

THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA

Capital Authorized - - - \$ 25,000,000
Capital Paid Up - - - 11,500,000
Reserve Funds - - - 13,000,000
Total Assets - - - 180,000,000

HEAD OFFICE: MONTREAL

Branches throughout every Province
of the Dominion of Canada

Accounts of Farmers
Invited

Sale Notes Collected

Savings Department at all
Branches

Rye.—Outside, \$1.09 to \$1.10.
Peas.—No. 3, \$1.85 to \$1.90, outside.
Barley.—For malting, 71c. to 73c., outside.

Corn.—American, new No. 3 yellow, 82½c., track, Toronto.

Buckwheat.—No. 2, 78c. to 80c., outside.

Roller Oats.—Per bag of 90 lbs., \$8 to \$8.05.

Flour.—Manitoba flour.—Prices at Toronto were: First patents, \$7.30; second patents, \$6.80; in cotton, 10c. more; strong bakers', 6.60; Ontario, 90-per-cent, winter-wheat patents, \$6 to \$6.10, Montreal.

HAY AND MILLFEED.

Hay.—Baled, car lots, track, Toronto, No. 1, \$17; No. 2, \$18.50 per ton.

Bran.—Manitoba, \$25 to \$26, in bags, track, Toronto; shorts, \$27 to \$28; middlings, \$32 to \$34.

Straw.—Baled, car lots, track, Toronto, \$10.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter.—Prices were unchanged. Creamery pound rolls, 31c. to 33c.; creamery solids, 29c. to 30c.; separator dairy, 28c. to 30c.

Eggs.—New-laid eggs sold at 35c. to 38c. by the case; cold-storage, 30c.; select, 32c. to 34c.

Cheese.—New, large, 16c.; twins, 16½c. Honey.—Extracted, 12c.; comb, \$2.50 to \$3 per dozen sections.

Beans.—Hand-picked, per bushel, \$3; primes, \$2.75.

Potatoes.—Per bag, 55c. for car lots of Canadians, track, Toronto; New Brunswick, 60c., track, Toronto.

Poultry.—Turkeys, per lb., 16c.; spring ducks, 12c. to 14c.; hens, 10c. to 13c.; spring chickens, live weight, 12c. to 13c.; squabs, per dozen, \$4; geese, 10c. to 12c. per lb.

HIDES AND SKINS.

City hides, flat 18c.; country hides, cured, 15½c. to 18½c.; country hides, part cured, 15½c. to 18½c.; calf skins, per lb., 19c.; kip skins, per lb., 17c.; horse hair, per lb., 40c.; horse hides, No. 1, \$3.50 to \$4.50; wool, unwashed, coarse, 17½c.; wool, unwashed, fine, 20c.; wool, unwashed, fine, 20c.; wool, washed, coarse, 26c.; wool, washed, fine, 28c.; lamb skins and pelts, 90c. to \$1.25; tallow, No. 1, per lb., 5½c. to 7c.

TORONTO SEED MARKET.

The following are the prices at which the wholesale seedmen are selling re-cleaned seeds to the trade: Clover, red, cwt., No. 1, \$20 to \$21; clover, red, cwt., No. 2, \$18.50 to \$19; clover, red, cwt., No. 3, \$18; clover, alsike, cwt., No. 1, \$19 to \$20; clover, alsike, cwt., No. 2, \$17.50 to \$18.50; clover, alsike, cwt., No. 3, \$16; clover, alfalfa, cwt., No. 1, \$19 to \$22; clover, alfalfa, cwt., No. 2, \$18 to \$18.50; clover, alfalfa, cwt., No. 3, \$17.50; timothy, cwt., No. 1, \$10; timothy, cwt., No. 2, \$8.75; timothy, cwt., No. 3, \$8.00.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

Apples.—Spys, \$4 per bbl.; Baldwins, \$3.25 per bbl.; Russets, \$3.50 to \$4.50; Tolman Sweets, \$3 to \$3.50; Ben Davis, \$2.75; Greenings, \$3.25 per bbl. Bananas, \$1.75 to \$2.50 per bunch; cranberries, \$5.50 to \$7.50 per bbl., \$2.25 to \$2.50 per box; grapes, Malaga, \$5.50 to \$6.50, per keg; grapefruit, \$2.25 to

\$2.75 per case; limes, \$1.25 to \$1.75 per cwt.; lemons, Messina, \$2.75 to \$3.25 per case; California, \$3 to \$3.25 per case; Oranges, Florida, \$1.75 to \$2.25 per case; California navels, \$2 to \$2.75 per case; Mexicans, \$2 per case; Messina, bitter, \$2.75 per box; pine-apples, Porto Rico, \$3 to \$3.50; Isle of Pines, \$4.50 per case; strawberries, 40c. to 45c. per box; beans, \$5 per hamper; beets, 60c. per bag; Brussels sprouts, American, 23c. per box and 20c. per lb.; cabbages, 25c. to 40c. per dozen, \$1 to \$1.15 per bbl.; carrots, 50c. per bag; celery, California, \$4.50 to \$5 per case; cauliflower, new, \$3 to \$3.50 per case; onions, Spanish, \$4 per crate, and \$1.35 per small box; Canadian, \$1.25 to \$1.35 per bag; lettuce, 20c. to 25c. per dozen; parsnips, 50c. per bag; turnips, 30c. to 35c. per bag.

Montreal.

Live Stock.—There has been a somewhat sharp falling off in the number of cattle offering on the local market. As a consequence the prices were somewhat firmer last week, and supplies of meat were believed to be a little on the short side. This will mean, in all probability, that offerings during this week will be fairly well taken. The best steers offered on the market sold at 7½c. per lb., but for the most part the quality was not very choice, and average price for good steers was in the vicinity of 7c. Lower grades sold down to 6c. Butchers' cows and bulls sold down to 5c., and prices of each ranged up to 6½c. for choicest. Supplies of sheep and lambs were not large, and the tone of the market was firm. Ontario lambs sold at 8c. to 8½c. per lb., while Quebecs were about ¼c. below these figures. Sheep were in fair demand at 5c. to 5½c., and calves showed little change, ranging from \$5 to \$6 for the common, and up to \$12 for the choicest. Selected hogs sold at 8½c. to 8¾c., weighed off cars.

Horses.—Demand for horses was not active, but supplies were cleaned up, and the tone of the market was fairly strong. Heavy draft horses, weighing from 1,500 to 1,700 lbs., were quoted at from \$275 to \$300 each, and light draft, weighing from 1,400 to 1,500 lbs., \$150 to \$200 each. Broken-down, old animals, were quoted at \$75 to \$100 each, and fancy saddle and carriage animals sold at \$300 to \$400 each.

Dressed Hogs.—There was practically no change in the market for dressed hogs last week, although the tone was slightly easier, in sympathy with the market for live hogs. Abattoir-dressed, fresh-killed hogs, were quoted at 11½c. to 11¾c. per lb., while country-dressed ranged from 10½c. to 10¾c. per lb. for light, and 9c. to 9½c. for heavy.

Poultry.—Prices to cover frozen and fresh turkeys ranged from 17c. to 20c. per lb., wholesale, while chickens and ducks were 12c. to 15c. Geese and fowl ranged from 10c. to 13c. per lb., according to quality.

Potatoes.—A potato dealer says that he cannot recall when potatoes were so cheap at the corresponding period of the year as they are this year. Green Mountains were offered here at 52½c. for 90 lbs., in car lots, track. In a jobbing way they sold at 10c. to 15c. above these figures.

Honey and Syrup.—Maple syrup was scarce, and a little dearer. Prices were 85c. in small tins, and up to \$1.25 in 11-lb. tins. Sugar was 10c. per lb. White-clover comb honey was 16½c. to 17½c. per lb.; extracted, 12c. to 18c.; dark comb, 14½c. to 15c., and strained, 7c. to 8c. per lb.

Eggs.—Fresh eggs could be had at 41c. to 43c. per dozen; selected cold-storage, on the other hand, were firmer, being 34c. per dozen. No. 1 cold-storage stock were firmer, at 20c., and No. 2, 25c. to 26c. per dozen.

Butter.—Creamery was in fair demand, at steady prices. Choicest September creamery was 30c. to 30½c. per lb., while fine was 29c. to 29½c., and seconds 28c. to 28½c. Ontario dairy was 25c. to 26c., and Manitoba, 24c. to 25c. per lb.

Cheese.—The market for cheese was unchanged. September Ontarios were 16½c. per lb., while October makes were 16c. per lb. Colored and white brought the same price.

Grain.—Wheat was very scarce and firm, and oats advanced several cents per bushel. Ontario No. 2 white oats

were higher, at 60c.; No. 3, at 59c., and No. 4, at 58c. per bushel, ex store. Canadian Western were up to 68½c. No. 1 feed were 67½c., and No. 2 feed, 65½c.

Flour.—The market for Manitoba flour advanced 20c. per barrel. Ontarios were steady, at \$7 per barrel for patents in wood, and \$6.50 to \$6.60 for patents in bags being \$3.15. Manitoba first patents were \$7.60; seconds, \$7.10, and strong bakers', \$6.90 in June.

Millfeed.—The market held steady. Bran was \$25 per ton in bags; shorts, \$27; middlings, \$30 including bags. Mouille sold at \$35 to \$36 per ton for pure, and \$33 to \$34 for mixed.

Hay.—No. 1 pressed hay, Montreal, ex track, was \$20 to \$20.50 per ton; No. 2 extra was \$19 to \$19.50, and No. 2 was \$18 to \$18.50, and lower grades were \$15.

Hides.—Sheep skins were up to \$2 each, and beef hides up to 18c., 19c. and 20c. for Nos. 3, 2 and 1, respectively. Calf skins were 16c. and 18c. for Nos. 2 and 1, respectively. Horse hides were quoted at \$1.50 for No. 2, and \$2.50 each for No. 1. Tallow was 6c. per lb. for refined, and 2c. to 2½c. for crude.

Seeds.—The market for seeds continued dull. Dealers offered \$7 to \$8 for timothy, but got little or none. They bid \$7.50 to \$9.50 per bushel of 60 lbs. for red clover, and \$8.70 to \$9 for alsike, at shipping points.

Buffalo.

Cattle.—Receipts were fairly liberal at Buffalo last week, being around 3,500 head, as against 3,575 the previous week and 4,025 for the corresponding period last year. Market was practically steady all around on shipping steers, some plain, medium grades selling a dime to fifteen cents lower. Best shipping steers last week sold from \$8.75 to \$8.80, with best handy butchering running from \$7.75 to \$8.15, a medium kind of shipping steers, running from \$7.75 to \$7.90, plain and common ones down to \$7.25 to \$7.50. On heifers \$7.25 to \$7.35 took about the best handy kinds offered, some fancy, heavy heifers reaching a little more. On heavy fat cows, a few fancy kinds reached \$7.65 to \$7, but generally it was a \$6.25 to \$6.50 market. Cannery and cutters sold at about steady prices, \$4 to \$4.25, taking most of the canners with a cutter end included on the outside quotation. Conditions of the beef trade remain bad, killers reporting that for the past two weeks the coolers have been filled with dressed beef, and a lighter demand than for many months past. The foot and mouth disease and the following of the quarantine has no doubt had a most demoralizing effect on the trade. Where area was released, the inclination of shippers who had steers contracted was to rush them to market, and besides feeders and farmers, who were scared with the prospects of the disease reaching them, have placed their steers on the trains and rushed them to markets, as a result of which a large number of steers intended for March and April marketing, have been sent to market in a half fat condition, causing a bad break in prices on these kinds. The general cattle situation has been bad for several weeks past, and the belief is strong in some quarters that it will be well into March or April before any great amount of the loss suffered will be recovered. Few of the choice to prime grades of any class are going to market. Supply of Canadians has been light of late weeks. Quotations:

Choice to prime, native shipping steers, 1,250 to 1,500 lbs., \$8.50 to \$8.85; fair to good, \$7.90 to \$8.15; Canadian steers, 1,300 to 1,450 lbs., \$8 to \$8.25; Canadian steers, 1,100 to 1,450 lbs., \$7.50 to \$7.75; choice to prime handy steers, natives, \$7.75 to \$8.05; fair to good, \$7 to \$7.50; yearlings, \$7.75 to \$8; prime, fat, heavy heifers, \$7.25 to \$7.60; good butchering heifers, \$6.50 to \$7; best heavy, fat cows, \$6.25 to \$6.50; good butchering cows, \$5.50 to \$6; cutters, \$4.25 to \$4.50; canners, \$3.50 to \$4; best bulls, \$7 to \$7.25.

Hogs.—Prices showed an exceptionally wide range last week, light grades, the first half of the week, outselling the heavy hogs by from 50 to 75 cents, and with Chicago closed to out-going shipments, the margin here above Western points was from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per

cwt. On the opening day of the week heavies sold from \$7.10 to \$7.25, and Tuesday buyers got some heavies down to \$7.00, while light hogs the first two days reached up to \$8.00. Wednesday's market was steady, and while better weight grades were but little changed the next two days, mixed mediums and heavies selling from \$7.00 to \$7.25, light hogs were a quarter to fifty cents lower; Thursday's and Friday's sales on yorkers and pigs being made at \$7.50 and \$7.60. Roughs ranged from \$6.25 to \$6.50, and stags mostly \$5.75 down. Receipts last week figured approximately 49,875 head, being against 37,575 head the previous week, and 25,360 head for the same week a year ago.

Sheep and Lambs.—Receipts last week reached in the neighborhood of 31,900 head, as against 27,010 head the week before, and 31,600 head a year ago. Monday tops lambs sold from \$9.00 to \$9.15; Tuesday only one sale was made above \$9.00; Wednesday some reached \$9.25 and \$9.30, and the next two days nothing brought above \$9.00. Weighty lambs were slow all week, 90 pound kinds, when sold on their merits, underselling the handy weights by from 25 to 50 cents, and kinds weighing over 100 pounds were quoted down to \$7.50. Best cull lambs mostly \$8.00 and \$8.25. Sheep were scarce and stronger. A load of very desirable mixed sheep last week sold up to \$6.00, and ewes went from \$6.25 down.

Calves.—Market was active last week, tops bringing from \$12.00 to \$12.50, while culls went mostly from \$9 down. Supply of fed calves was light, and general range on these was from \$5.00 to \$6.00. Receipts last week totaled 1,550 head, as against 1,460 head the previous week, and 1,300 head a year ago.

Chicago.

Beaves, \$5.50 to \$9.10; cows and heifers, \$3 to \$7.85; calves, \$7.25 to \$10.50. Hogs.—Light, \$6.60 to \$6.90; heavy, \$6.60 to \$6.95; rough, \$6.40 to \$6.95; good to choice hogs, \$6.40 to \$6.55; pigs, \$5.50 to \$6.65; bulk of sales, \$6.75 to \$6.90.

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Gossip.

Look up the advertisement of M. L. Haley and M. H. Haley, Springfield, Ont., in this issue. These well-known breeders are offering some of their best stock in the Tillsonburg sale, February 9th. See what the advertisement says about them.

Readers will be interested in the Dominion Bank Annual Report published in this week's issue. The annual meeting was held in Toronto last Wednesday, and shareholders have every reason to congratulate the General Manager, Directors and Officers on the splendid showing.

The Southern Ontario consignment sale of Holsteins to be held at Tillsonburg on February 9th, will include some very high officially tested milkers. Three daughters of the famous Dutchland Colantha Sir, Abbekerk, are included in this sale. This bull was sire of thirty R. O. M. daughters, including two 26-pound three-year-olds and five other three-year-olds over 20 pounds. He is represented in the sale by Homestead Pauline Colantha, with 20.78 pounds of butter in seven days at four years old. Her dam and granddam were high-producing individuals, and the combination is a strong one indeed. Homestead Sarah Colantha has a good record as a three-year-old, and comes of the good blood. There are others in the sale worthy of consideration on account of their breeding and records. Write R. J. Kelly, Culloden, Ont., for a catalogue and study the records and breeding of these animals.

Trade Topic.

Look up the advertisement of the Martin Firearms Co., New Haven, Conn., U. S. A., in this issue. This firm has recently issued a splendid illustrated catalogue which should interest all those who require good firearms of any class. Write for it.