

LIVE STOCK.

MONTREAL: Offerings on the Montreal live stock markets last week amounted to 2,000 cattle, 700 sheep and lambs, 1,500 hogs and 700 calves. Owing to the continued scarcity of choice steers, a rise of 25c per 100 lbs. was noted last week on this grade of cattle. Common cattle were likewise firmer, as the demand from packers for canning purposes was good, and the supply on the market was smaller than it was a week ago. The price of lambs went up 50c a 100 lbs, owing to the steady falling off of supplies coming forward, coupled with a keen demand for all offerings. Sheep showed no change, but prices were firmly maintained under a good demand. Calves were similarly situated. Offerings of hogs were small, and with prosperity of a continued scarcity the price advanced at both sales until a net gain of 40c to 50c by the end of the week was recorded. There was a good demand from packers at the new levels of values.

TORONTO: Receipts of live stock at the Toronto market for the past week amounted to 7,455 cattle, 1,069 calves, 15,855 hogs, and 7,026 sheep and lambs. The outstanding feature in the cattle market was the improvement in the quality of the stock coming forward, which is attributed to the Fat Stock Show held last week and the approaching Christmas season. Prices tended to advance, good butchers' cattle selling 40c higher at the end of the week than at the beginning. Canners and cutters were also firmer under a better demand. Offerings of milkers and springers were light. Calves were of better quality than usual, lambs were stronger at the end of the week, largely because the culls were picked out of the prize stock, and they brought better prices than the ordinary run of choice lambs. There was a better demand for all grades of sheep as well, light ewes advancing 25c. Although receipts of hogs were fairly heavy in comparison with the falling off of cattle, the hog market showed strength throughout the week, and closing prices were 40c to 50c higher.

	Montreal.		Toronto.	
	Per cwt.		Per cwt.	
Butcher steers, best	8.50	8.75	8.50	9.00
Do., good	8.00	8.25	8.00	8.50
Do., fair	6.50	6.75	7.10	7.25
Do., medium	6.00	6.25	6.00	6.25
Do., rough	5.50	5.75	5.25	5.75
Butchers' cows				
Choice	6.25	6.50	6.50	7.50
Do., good	5.75	6.00	5.75	6.25
Do., fair	5.25	5.50	5.00	5.25
Butcher bulls, best	5.25	6.75	6.80	7.50
Do., fair	6.00	6.25	6.50	6.60
Do., medium	5.00	5.25	5.00	5.50
Butchers' cattle, bulls	4.90	5.25		
Do., cows	3.90	4.25	3.85	4.25
Heavy Sheep	6.75	7.50	6.50	8.00
Light Ewes	7.50	7.75	8.50	9.00
Lambs	11.75	12.00	11.75	11.90
Do., common	10.75	11.00		
Calves, milkfed	9.00	10.00	11.00	12.00
Do., grassfed	5.50	6.50	5.00	7.50
Hogs, selects, weighed				
Off cars	12.50	12.60	11.75	12.00
Do., heavy				
Weights		12.00		
Cows	10.10	10.25		

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES.

FRUIT: Apples are moving fairly well and the demand for the Christmas trade is good. A certain amount are coming from the United States, but the bulk of the trade consists of Ontario and Nova Scotia apples, chiefly the latter variety on account of disease affecting the No. 1's and No. 2's in Ontario. Spies are said to be scarce. Tokay grapes are off the market and Almerias are supplying requirements. Porto Rico grape fruit and oranges are also done, and Florida grape fruit and navel oranges are taking their place. The navels arriving are fairly good for a start, but they do not compare with the Florida stock at present. Deliveries of oranges are coming in more freely and consequently there is an easier tone to the market. The demand for lemons is limited as is always the case at this season. Prices keep high on account of the difficulty of importing them, the heavy insurance and freight rates.

VEGETABLES: Potatoes are easier due possibly to some extent to the Housewives' League Boycott, but much more so to the heavy shipments from Prince Edward Island. There is a general tendency to leave potatoes alone, and consequently trade is of a hand to mouth character and no one is laying in supplies. Stocks in Montreal are pretty heavy, but are not moving freely. The market price quoted is \$1.75, but offers have been made at \$1.60 per bag. Spanish onions are dear on account of the cost of importing. Cabbage is firm with prospects of an advance in the near future. California celery is now

on the market. The quality is satisfactory the heads being large and is therefore meeting with a ready sale. Boston lettuce is easier being \$1.75 for two dozen heads instead of \$1.90.

Current quotations are as follows:

Apples:		
Cranberries, per bbl.	10.00	11.00
Cranberry, pippin, per bbl.	4.50	5.00
Greenings, per bbl.	5.50	6.00
Pewaukies, per bbl.	4.00	4.50
Mackintosh Reds, per bbl.	5.50	7.00
Fameuse, per bbl.	6.00	7.00
Bananas, per bunch	2.75	3.00
Grapes, Almeria, per keg	5.50	8.00
Do., Jamaica		3.00
Lemons, Palermo, per box	3.75	4.00
Limes, per box		1.75
Oranges, California, Navel, per box	4.00	4.50
Grapefruit, Florida	3.25	3.75
Do., Floridas	3.25	3.50
Do., Jamaicas		3.00
Pears, Winter Nellis, per box		4.50
Vegetables:—		
Artichokes, per bag	1.25	1.50
Beets, per bag		1.00
Beans, American, per hamper	4.00	4.50
Brussels Sprouts, per qt.	0.18	0.20
Cabbage, Montreal, per bbl.		3.50
Carrots, per bag		1.00
Cauliflower, Canadian, per doz.	2.50	3.00
Celery, per crate		7.50
Horse Radish, per lb.		0.20
Boston Lettuce, head, per doz.		1.25
Do., curly, per doz.		0.25
Onions, Spanish, per case	5.75	6.00
Do., Canadian, per 75 lb. bag		3.50
Marrows, per doz.		1.50
Potatoes, Quebec, per 80 lb. bag		1.80
Do., Green Mountains, per 80 lb. bag		1.90
Do., P.E.I., per 80-lb. bag	1.60	1.75
Do., Sweet, per basket		2.25
Parsley, per doz. bunches	0.25	0.35
Salsify, per doz. bunches		0.60
Turnips, per bag		1.00
Tomatoes, hothouse, per lb.	0.25	0.30

FLOUR, CEREALS AND MILLFEED.

In sympathy with the fluctuation in the wheat market flour prices rose and fell 30 cents a barrel, closing at the end of the week at the same level as the preceding week, or \$10.00 per bbl. The demand for spring wheat grades has slackened off as dealers in all parts of the country are now well stocked up, and in any cases the continued high price of flour is checking the demand. No further news has been received from England with regard to the flour required under the new regulations. Winter wheat flour shows no change, as prices remained steady throughout the week in spite of the break in wheat. The demand for this grade is very quiet, as most customers have filled their requirements until the beginning of the year. Very little flour is coming from Ontario. Rolled oats are down 10 cents a bag, as here again an easier feeling is apparent. In fact, the whole market is slightly weaker, with the exception of millfeeds where the demand continues active, even at present extreme levels, and rises in price are recorded on many lines. Hay is quiet with the Government the chief buyer.

	Montreal.		Toronto.	
	Per 96-lb. bag.			
Flour:				
First patents	5.00		4.95	
Second patents	4.75		4.70	
Strong Bakers	4.65		4.60	
Feed Flour	3.05	2.70	2.80	
Winter wheat flour,				
90 per cent	4.25	4.40		
Cereals:				
Rolled Oats, 90-lb. bag.	3.40		3.55	
Oatmeal, 98-lb. bag.	3.85			
Graham flour, 98-lb. bag			4.90	
Rolled wheat 100-lb. b.	3.60			
Rye flour, 98-lb. bag	3.40	3.55		
Feeds:				
Bran	32.00		32.00	
Shorts	35.00		37.00	
Middlings	38.00	40.00	38.00	40.00
Moullie, pure grain				
grades	46.00	50.00		
Do., mixed	44.00	47.00		
Barley feed	41.00			
Crushed Oats	45.00			
Oatfeed	46.00			
Hay, No. 2	13.00	10.00	10.50	

A Washington dispatch states that negotiations are under way for a permanent adjustment of all issues arising between the American and Canadian Governments connected with fisheries, not only on the Pacific Coast, where troubles recently have been most acute, but on the Atlantic and the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

GROCERIES.

In sympathy with a weaker feeling and consequent decline in the price of sugar in New York, the Montreal market is also easier. No change has taken place since the recent drop in price to \$7.75 per 100 lbs., but dealers are looking for a further decline any day. Tea is coming in very irregularly as freight rates are higher, and therefore prices on the new crop will be advanced. Salada teas are quoted at an advance of 5c to 6c a pound in the company's last circular. Canned goods are in a peculiar position, as although the demand has fallen off, canners are holding out for their original prices. Inquiries are coming in from outside canners to know if wholesale grocers are interested in their revised quotations. The end of the year is drawing near and many firms will be obliged to sell to meet the demands of the banks. Fewer American goods have been coming in of late. Canned goods altogether are easier, as every one is disposed to keep off. The abnormally high prices quoted on white beans have pretty nearly killed the grocer trade. The demand is usually fairly heavy for lumber camps, but this trade is seeking all sorts of substitutes for the proverbial pork and beans rather than pay present prices. California Lima beans are a satisfactory alternative, and are suitable for most purposes. Prices of canned pork and beans have risen from a normal price of 95c a dozen to \$1.80 last year to \$3.00 to-day. All cereals are firm in sympathy with the strength in the wheat market. Dried peas are very difficult to obtain, and are selling at \$7.50 a bag. Owing to pressure in the cotton seed oil market Crisco is up to \$7.75. Molasses is very firm as stocks in Montreal are short of supplies in other years, and consequently higher prices are looked for. Rice is about the only low-priced article on the market, but even here there is some talk of higher values owing to the increased cost of bags and other incidental expenses. The increase in the price of strawboard and pulpboard for boxes from \$33.00 and \$40.00 respectively last year to \$70.00 to \$90.00 this year, is likely to be a factor in the price of package goods. As yet there has been no word of change, but nevertheless, in a 10c or 15c article this additional cost is a large percentage of the total profit.

Sugar quotations are as follows:

	100 lbs.
Atlantic, St. Lawrence and Canada Sugar Companies, extra granulated sugars	7.80
Acadia Sugar Refinery, extra granulated	7.70
Yellow, No. 1	7.40
Special icing, barrels	8.15
Powdered, barrels	7.95
Paris, lumps, barrels	8.40
Crystal Diamonds, barrels	8.40
Assorted tea cubes, boxes	8.40

DAIRY AUCTION SALES.

At the Quebec Agricultural Co-operative Society sale held at the Montreal Board of Trade on December 4th, the offerings amounted to 626 packages creamery butter, of which 270 packages finest sold at 42½c; 259 packages fine at 40¾c, and 97 packages pasteurized at 42¾c.

On December 5th at Gould's Cold Storage the offerings amounted to 200 packages of winter-made creamery butter, which sold at 40c to 40½c per lb., f.o.b., country points. There were also 1,200 boxes of cheese offered, which sold at 22c per lb., f.o.b., country points.

On December 7th at the sale held by the Quebec Agricultural Co-operative Society 652 boxes of cheese were offered of which 600 boxes of No. 2 white sold at 23 13-16c, 52 boxes of No. 3 white at 23c.

MONTREAL 1916 EXPORT DAIRY TRADE.

	Amount.		
	Local.	Through.	
Exports.			
Cheese, bxs.	1,745,822	396,877	
Butter, pkgs.	99,804	77,385	
	1916.	1915.	1914.
	Total.	Total.	Total.
Cheese, bxs.	2,142,699	1,851,731	1,482,538
Butter, pkgs.	177,189	54,495	7,300
Eggs, cases	393,295	279,879	112,604
	Value.		
Cheese	\$33,822,503	\$22,806,670	
Butter	\$3,426,721		
Receipts from May 1 to Dec. 1.			
	1916.	1915.	
Cheese, boxes	2,189,981	1,971,117	
Butter, pkgs.	481,280	383,733	
Eggs, cases	621,560	504,541	