

week, with the market a little short of local supplies, the deficiency being made up by the importation of a few cases from Chicago. The favourable weather of the past few days has brought about an increased production of eggs, with a consequent slight decline in prices, and it is probable that a further decline will be recorded during the coming week.

The latest prices to be quoted are 42 cents per doz. country storage, and 46 cents per dozen fresh new laid.

Strictly new laid eggs	0.46	0.47
Fresh eggs	0.38	0.39
Fall fresh eggs	0.37	0.39
Selected cold storage	0.33	0.35
No. 1 cold storage	0.30	0.32

POULTRY.

There was a light supply of dressed poultry on the market, and there was a keen demand for the better qualities, especially from the Jewish community. Prices were high. The supplies of birds will probably remain scarce for a time, as the egg laying season is at hand, and farmers will not be inclined to dispose of many, even with the high cost of feed.

We quote prices as follows:—

Turkeys, per lb.	0.35	0.36
Milk fed chickens	0.35	0.36
No. 1 chickens	0.31	0.32
Ducks, per lb.	0.27	0.30
Geese, per lb.	0.25	0.28

POTATOES.

Ample supplies of potatoes have been received. A steady trade was done, and prices were well maintained at the following prices:

Green Mountains, per bag	\$1.75
Quebec, white stock, per bag	1.65 1.70
Do., reds, per bag, ex-store	1.60

MAPLE PRODUCTS.

The receipts of maple syrup were light, last week, in spite of the fact that the weather was favorable for the new crop, and farmers report a good flow of sap. There was a good demand for the few offerings coming forward, and sales of choice grades of syrup were made readily at \$1.75 to \$1.80 per tin of 13 lbs. The prospects are that supplies will commence to come forward more freely next week, when an active trade will no doubt be done at stocks in grocers and other dealers' hands of the old crop are nil.

HONEY.

The tone of the market for honey remains very firm as the demand has increased and stocks on spot are very small. The demand is principally for No. 1 white clover honey in comb at 21c. to 22c. per section, but as the offerings of such were somewhat limited the lower grades came in for attention, and sales of No. 2 white in comb were made at 19c. to 20c., No. 1 brown in comb at 18c. to 19c., No. 2 brown at 17c., and white extracted in 30-lb. pails at 18c. to 20c. per lb.

LOCAL FLOUR.

Both domestic and country buyers appear to have ample supplies of flour on hand hence the volume of business passing is small. The mills are all busy working to full capacity filling export orders. Government standard spring wheat flour in car lots for shipment to country points, is selling at \$11.10 per bbl. in bags, f.o.b. cars Montreal, and to city bakers at \$11.20 delivered.

Process of winter wheat flour remain unchanged although the tone of the market rules strong. The demand continues steady for small lots to meet immediate requirements, and sales were made at \$11.40 to \$11.50 per bbl. in bags ex-store. There is a good inquiry for rye flour of which the offerings are limited and prices have been firmly maintained at the late advance with sales of broken lots at \$7.20 per bag, delivered to the trade.

MILLFEED.

The enquiry for millfeed from all sources continues good, but supplies are very limited and buyers find it hard to fill their wants.

ROLLED OATS.

The market for rolled oats developed an unsettled feeling and prices were cut by some millers. The demand for supplies for domestic account and sales were made as low as \$5.30 per bag of 90 lbs. in cotton, delivered to the trade, with some millers quoting as high as \$5.50.

Flour:	per barrel.
New-Government standard grade	11.10 11.30
Cereals:	
Rolled oats, 90 lb. bag	5.60 5.95
Feed:	per ton.
Bran	35.40
Shops	40.40
Mouille, pure-grain grades	73.00 75.00

LOCAL GRAIN.

The option markets for oats developed a weak tone, last week, and prices in Winnipeg scored a decline of 1c to 1 1/4c per bushel and closed 3/4c to 1 1/4c lower than a week ago. The decline in the Chicago market on Saturday amounted to 1 1/2c to 3 1/2c per bushel, and prices are 5/8c to 3/4c below this day week. The spot market for cash oats also displayed some weakness in sympathy with the above and prices generally were reduced 1c per bushel, and at the close car lots of No. 3 Canadian western and extra No. 1 feed were quoted at \$1.06 1/4. No. 1 feed at \$1.02, Ontario No. 2 white at \$1.05, No. 2 feed at \$1.03 1/2, tough extra No. 1 feed at \$1.06, No. 3 white at \$1.03 1/2 per bushel ex-store. There was a steady demand during the week from the country for car lots, and a moderate amount of business was done in this respect, but the demand from dealers for supplies for shipment from Fort William was limited. A little business was done in Manitoba extra No. 3 barley at \$1.97 per bushel ex-track Fort William.

Fluctuations in grain on Saturday at Winnipeg were:—

Oats:	per bushel.
No. 2 C. W.	0.94%
Do., No. 3 C. W.	0.90%
Do., Extra No. 1 feed	0.88%
Do., No. 2 feed	0.82%
Barley:	
No. 3 C. W.	1.65
No. 4 C. W.	1.60
Rejected	1.45
Feed	1.40
Flax:	
No. 1 N. C. W.	3.85
No. 2 C. W.	3.80
No. 3 C. W.	3.62

RECEIPTS OF BUTTER AND CHEESE.

The following table shows the receipts of butter and cheese in Montreal for the week ending March 30th, with comparisons:

Week ending March 30, 1918	912	1,882
Week ending March 23, 1918	799	147
Week ending March 31, 1917	2,996	1,254
Total receipts May 1st, 1917,		
to March 30th, 1918	370,305	1,835,141
Total receipts May 1st, 1916,		
to March 31st, 1917	515,731	2,261,253

EXPORTS OF GRAIN AND FLOUR.

Exports of breadstuffs from all Atlantic ports last week (including New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Newport News and Portland, and the preceding week were as follows:

	Last wk.	Prev. wk.
Flour, barrels	171,814	73,236
Wheat, bushels	274,825	378,189
Corn, bushels	48,102
Oats, bushels	1,123,338	353,000
Barley, bushels	336,908	126,437
Peas, bushels	21,912	10,446
Rye, bushels	208,175	43,229
And from July 1, 1917, to March 23, 1918, and for the corresponding period of 1916-17:		
Wheat, bushels	49,387,802	196,176,657
Flour, barrels	4,743,553	10,320,998
Total as wheat bush.	70,733,791	242,621,145
Corn, bushels	10,278,861	36,735,232
Oats, bushels	65,451,359	79,762,865

The destinations of above exports were as follows:

	Wheat.	Corn.	Flour.
To:	Bush.	Bush.	Brls.
United Kingdom	223,307	48,102	128,308
Continent	51,518	43,506
Total	274,825	48,102	171,814

LOCAL STOCKS OF GRAIN.

The following table shows the stocks of grain and flour in store in Montreal on the dates mentioned:

	Mar. 30,	Mar. 23,	Mar. 31,
	1918.	1918.	1917.
Wheat, bushels	126,154	125,575	319,326
Corn, bush...	35,946	40,138	41,205
Peas, bush...	972	1,535
Oats, bush...	256,500	209,634	1,210,354
Barley, bush...	69,300	63,297	86,469
Rye, bush...	1,127	1,147	21,132
Buckwheat, bush...	20,338	22,662	1,565
Flax, bush...	3,471
Flour, sacks	36,612	33,143	21,916

FISH TRADE.

The demand for fish during the past week has continued to be excellent, owing to the Lenten season, and prices have held to practically the same levels as during the previous week. Prices are expected to be easier this week, as the demand for fish is usually lighter after Easter.

It is not at all likely that the action of a number of small fishermen—chiefly aliens—on the Pacific Coast, who tied up their boats in order to show their resentment at the Food Controller's action in fixing the selling prices of fish, will affect the markets here. Supplies are plentiful, and could readily be expanded to any extent.

The latest wholesale prices are as follows:

Fresh Haddock (not-frozen), per lb.	0.10
Fresh Market Cod (not frozen), per lb.	0.09
Fresh Steak Cod (not frozen), per lb.	0.12

Frozen.

Market Cod, heads on, per lb.	0.07
Steak Cod, headless, per lb.	0.09
Flounders, per lb.	0.05
Grass Pike, round, per lb.	0.09
Pickered or Doree, round, per lb.	0.12 1/2
Whitefish, large, per lb.	0.12
Small Whitefish (Tulbees), per lb.	0.09
B.C. Red Salmon, Round, per lb.	0.18 1/2
B.C. Red Salmon, headless dressed, per lb.	0.22
Qualla Salmon, Round, per lb.	0.12
Qualla Salmon, headless and dressed, per lb.	0.12 1/2
Halibut, medium, per lb.	0.19 1/2
Halibut, chicken, large, per lb.	0.18 1/2
Extra Smelts, per lb.	0.22
No. 1 Smelts, per lb.	0.18

Smoked.

New Haddies, express, half boxes, 15 lbs., per lb.	0.16
New Fillets, express, half boxes, 15 lbs., per lb.	0.19

Oysters.

Standard Solid Meat Oysters, per No. 5 Can	10.00
Do., No. 3 Can	6.50
Do., No. 1 Can	2.25
Select Solid Meat Oysters, per No. 3 Can	7.50
Do., No. 1 Can	2.50
Paper Pails, pint size, per 100, \$1.50; quart size	2.10

Salted and Pickled.

No. 1 Labrador Salt Herring, per half barrel	6.75
No. 1 Sea Trout, per barrel	20.00
Do., half barrel	10.50
Labrador Salt Salmon, tierces	34.00
Do., barrels	24.00
Pickled Turbot, barrels	16.00
Do., half barrels	8.50
Salt Mackerel, in 20 lb. kits	3.75
Do., half barrels	15.00
Large Green Cod, per lb.	0.08
Medium Green Cod, per lb.	0.07 1/2
Small Green Cod, per lb.	0.06 1/2

Prepared, Boneless and Dried.

Skinless Cod, in 100 lb. cases, per case	12.00
Pure Boneless Cod, boxes 20 lbs:	
"Favorite" brand, 1 & 2 lb. bricks, assorted, per lb.	0.14
"Golden" brand, 2 lb. bricks, per lb.	0.17
"Winterport," 1 lb. tablets, per lb.	0.18
Strip Cod, boxes 30 lbs. per lb.	0.16
Shredded Cod, in cartons, 2 doz cartons in box, per box	2.20