

LIVE STOCK.

MONTREAL: A dull week is reported at the live stock yards as farmers are too busy bringing in their hay to devote much time to marketing their live stock. In addition to this the consumption of meat is considerably curtailed during the hot weather. Prices held fairly firm showing no great changes from the previous week's levels. High class stock has been absent from this market for some time, the bulk of the offerings being common or rough cattle. Common cattle were consequently easy at the recent declines while the better grades were firmly maintained.

High prices prevailed for hogs, select stock bringing \$12.25 per cwt. off cars, rough quality selling at \$11.25. Small meats continue in fair volume with no change in prices to note.

TORONTO: Receipts of live stock at the Toronto stock yards last week amounted to 6,121 cattle, 304 calves, 1,612 hogs, 1,018 sheep and lambs, and 974 horses. In spite of the fact that receipts of cattle were normal trade was very slow as packers held off fearing to buy heavily in such hot weather. Consequently sharp declines were noted at each day's sale. Best quality steers were in small numbers and sold at steady prices. As regards small meats light sheep held firm but heavies were draggy. Calves were slightly lower although business was brisk at reduced prices. Hogs were in short run throughout the week and prices therefore were firmly maintained.

Quotations for round lots were as follows:—
Per cwt.

	Montreal.		Toronto.	
Butcher steers, best	9.00	9.25	8.90	9.10
Do., good	7.75	8.75	8.75	8.85
Do., fair	7.25	8.25	8.10	8.25
Do., medium	6.50	7.00	7.75	7.90
Do., rough	5.25	6.25	6.50	7.00
Butcher bulls, best	6.50	7.00	7.50	8.00
Do., good	6.00	6.50	6.25	7.25
Do., medium	5.00	6.50	6.00	6.75
Butcher cows, best	6.00	7.00	7.00	7.25
Do., good	5.50	5.75	6.50	7.00
Do., medium	4.50	5.50	5.75	6.50
Heifers	0.15	0.16 1/2	7.75	8.50
Light ewes	7.00	7.75	8.75	8.50
Heavy sheep	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.50
Spring lambs, each	5.00	8.00	0.13	0.14
Hogs, selects, weighed				
off cars	11.75	12.25	11.50	11.65
Do., roughs and mixed lots	10.50	11.50	11.25	11.45
Calves, choice,				
per lb.	0.08	0.09	10.00	12.00
Do., medium	0.05	0.07 1/2	7.50	9.50
Do., common			6.00	7.50

HALF YEAR'S LIVE STOCK BUSINESS

The following table compiled by the "Canadian Farmer" shows the half year's business up to June 30th, at the Union Stock Yards and Civic Yards, Toronto, and for the corresponding period of 1915. The only line that shows any increase is cattle. Whether the Canadian packer has had the same experience as the American packer, and that increased receipts of cattle do not mean any increase in meat supply, is not stated in the information on which this table is based. We may safely assume that conditions in the cattle trade are the same here as to the South of the line, and that increase in cattle marketed does not mean increased meat supply, but merely that high prices are bringing to market many animals that should have been held for a time. The comparison of receipts is as follows:

	1916	1915	
	To June 30	To June 30	Difference
Cattle	132,291	127,967	Increase 4,324
Calves	19,104	23,035	Decrease 3,931
Hogs	250,375	277,289	" 26,914
Sheep	24,864	33,915	" 9,051
Horses	26,788	36,891	" 10,103

MONTREAL PRODUCE RECEIPTS.

Receipts of the principal commodities at Montreal for the past two weeks follow:—

	July 22, '16.	July 15, '16.
Wheat, bushels	1,508,921	1,732,455
Oats, bushels	259,107	652,525
Barley, bushels	6,057	80,748
Flour, barrels	156,223	263,086
Eggs, cases	20,505	18,622
Butter, packages	20,728	16,591
Cheese, boxes	73,010	92,204
Potatoes	13	1,572
Hay	25,394	65,946

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES.

The Montreal markets present scenes of great activity on market days as a great variety of berries and vegetables are now being brought in from the adjacent country districts. On the whole the crops seem to be better than expected after the rains in May had damaged the gardens. There has been a heavy surplus of country beans which has resulted in a drop in price to 50c per basket as compared with \$2.00 to \$2.50 formerly. Cucumbers, being very popular in the warm weather up to 25c and are now selling at 75c per dozen. Montreal new potatoes are on the market in good supply, selling at \$1.25 per bag.

Although the bulk of the trade at this season is for local produce, an active business is passing in certain lines of imported stock. There is a very heavy demand for lemons owing to the excessive heat, and therefore prices have gone from \$4.00 and \$4.50 to \$6.00, and are expected to go higher still as supplies are only limited. Limes have similarly increased 25c per box. The orange market is slow and supplies are light. Pine apples are practically finished although an occasional dozen remains in the retail trade. New Brunswick strawberries are the only ones on the market and many of them are arriving in poor condition owing to the abnormally hot weather. Prices range anywhere from 2 1/2 to 12c per box, according to quality. There is a heavy demand for water melons of which supplies are insufficient for the demand. Cherries are now arriving from Niagara. The crop is not large as the sun is tending to burn them up. California fruits are arriving in good condition, and are selling well. Onions are scarce and dear on account of the scarcity of steamers from the South.

Current quotations are as follows:

Fruit:—	
Apples, new Canadian, per basket	2.00
Bananas, per bunch	2.25
Blueberries, American, per quart	2.75
box	0.20
Cherries, Niagara, black, per 11 qt. basket	2.00
Do., red sweet, per basket	1.00
Do., red, sour, per basket	0.75
Do., whiskey, per basket	1.00
Cantaloupes, per crate	3.50
Currants, red, per gallons	0.40
Gooseberries, per gallon	0.40
Lemons, California, per box	4.00
Do., Messina, 300's, per box	5.50
Limes, per box	1.50
Oranges, Californias, 176, 200, 216	4.75
Do., 126's	4.50
Peaches, Californias	1.75
Pears, California, per box	3.50
Plums, Californias, per crate	2.00
Pineapples, Floridas, per crate	3.25
Raspberries, Niagara, per quart	0.20
Strawberries, New Brunswick	0.10
Watermelons, per piece	0.50
Vegetables:—	
Beets, new, per doz.	0.50
Beans, Montreal, per bag	0.50
Cabbage, Montreal, per doz.	0.75
Carrots, new, per bunch	0.15
Cauliflower, Canadian, per doz.	1.50
Celery, per doz.	1.00
Cucumbers, Montreal, per doz.	0.75
Egg Plant, N.Y., per doz.	2.25
Garlic, per lb.	0.30
Horse Radish, per lb.	0.16
Lettuce, head, per doz.	0.35
Do., Curly, per doz.	0.10
Mint, Canadian, per doz.	0.25
Onions, Spanish, per crate	5.50
Do., New Montreal, per doz.	0.50
Potatoes, new, per bbl.	4.00
Do., New Brunswick, 80 lb. bags.	2.00
Radishes, per doz.	0.05
Rhubarb, per doz.	0.10
Turnips, new, per doz. bunches	0.50
Tomatoes, Jersey	1.50
Do., hothouse, per lb.	0.22

BALED HAY.

A general feeling of weakness prevails in the baled hay market as the Government has filled all requirements and the local Montreal trade has only to fill actual needs. Prices are lower and in order to make sales many dealers are offering hay lower than our quotations. Hay is being cut everywhere in the country now, and if the fair weather continues the harvest will be brought in under very favorable conditions. All reports as to quantity and quality are most satisfactory. A certain amount of new hay has been offered on the market, but it is only suitable for immediate consumption as it has no keeping quality and therefore is not suitable for Government export:

Sales of car lots brought the following prices:

No. 1 hay	\$19.50	\$20.00
No. 2 extra good	18.00	18.50
No. 2 hay	17.00	17.50
No. 3 hay	16.00	16.50
Clover, mixed, per ton, ex-track	16.50	17.00

THE WEEK'S CHEESE SALES.

Stirling, Ont., July 18.—1,005 boxes at 16 1-16c.
St. Paschal, July 18.—640 boxes at 15 3-32c.
Campbellford, Ont., July 18.—690 boxes white at 15 1/2c.
Peterborough, Ont., July 19.—2,609 boxes at 16 1/2c to 16 3/4c.
Madoc, Ont., July 19.—440 Colored at 15 1/2c.
Woodstock, Ont., July 19.—900 boxes at 16 1/2c.
Brockville, Ont., July 20.—5,325 boxes at 16 15-16c to 17c.
Kingston, Ont., July 20.—60 boxes white and 1,113 colored boarded, 800 colored, sold at 17c.
Alexandria, Ont., July 20.—1,012 boxes at 16 11-16c.
St. Hyacinthe, Que., July 22.—400 boxes at 16 1/2c.
London, Ont., July 22.—1,609 boxes cheese, no sales, bidding from 15c to 16 1/4c.
Belleville, Ont., July 22.—2,720 boxes white at 15 1/2c.

Montreal Auction Sales.

At the Quebec Agricultural Co-operative Society sale, held at the Montreal Board of Trade, on July 17, there were 1,766 packages of creamery butter offered, of which 854 finest sold at 29c; 504 packages fine at 28 1/2c, and 408 pasturized at 29 1/4c.

At the Quebec Agricultural Co-operative Society sale held at the Board of Trade, there were 2,011 boxes of cheese offered, of which 607 boxes of No. 1 white sold at 16 1/2c, 678 boxes of No. 2 white at 16 5-16c, 465 boxes of No. 3 white at 15 1/2c and 261 boxes of No. 2 colored at 16 5-16c.

LEATHER.

The leather market is characterized by marked firmness in all lines, for which the supply in many cases is not equal to the demand. The general opinion in the trade is that prices will advance again in the near future owing to the many adverse factors entering into the situation. Labor difficulties are increasing as skilled workmen become scarce especially in Ontario. Cow hides continue to follow an upward trend of prices; chrome side leather is also going up owing to the scarcity of calf skins. During the last week or two, Montreal shoe manufacturers have been visited by the jobbers and the result has been an improvement in the demand for leather at the prevailing high prices as many of the shoe manufacturers have been obliged to refuse quotations to the jobbers owing to their inability to get tanners to confirm contracts for future delivery. As regards export the demand for the moment is not so great as usual as we are now between seasons in the leather business.

Selling prices at wholesale houses of a few standard lines:—

Spanish sides, No. 1 or best, lb.	0.43
No., No. 2 or good	0.42
Trimmed backs, 32 1-3 p.c. trimmed,	
No. 1 or best	0.62
Do., No. 2 or good	0.60
Trimmed bends, 50 p.c. trimmed,	
No. 1 or best	0.63
Do., No. 2 or good	0.61
Oak sides (Canadian), No. 1 or best	0.50
Do., No. 2 or good	0.48
Oak backs, No. 1 or best	0.58
Do., No. 2 or good	0.56
Oak bends, No. 1 or best	0.65
Do., No. 2 or good	0.63
No. 1 harness	0.56
No. 2 harness	0.55

WINNIPEG GRAIN RECEIPTS.

The receipts of grain at Winnipeg for the week ended July 15, 1916, compared with the previous week, and the corresponding week a year ago were as follows:—

	July 27, 1916.	July 15, 1916.	July 24, 1915.
No. 1 Hard	7	1	...
No. 1 Northern	1,635	2,490	...
No. 2 Northern	596	880	...
No. 3 Northern	471	589	...
No. 4 Northern	251	276	...
No. 5 Northern	82	80	...
No. 6 Northern	33	34	...
Other Grades	421	473	...
Winter Grades	15	8	...
Totals	3,500	4,870	380
Oats	1,258	1,743	106
Barley	221	256	16
Flax	113	140	38

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The wheat market shows considerable strength and the highest since May. Export demand is the situation, although attention of the week which caused Reports of black Dakotas and Minn from Manitoba. to be serious, but crops can be in very nervous. These high levels tend to take an one considers the patents were sel \$1.10 it is quite to take place w cents per bushel cording to the r to thirty-five or

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Current quotat

Flour:—
First patents, per bbl., in bags
Second patents, Strong clears, do 30c per bbl. m
First Feed Flour
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Cereals:—
Cornmeal, yellow per bag, 98 lbs
Rolled oats, per in wood
per bag, 90 lbs
Rolled wheat, 10 bbl.
Rye flour, 98 lb.
Graham flour, 98
Barley pot., 98
Barley, Pearl, 98
Feeds:—
Bran, per ton
Shorts, per ton
Middlings, per to
Flour Middlings
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grades, per to
Do., mixed
Barley feed, per
Do., meal, per
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Manitoba oats, 6

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