

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Eggs: Receipts of eggs at Montreal last week amounted to 25,596 cases. There is no change to note in the egg market as local prices are steady and the demand very good, particularly for new laid eggs. There has been considerable export inquiry during the past week, indicating that British buyers have not purchased their full requirements, and are likely to need more of our Canadian eggs. Shipments of eggs via the port of Montreal have been heavy and will continue to be so until the close of navigation.

Poultry: Deliveries of poultry, for the Thanksgiving trade have been particularly large this year.

Generally speaking there is no surplus as the local demand has been good. Dealers report considerable improvements in the quality or stock arriving, although there is still some cause for complaint. We would again urge on the farmers the importance of not marketing poor thin poultry, for by feeding them up for one or two weeks it will pay them many times over for their trouble and expense.

Honey: The demand in Montreal is improving all the time and prices of honey remain steady. There are still large quantities of honey being held in the hands of country buyers. The quality this year has been very satisfactory.

Maple Products: The trade in maple product is rather quiet owing to the fact that supplies available on spot and in the interior are small, consequently buyers of round lots find it difficult to fill their wants. The tone of the market is firm and prices are unchanged.

Potatoes: The feature of the past week has been increased. Supplies of potatoes and consequently the market has eased off somewhat. It is reported that many of the Ontario buyers are contracting ahead for potatoes for shipment for the province of Quebec, and if our local supplies are shipped to Ontario it will tend firm up our market.

Eggs:—		
Special New Laid	0.00	0.45
Extras	0.00	0.38
No. 1	0.00	0.34
No. 2	0.30	0.31

Poultry—Live:		
	per pound.	
Fowls, 5 lbs. and over	0.13	0.15
Fowls, small	0.10	0.12
Old Turkeys, cocks	0.24	0.25
Do., hens	0.25	0.26
Fresh Killed Poultry:		
Old Turkeys, cocks	0.25	0.26
Do., hens	0.26	0.27
Do., Roasting	0.31	0.32
Fowls, hens	0.17	0.18
Do., roosters	0.14	0.15
Broilers, 2½ to 3 lbs., per lb.	0.15	0.16
Do., 2 to 2½ lbs., per lb.	0.16	0.17
Squabs	0.35	
Geese	0.14	0.15

Maple Products:—		
Pure maple syrup, quart cans		0.40
Pure maple syrup, 9-lb. tins	1.00	1.10
Extra choice syrup, 13-lb. tins	1.25	1.30
Pure Maple sugar, per lb.	0.09	0.12

Honey:—		
White clover, in comb		0.16
Brown clover, in comb	0.12½	0.13
White extracted	0.12	0.12½
Buckwheat honey	0.09	0.10

Beans:—		
Five-lb. pickers	5.25	5.40
Seven-lb. pickers	5.00	5.10
Can. hand picked, carlots	5.50	5.75

Potatoes:—		
Green Mountains, per bag of 90 lbs. ex-track	1.30	1.40
Do., to jobbers, ex-store, per 80 lb. bag	1.50	1.60

COTTON CONDITION LOWER.

The condition of cotton on an average date of September 22, as compiled from over 2,000 replies of special correspondents of the N. Y. Journal of Commerce, was 59.6 per cent, as compared with 64.3 per cent a month ago, or a decline of 4.7 points. This is the lowest percentage in ten years except in 1909, when it was 59.5 on an acreage of 32,292,000 and a yield of 10,004,000 bales. Acreage planted this year was 35,994,000. The decline for the month, 4.7 points, is close to the ten-year average of 5.1 points. The ten-year average condition is 67 per cent. A year ago at this time condition was 63.7 per cent; in 1914 it was 75.5 per cent; in 1913 it was 67.1 per cent; in 1912 it was 70.3 per cent; and in 1911 it was 70.8 per cent.

FLOUR, CEREALS AND MILLFEED.

FLOUR: In sympathy with prices at record levels in the wheat market, spring wheat flour prices were advanced another 30c last week making \$9.40 a barrel for first patents and other grades in proportion. Millers are looking forward to higher prices still as long as there is no change in the Balkan Situation and the world's shortage in wheat continues very good, but the export business is light, for while buyers in the United Kingdom have raised their bids, they are still out of line with the current equivalent in wheat. Also millers are much hindered by the discrimination against them in ocean freight rates, which at the present time are one-third higher on flour than on wheat.

Winter wheat flour also shared in the general advance and prices in this line are up another 20c with prospects of still higher values in the future. Many Ontario mills have lately been closed for repairs as is customary at this season and have not yet resumed business. Consequently supplies coming from Ontario are considerably curtailed as the mills that have opened up are so busy with local orders that they cannot look after outside trade. Thus business is narrowed down to comparatively few mills which are loaded with orders.

MILLFEEDS: Millfeeds were also marked up another dollar last week with bran quoted at \$28.00. It is more a question nowadays of obtaining adequate supplies than of getting the price as the demand is exceptionally good, and the light crop of grain in the Province of Quebec is tending to make the demand for millfeeds still heavier. The market for rolled oats is very firm under a keen demand with prices advancing. It looks as if milling oats would be scarce and still higher prices would prevail.

Current quotations are as follows:

Flour:—		
	Montreal.	Toronto.
First patents, per bbls. in bags	9.40	9.30
Second patents, do	8.90	8.80
Strong bakers, do.	8.70	8.60
30c per bbl. more in wood.		
Winter wheat flour—		
Wancy Patents	8.00	8.20
90 per cent per bag	3.80	3.95
Do., in wood,		
per bbl.	8.00	8.30
Cereals:—		
Cornmeal, yellow, per bag, 98 lbs.		2.65
Rolled oats, per bbl. in wood	6.25	6.55
Do., per 90 lb. bag	3.00	3.20
Rolled wheat, 100 lb. bbl.	4.00	
Rye flour, 98 lb. bag	3.50	
Rye meal, 98 lb. bag	3.20	
Graham flour, 98 lbs.	4.45	
Feeds:—		
Bran, per ton	28.00	29.00
Shorts, per ton	30.00	32.00
Middlings, per ton	32.00	33.00
Moullie, pure grain grades, per ton	40.00	
Do., mixed	38.00	
Barley feed, per ton	32.00	
Do., meal, per ton	40.00	
Crushed oats	41.00	
Reground Millrun oatfeed, per ton	21.00	

CANADA'S TRADE WITH BRITAIN.

The following is a return of trade between Great Britain and Canada in the articles mentioned during August.

Imports from Canada.		
	Aug., 1915.	Aug., 1916.
	£	£
Wheat	6,779,884	10,934,492
Wheatmeal and flour	1,877,457	2,654,612
Barley	109,629	1,028,064
Oats	168,211	634,980
Bacon	2,317,574	4,456,371
Hams	354,237	190,371
Butter	43,953	344,038
Cheese	2,591,768	3,450,819
Eggs	187,609	379,173
Canned salmon	879,796	1,049,213
Canned lobsters	226,160	391,243
Exports to Canada.		
Spirits	258,042	319,420
Wool	148,340	241,896
Pig Iron	37,062	183,787
Galvanized sheets	102,505	26,551
Tinned plates	36,480	12,202
Steel bars	38,874	160,267
Pig lead	18,202	26,367
Tin—unwrought	102,007	108,266
Cutlery	36,230	50,177
Hardware	22,206	32,241

PROVISIONS.

In sympathy with a sliding market in live hogs pork products have an easier tendency. Owing to the heavy supplies of hogs coming forward for which the demand has slackened considerably, prices dropped at both the Monday and Wednesday's sale to levels around \$11.25 to \$11.50 being a drop of 50c for the week. As a result of the lower prices of live hogs offerings of smoked and cured meats are liberal, but the demand continues good with a very fair trade passing. The bids for Canadian bacon over the cable were lower last week. Lard is without feature of note.

Current prices are as follows:

Hams:—		
	Per lb.	
Smoked Hams, 8-14 lbs.	0.25½	0.26½
Do., Anchor brand		0.25½
Do., 14-20 lbs.		0.24
Do., 20-25 lbs.		0.24
Do., over 25 lbs.		0.23
Bacon:—		
Breakfast	0.25	0.30
Windsor Bacon, selected		0.27
Windsor Bacon, boneless		0.29
Barrel Pork:—		
	Per bbl.	
Short cut pork		36.00
Clear Fat Pork	36.00	37.00
Mess Pork		33.00
Bean Pork, American		27.00
Barrel Beef:—		
Plate Pork, 200 lbs.		26.00
Pure Lard:—		
	pound.	
Tierces		0.17½
Tubs		0.17½
Pails		0.18½
Tins		0.17½
Cases, 3, 5, 10's		0.18½
Prints		0.18½
Compound Lard:—		
Western Grades:—		
Tierces		0.14½
Tubs		0.14½
Tins		0.15
Cases, 3, 5, 10's		0.15
Prints		0.15½
Cooked meats:—		
Roast shoulder pork		0.33
Roast hams, boneless		0.37
Cooked hams, boneless		0.38
Cooked hams, rind off		0.37
Head cheese		0.09
Jellied pork tongues		0.30
Blood pudding		0.09½
White pudding		0.08
English brawn		0.11

HIGHER BREAD PRICES.

As a result of the increases in flour which have mounted up to record totals of late, Montreal bakers have raised the price of bread another cent this week, making a nine cent loaf. A meeting was held by the French bakers of the city when it was emphasized that the higher cost of materials such as sugar, malt, lard as well as general overhead expenses made the increase in price imperative. Only a certain number of English bakers have fallen into line so far, but it is expected that the new rate will be generally adopted very shortly.

THE NEWSPRINT SITUATION

North American stocks of newsprint in August show a further decline of almost 1,500 tons according to statements received by the Newsprint Manufacturers' Association from about 95 per cent of the manufacturers of newsprint in the United States and Canada. They report total stocks on hand of 61,696 tons which compares with 63,097 on July 31 and 99,792 tons on Aug. 31, 1915.

The mills report for August an average daily production of 5057, which is 333 tons under the high record daily production established in June of this year.

Heavy demand for newsprint has kept production well above 900 tons daily in first eight months of this year but in spite of this record production, shipments have exceeded output in the last few months by about 20,000 tons monthly.

The fall demand will have received its climax by end of this month and the situation may be expected to ease off after that.

The firm of Messrs. J. P. Bickell & Co., of Toronto, announce that it has admitted as a general partner Mr. P. W. Cashman. Mr. Cashman is a member of the Chicago Board of Trade and of the Toronto Stock Exchange. He has been identified with the Bickell firm since 1911, and has become widely known by those interested in the markets.