

# Market Review and Forecast

**TORONTO, SEPT. 17.**—Harvesting throughout all the provinces of Canada is being brought pretty well to a close. Threshing and fall plowing are now claiming most attention. Throughout Ontario the fall wheat seedling is later than that owing to the delayed harvest, but it is expected that a fairly large acreage will be in early enough for a fair catch.

The feature of the week's marketing situation was the failure of a sale for wheat by the Canadian board of grain supervisors, who worked in conjunction with the United States Food Control's Department. The same prices will prevail for the various grades of wheat in Canada as in the corresponding grain markets of the United States; \$2.11 has been set as the limit for first grade wheat at Port William elevator.

Owing to favorable weather the pastures throughout Ontario are excellent for this time of year, and livestock are in good, thrifty condition. Market prices are remaining fairly firm for all classes of animals, but there is comparatively little doing in the sales. The milk flow is good, but with the high price of grain and mill feeds, dairymen are becoming dissatisfied with the price fixed for cheese.

### WHEAT.

Wheat prices for this year's crop have been fixed by the United States and Canada at the following basis: at Port William and Port Arthur, or at Duluth and Minneapolis:

Canadian prices: 1 Manitoba Northern, \$2.21; No. 2 Manitoba Northern, \$2.19; No. 2 Alberta Red Winter, \$2.21; No. 2 Alberta Red, \$2.18; No. 3 Alberta Red, \$2.16; United States prices: 1 Hard Winter Spring Northern, \$2.21; No. 2 Dark Spring Northern, \$2.18; No. 3 Dark Spring Northern, \$2.15; No. 1 Dark Hard Winter, \$2.31; No. 2 Dark Hard Winter, \$2.18; No. 3 Dark Hard Winter, \$2.15.

Millers are authorized to pay up to one cent above maximum prices for diversion charges. While local grain dealers are not at all certain that the wheat trade will proceed through the ordinary channels, grain is being bought for immediate shipment at prices ranging about \$2.33 for No. 1 Northern track Goodrich, which allows for a premium of 12 cents on the fixed price at Port William. It is considered likely that the setting of a price on Ontario wheat will be next in order and \$2.15 to \$2.20 for delivery have been suggested as likely figures.

### COARSE GRAINS.

Prices on oats continue firm and sellers seem unwilling to part with their grain at less than 62c. Buys. Dealers are offering 60 cents, but with the rush of fall work on, few farmers are marketing their oats yet. Oats are quoted \$1.13-1.4, December delivery, and quotations here are: Oats, C.W. No. 2, Pt. William, 41-1-2c; barley, \$1.20 to \$1.22; rye, \$1.70. Montreal quotations: Oats, C.W. No. 2, 71-7-2c; No. 3, 70-1-2c; corn, \$2.30 to \$2.33; barley, feed, \$1.27; molasses, 11.3c.

### MILL FEEDS.

The mill feed situation remains unchanged and the market is fair. Carlots delivered Montreal freight: Shorts, \$42; bran, \$36; middlings, \$45 to \$46; good feed flour, \$48; \$35 to \$36 for real shorts, \$40; bran, \$34 to \$35; middlings, \$43 to \$40; molasses, \$16 to \$16.

### HAY AND STRAW.

The hay market remains comparatively quiet. Threshing and fall plowing are claiming the attention of farmers, and those who have finished their harvest and until the fall wheat has been planted there will be little attention to marketing hay. Quotations track Toronto: Extra No. 2, \$11 to \$11.50; No. 1, \$10 to \$10.50; straw, car-lots, \$7 to \$7.50. Montreal hay No. 2, 10c; car-lots, \$10 to \$10.50.

### EGGS AND POULTRY.

There is a weak demand for chickens and fairly heavy hens from the wholesalers, but the market generally to market are not so heavy as is usual at this time of year. Farmers, as a rule, are too busy to market their fowls and with the prospect of plenty of grain for fattening, as soon as threshing is over, they are in no hurry to rush off their birds to the market. Spring chickens dressed are selling at from 25c to 35c, and heavy hens at from 20c to 25c a lb. dressed. Eggs are steady at from 41c to 45c a dozen, of country points. This is about a cent better than last week. They are selling retail, at 45c to 46c a dozen.

### Live Stock.

Chickens, spring.....25c to 35c to 30c  
Hens, under 4 lbs.....20c to 30c  
Hens, over 4 lbs.....25c to 35c  
Roosters.....15c to 20c to 25c  
Ducks.....15c to 20c to 25c  
Ducklings.....16c to 20c to 25c  
Turkeys.....16c to 20c to 25c

### DAIRY PRODUCE.

With shipments easing off, butter con-

tinues firm with firm to 42c to 43c a lb. for creamery primes; creamery solids are bringing from 32c to 40c, and dairy butter selling at country points at 30c to 37c. Wholecream creamery creamery solids, 42c to 43c; creamery prints, fresh made, 43c to 44c; old, large, 30c to 31c; twins, 31c, 23c to 32c.

Considerable dissatisfaction exists in regard to the cheese situation. The prices fixed for cheese are not high enough to enable the cheese factories to pay as much for milk as is being paid by consumers. This fact has led within the last few weeks to a considerable agitation to have the prices of cheese increased. So far, however, no action has been taken. Quotations here: New large, 23c; twins, 23-1-2c; odd large, 30c to 31c; twins, 31c.

### CHEESE BOARD SALES.

Mont. Jol. Que., Sept. 14.—75 boxes butter sold at 49-1-4c; 275 cheese at 20-7-3c.

Napague, Sept. 14.—365 white and 610 colored at 21-1-4c.

Troquois, Sept. 14.—750 colored and 50 white, 23c sold at 21-1-2c. On corresponding date last year, 19-1-2c.

Listowel, Sept. 14.—1,850 cheese. Some sales made at 21-1-3c. Balance held.

Alexandria, Sept. 14.—721 white sold at 21-1-4c.

Picton, Sept. 14.—1,215 boxes sold at 21-0-1-2c.

Perth, Sept. 14.—1,000 boxes sold at 21-1-4c.

Danville, Que., Sept. 14.—1,459 cheese sold at 21-1-4c.

### LIVE STOCK.

Thirty-eight hundred cattle were on sale on Monday, and the market was scarcely sufficient to meet trade requirements, buying was active and prices advanced 10 to 15c per hundred on all grades of cattle. With a moderate number of the pigs were offered, the market steady, but following a heavy run off Wednesday, together with heavy supplies pressed to the Abolition from Winnipeg, prices weakened and drovers had to accept a lower price. The market prevailing on Monday and Tuesday, but about on a level with those of a week ago. With the market active and quotations fair, market to bring the supply for the week up to a tight thousand head, trading in some instances at a profit. The market was inactive, but slight reductions were made in some instances for few car case stockers and feeders went to the States and liberal shipments were made to Ontario points. Cows were steady and active under a continued demand from Ontario.

Sheep and lambs were in demand all week with liberal supplies available. Hogs were moving a trifle more freely this week, with selecta selling at \$18.25, fed and weaned, on Monday and Tuesday, but withstanding quotations of \$17.50. On Wednesday, prices were lower, \$18 per hundred on the average figure, with one or two lots bringing \$18. The market closed on Thursday with a steady undertone at Wednesday's prices. Little discrimination in prices is being made, the various classes and grades of hogs. The price, f.o.b., is \$17.

At Montreal, heavy butcher steers sold up to \$11; common light, \$8 to \$9; common butcher cows, \$4.50 to \$5; butcher bulls, \$6.25 to \$6.50; choice veal calves \$10 to \$14; lambs, \$14 to \$15; sheep, \$13 to \$15.

Hogs sold steadily all week at \$17.75 to \$18, off cars for long-run selecta, with the bulk of sales close to the average figure. Hogs from near-by points sell for 25 cents per hundred below the long-run price. Receipts of heavy, retaining choice to four thousand for the week. Choice exports, \$12 to \$12.50  
Butchers' choice handy 10 to 11 00  
do good..... 9 25 to 10 00  
do medium..... 8 75 to 9 50  
do common..... 7 50 to 8 00  
Butcher's handy..... 8 00 to 8 75  
do good..... 7 50 to 8 25  
do medium..... 6 25 to 7 25  
do common..... 5 00 to 6 00  
do good..... 7 00 to 7 50  
do medium..... 6 50 to 7 00  
do common..... 6 00 to 6 50  
Feeders..... 8 25 to 9 25  
do good..... 7 50 to 8 50  
do medium..... 6 75 to 7 75  
Camera..... 5 25 to 5 75  
Milkers, good..... 10 00 to 12 00  
do, com. and medium..... 6 00 to 8 00  
Calves, veal, choice..... 14 75 to 15 00  
do medium..... 11 00 to 13 00  
do common..... 8 00 to 9 00  
do grass..... 6 00 to 7 00  
do heavy fat..... 8 00 to 10 00  
Spring lambs, ewe..... 16 10 to 17 00  
Sheep, ewes, light..... 11 00 to 12 00  
do, heavy..... 12 00 to 13 00  
do ewes..... 4 00 to 5 50  
Hogs, fed and watered..... 18 00 to 20 00  
do off car..... 15 00 to 16 00  
do f.o.b..... 17 00 to 20 00

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