand from packers was good, a brisk trade was done, but on Wednesday prices declined again 25c. per 100 lbs. in sympathy with the weakness at other Canadian centres. Trade at the reduced prices was good.

TORONTO: The offerings at the two yards this week amounted to 4,244 cattle, 1,086 sheep and lambs, 6,268 hogs, and 857 calves. The Toronto markets showed more activity last week, and by Thursday prices of the best cattle had increased from 15c. to 20c. per 100 lbs. In small meats trade was decidedly strong, and choice calves again sold as high as \$15.50, but prices ranged all the way from \$10, according to quality. The demand for sheep and lambs was brisk, and they brought as much as 50c. more than the previous week, sheep selling for from \$8 to \$9.50, and spring lambs from \$16 to \$17. Hogs went down to \$16.25, and sold at a decline of 50c. on the previous week's closing quotations, and dealers express the opinion that hogs will go lower in the course of the present week.

	Per Cwt.	Montreal.	Toronto.
Butchers' steers, per 100 lbs.			
Do., choice .. . . .	11.00	11.50	11.75
Do., good .. . . .	10.50	10.75	10.75
Do., medium .. . . .	10.00	10.50	10.75
Do., rough .. . . .	8.50	8.75	8.50
Butchers' Cows.			
Do., choice .. . . .	9.50	10.00	8.00
Do., good .. . . .	9.00	9.25	7.00
Do., fair .. . . .	8.00	8.25	7.25
Bulls, choice .. . . .	9.50	10.00	9.25
Do., good .. . . .	8.50	8.75	7.00
Do., fair .. . . .	8.00	8.25	7.50
Canners' cattle.			
Do., bulls .. . . .	6.00	6.25	5.00
Do., cows .. . . .	4.25	5.50	....
Sheep and Lambs.			
Lambs .. . . .	7.50	9.00	....
Spring Lambs, each	9.00	11.00	15.00
Calves, good .. . . .	9.00	10.00	10.50
Do., choice .. . . .	11.00	12.00	12.00
Hogs, good .. . . .	....	16.50	16.25
Do., choice selects .. .	....	16.75	17.00
Do., heavyweights .. .	....	15.75	16.00
Sows .. . . .	....	14.00	14.25
Stags .. . . .	....	10.50	11.25

## PROVISION MARKET.

The receipts of provisions in Montreal for the week ending July 14 amounted to 32 packages of lard, 65 boxes of hams, and bacon, and 1,756 packages of tinned meats.

As is usual at this time of the year, the demand in the hog market last week was very slight, and business was quiet, with no change in price. The demand for smoked meats has been slow in contrast to the demand for cooked meats, which has been brisk. The market for lard was active, with demand greater than the supply, and prices showing a tendency to rise.

	Per lb.
Hams:—	
Smoked Hams, 8-10 lbs. ....	0.30
Do., 12-15 lbs. ....	0.29
Do., over 25 lbs. ....	0.28
Bacon:—	
Breakfast .. . . .	0.35
Windsor Bacon, selected .. . . .	0.37
Windsor Bacon, boneless .. . . .	0.38
Barrel Pork:—	
Short cut pork .. . . .	40.70
Pure Lard:—	
Pure lard in tierce .. . . .	0.25
20 Lb. pails .. . . .	0.24½
Compound Lard:—	
Western Grades:—	
Tubs .. . . .	0.20½

## BUTTER.

The receipts of butter, in Montreal, for the week ending July 15th, amounted to 14,813 packages, as compared with 17,717 packages for the week ending July 7, and 17,937 for the same week last year. The total receipts May 1 to July 14, 1917, amount to 140,119 packages, as against 164,931 packages for the same period last year. A normal business was done in a wholesale jobbing way on the butter market last week, with prices a little firmer for some grades. Export business was quiet. Lower prices are predicted for the near future.

At Gould's Cold storage there were 600 packages offered on Friday, which sold at 35c. to 35½c. per lb. f.o.b. country points. One lot of 400 packages selling at 35½c.

We quote prices as follows:		
Finest creamery .. . . .	0.36	0.36½
Fine creamery .. . . .	0.35	0.35½
Finest dairy .. . . .	0.30½	0.31½
Fine dairy .. . . .	0.29	0.29½
Lower grades .. . . .	0.27	0.28

## CHEESE.

The receipts of cheese in Montreal, last week, amounted to 96,124 boxes, as compared with 87,666 boxes for the previous week, and 92,204 boxes for the same week last year. The total receipts since May 1st to July 14th, 1917, amounted to 623,968 boxes, as against 801,347 boxes for the same period in 1916, showing that local receipts for the week ending July 14th, were 2,904 fewer than for the previous week, and 3,124 fewer than for the corresponding week last year, while since May 1st, 1917, the receipts have shown a falling off of 177,399 boxes.

The Government fixture of the price of cheese remains unchanged both here and in England, and the market remains very quiet. Exporters and middlemen pay as much as 21c. to 21 3-16c. per lb. to the farmer, and receive from the Cheese Commission or the trade 21½c. per lb. f.o.b. steamer.

At Gould's Cold Storage on Tuesday there were between 7,000 to 8,000 boxes offered, and prices ruled ¼c. to ⅜s. per lb. lower than on the preceding Friday, which was due to the fact that the quality of the goods in some cases was not up to the mark. At the above reduction there was a steady demand and all sold at 20½c. per lb. f.o.b. country points.

The following are the prices being paid by the commission:

No. 1 western and eastern cheese .. . . .	21½c
No. 2 western and eastern cheese .. . . .	21¼c
No. 3 western and eastern cheese .. . . .	20¾c
Lower grades .. . . .	20¼c

## AT THE COUNTRY DAIRY BOARDS.

At the Eastern Townships Dairymen's Exchange, a small lot of cheese was offered this week, and sold at 20½c. against 20½c. last Saturday, while at St. Hyacinthe the price fetched showed a decline of ¼c.

St. Pascal.—Ninety-five boxes of butter sold at 35 9-16c, and 823 boxes of cheese at 21½c.

Cowansville.—All the offerings of butter were sold at 35½c per lb., as compared with 33½c this day last week. A year ago 1,266 packages were offered and sold at 28½c to 28¾c per lb.

St. Hyacinthe.—The offerings amounted to 1,000 packages of butter, and 1,200 boxes of cheese. The butter sold at 36c per lb., and the cheese at 21½c., as against 32c and 20½c a week ago. At this date last year 100 packages butter sold at 28½c and 950 boxes cheese at 14c.

Belleville.—2,352 boxes of white were offered. All sold at 21½c.

London.—Six factories boarded 905 boxes. Three hundred and eighty-five boxes sold at 21c.; balance unsold.

Vankleek Hill.—There were 1,655 boxes of white and 60 colored cheese boarded and sold. Price paid for both kinds was 21 5-16c.

Iroquois.—1,140 boxes were boarded, 970 colored and 170 white. All were sold at 21½c.

Cornwall.—The offerings were 3,289, of which 2,910 were white and 379 colored. All sold at 21 5-16. The price for the corresponding week last year was 14 11-16c.

Madoc.—There were 525 boxes of cheese boarded. All sold at 21 3-16c.

Perth.—There were 1,700 boxes of cheese and 12 boxes of butter on the market, the cheese all selling at 21 5-16c., and the butter at 31c.

Picton.—At the cheese board 2,150 boxes of cheese were boarded. All sold at 21 3-16c.

Listowel.—At the Dairymen's exchange eleven factories boarded 770 white.

Kingston.—At the cheese board 740 boxes of white and 130 colored were boarded. Six hundred sold at 21c.

Campbellford.—585 boxes of white cheese offered. All sold at 21½c.

Stirling.—790 boxes were offered. All sold at 21 3-16c.

Alexandria.—981 boxes of white cheese offered on the board sold at 21½c.

Cowansville.—At the Eastern Townships Dairymen's Exchange 1,195 boxes of butter were sold at 35½c., and 28 boxes of cheese were sold at 20½c.

St. Hyacinthe.—1,250 boxes of cheese boarded and sold at 21c. No butter offered.

London.—Seven factories offered 907 boxes. Sales, 567 boxes at 21c.

Belleville.—2,450 boxes of white were offered. Sales, 670 at 21 5-16c.; 1,100 at 21½c.; balance refused at 21¼c.

## RECEIPTS OF BUTTER AND CHEESE.

The following table shows the receipts of butter and cheese in Montreal for the week ended July 14, 1917, with comparisons:

	Butter, pkgs.	Cheese, boxes.
Week ended July 14, 1917 .. . . .	14,813	96,124
Week ended July 7, 1917 .. . . .	17,717	87,666
Week ended July 15, 1916 .. . . .	17,937	92,204
Tot. receipts May 1 to July 14, 1917	140,119	623,968
Tot. receipts May 1 to July 15, 1916	164,931	801,347

## COUNTRY PRODUCE.

The receipts of eggs in Montreal for the week ending July 14th amounted to 5,016 cases, as against 4,977 cases for the week ending July 7th, and 16,538 cases for the same week last year, showing a falling off of 11,522 cases. This year's receipts to date are 55,123 cases below those for the corresponding period a year ago.

There were no developments in the egg market until Saturday, when a firmer feeling developed, and prices increased 2 cents per dozen. There was a good export business, due to the falling off in production in England and Ireland. The local supply was greatly decreased owing to the fact that the farmers are storing their eggs for higher prices. There was only a limited demand from local buyers for small lots to fill actual wants.

Current prices are as follows:

Strictly new laid .. . . .	0.00	0.42
Selected eggs .. . . .	0.00	0.40
No. 1 candled stock .. . . .	0.00	0.37
No. 2 candled stock .. . . .	0.32	0.34