

News and Views of and for the Farmers

The Market Reports

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Montreal, Aug. 2.—Steers, \$9 to \$12; butchers' bulis, \$7 to \$10; canners, \$6.50 to \$7; butchers' cows, \$7 to \$10; canners, \$5 to \$6; rough and heavies, down to \$20; calves, milk-fed, \$11 to \$13; grass, \$7 to \$9; sheep, \$12.50.

Toronto.

Toronto, Aug. 2.—Choice heavy steers, \$14 to \$15; do. butcher, \$10 to \$11; do. medium, \$9.50 to \$11; do. common, \$9 to \$9.50; heifers, good to choice, \$11 to \$12.75; butcher cows, choice, \$10 to \$10.50; do. medium, \$8 to \$9; bulls, choice heavy, \$9.50 to \$10; good, \$9.25 to \$9.50; do. light, \$7 to \$7.25; feeders, 900 to 1,000 lbs., \$10.50 to \$11; stockers, 750 to 800 lbs., \$9.50 to \$10; do. med., 630 to 700 lbs., \$9 to \$9.25; do. light, 600 to 650 lb., \$9 to \$9.50; grass cows, \$8 to \$8.50; milk cows, \$9 to \$12.50; lambs, \$19 to \$20; sheep, light, \$13 to \$15.50; calves, \$10 to \$16.75; hogs, fed and watered, \$19; do. off cars, \$19.25; do. f.o.b., \$18.

Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, Aug. 2.—Butcher steers, \$7 to \$14; heifers, \$6.50 to \$11.50; cows, \$4 to \$10.50; bulls, \$5.50 to \$8.50; oxen, \$5.50 to \$10; stockers and feeders, \$5.50 to \$10.25; yearlings, \$5.50 to \$11.50; sheep and lambs, \$9.75 to \$14; hogs—Selects, \$10 to \$12; heavies, \$16; sows, \$10; stags, \$14; and lights, \$18.

Chicago.

Chicago, Aug. 2.—Hogs—Receipts, 35,000; strong, mostly 10c higher; big packers, slow to take hold; butchers, \$18.60 to \$19; light, \$18.75 to \$19.05; packing, \$17.40 to \$18.50; roughs, \$17 to \$17.35; bulk of sales, \$17.90 to \$18.95; pigs, good and choice, \$17.25 to \$18.25.

Cattle—Receipts, 15,000; generally steady to higher on beef and butcher steers; calves, steady.

Sheep—Receipts, 21,000; lambs slow, mostly 50c lower on killing classes; choice Washington wethers, \$14.40.

Buffalo.

Buffalo, Aug. 2.—Strong—Receipts, 4,300; prime steers, \$17.25 to \$17.50; shipping steers, \$16.50 to \$17; butchers, \$12 to \$16.50; yearlings, \$13 to \$16.50; heifers, \$10 to \$13.50; cows, \$6.50 to \$11.50; bulls, \$7.50 to \$11.50; stockers and feeders, \$7.50 to \$10.50; fresh cows and springers, \$6.50 to \$14.50.

GRAIN QUOTATIONS.

Montreal, Aug. 2.—Oats, Canadian western, No. 2, \$1.00 1/2; extra No. 1 feed, 7 1/2; flour, new standard grade, \$10.95 to \$11.05; rolled oats, heavy, 90 lbs., \$6.30 to \$5.30; Bran, \$35. Shorts, \$40. Moultrie, \$68. Hay, No. 2, per ton, car lots, \$14.

Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, Aug. 2.—Oats, No. 2 C.W., \$1.58; No. 3 C.W., 85c; extra No. 1 feed, \$5 1/4; No. 1 feed, \$2 3/4; No. 2 feed, 79c; Barley—No. 3 C.W., \$1.25; No. 4 C.W., \$1.20. Flax—No. 1 N.W.C., \$4.53 1/2; No. 2 C.W., \$4.50 1/2.

Toronto.

Toronto, Aug. 2.—Manitoba wheat—No. 1 northern, \$2.23 1/2; No. 2, \$2.20 1/2; No. 3, \$2.17 1/2; No. 4, \$2.10 1/2, including 2 1/2% tax in store, Fort William.

1917, 35 to 53c; 1916, nominal; Pacific coast, 1917, 20 to 23; 1916, 14 to 16c.

Minneapolis.

Minneapolis, Aug. 2.—Flour, unchanged. Bran, \$24.45. Corn, No. 3 yellow, \$1.60 to \$1.65. Oats, No. 3 white, 71 to 72c. Flax, \$4.62 to \$4.65.

Duluth.

Duluth, Aug. 2.—Linsed, \$4.66; July, \$4.70; Sept. \$4.70 bid; Oct., \$4.65 bid; November, \$4.61 bid.

GENERAL TRADE.

Butter. Belleville and Brantford, 45c to 50c per lb.; Cobourg, 45c to 48c; Chatham, 45c; London, 43c to 48c; Port Hope, 40c; Stratford, 44c to 48c; and Woodstock, 48c.

Eggs.

Belleville, 45c to 48c per doz.; Brantford, 45c to 50c; Cobourg and Woodstock, 45c; Chatham, 42c to 45c; London, 47c to 48c; Port Hope, 40c to 42c; Stratford, 45c to 47c per dozen.

Chickens.

Belleville, 25c to 32c per lb.; Brantford, 25c to 28c; Cobourg and Chatham, 25c; London, 32c to 35c; Port Hope, 40c; Stratford, 25c to 30c; and Woodstock, 40c to 50c per lb.

Potatoes.

Belleville, \$2 per bag; Brantford, \$2.25; Cobourg, \$2; Chatham, \$2.50; Port Hope and Woodstock, \$2.40; Stratford, \$1.50 to \$1.60 per bag.

Wheat.

Belleville, \$2.10 to \$2.15; Brantford, Cobourg and Chatham, \$2.10; London, \$2.10 to \$2.12; Port Hope, Stratford and Woodstock, \$2.12 per bushel.

Hay.

Belleville, baled, \$13 to \$13.50 per ton; Brantford, baled, \$13; loose, \$11 to \$13; Cobourg, baled, \$18; loose, \$15 to \$17; Chatham, \$10 to \$12; London, loose, \$10; baled, \$17 to \$18; Stratford, baled, \$18 to \$20; loose, \$8 to \$11; Woodstock, baled, \$15 to \$16; loose, \$11 per ton.

Coarse Grains at Toronto.

Oats are steady and are now being quoted at 93c to 94c per bushel. Manitoba oats at Port William are quoted at 88 1/2c for No. 2 C.W. and Ontario oats are at outside points quoted at 85c to 87c for No. 2 white.

Millfeeds at Toronto.

Millfeeds are still short in supply, and are quoted at the set figures of: Bran, per ton, \$35.40, and shorts, per ton, \$40.

Honey at Toronto.

Our recent predictions for higher prices than had recently been quoted has been speedily justified, and this week while supplies are practically non-existent buyers have conceded to 20c to 22c per lb. quotation. Some beekeepers have been talking 24c, but buyers have not yet come to the point where they will pay this price.

BROWN SWISS GOOD GRAZERS

Animals Are Mild and Docile and Rank Well in Milk Production—Records of Cows.

The Brown Swiss breed, which does not have a widespread distribution in the United States, originated in the canton of Schwyz, in Switzerland, and is found principally in New York and Wisconsin.

The cattle vary in color from a light gray mouse color or brownish-dun to dark brown. They are mild and docile and are excellent grazers, especially on rough land.

Good Type of Brown Swiss Breed.

Chicago, Aug. 2.—Corn, No. 2 yellow, \$1.70 to \$1.74; No. 3 yellow, \$1.66 to \$1.71; No. 4 yellow, \$1.58 to \$1.60. Oats—No. 3 white, 74 to 76 1/2c; standard, 74 1/2 to 77c.

New York, Aug. 2.—Flour steady; Springs, \$11.50 to \$11.75; Winter, \$10.50 to \$11.25; Kansas, \$11.20 to \$11.50. Rye flour, dull; fair to good, \$9.75 to \$10; choice to fancy, \$10.65 to \$11.25. White corn flour steady, \$5 to \$5.50.

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The Kingston Market

Kingston, Aug. 2nd.

Dairy Produce.

Butter, creamery, lb. 48 5/2; Butter, rolls, lb. 45 4/7; Cheese, lb. 40; Eggs, fresh, doz. 48 3/8; Oleomargarine 32 3/8.

Fish.

Cod, lb. 10 12 1/2; Eels, lb. 12 1/2; Flounders, lb. 13 1/2; Fillets, lbs. 18; Finan Haddie, lb. 18; Hake, lb. 12 1/2; Haddock, fresh, lb. 12 1/2; Halibut, fresh, lb. 30; Herring, fresh, lb. 40; Kippers, doz. 15; Mackerel, lb. 12 1/2; Perch, lb. 12 1/2; Pike, lb. 10 1/2; Rock-fish, lb. 20 30; Salmon, lb. 25 30; Smelts, lb. 20 30; Tllefah, lb. 18 1/2; Trout, salmon, lb. 20; White fish, lb. 18 30.

Meats.

Beef: Porterhouse Steak 35 46; Sirloin Steak, lb. 32 42; Round Steak, lb. 30 32; Rump Roast, lb. 30 32; Rib Roasts, lb. 30 35; Shoulder Roasts, lb. 25 32; Boiling Cuts, lb. 22 32; West'n carcass cwt. 22.00; West'n franks cwt. 15.00; Western Hinds cwt. 24.00; Local carcass cwt. 18.00; Local franks cwt. 15.00; Local Hinds cwt. 22.00.

Poultry.

Chickens, dressed, lb. 30 35; Chickens, live, lb. 25 28; Hens, dressed, lb. 25 28; Hens, live, lb. 25 35; Turkeys, lb. 25 35.

Vegetables.

Beans, butter, qt. 5 8; Cabbage, head 5 15; Carrots, bunch 5 15; Cauliflowers, each 10 25; Celery, bunch 5 15; Cucumbers, each 5 15; Lettuce, bunch 5 15; Onions, bunch 5 15; Onions, dry, lb. 5 15; Parsley, bunch 5 15; Peas, unshelled, pk. 50 60; Peas, shelled, pk. 50 60; Potatoes, new, pk. 40 50; Radishes, bunch 5 15; Tomatoes, lb. 15 18.

Fruit.

Apples, doz. 30 50; Bananas, doz. 25 60; Blue Berries, qt. 25 35; Blueberries, box 20 30; Canteloupes, each 25 35; Cherries, lb. 20 30; Dates, lb. 8 12 1/2; Grapefruit, each 8 12 1/2; Lemons, doz. 50 60; Oranges, doz. 30 75; Peaches, doz. 40 75; Raspberries, box 30 40; Red Currants, box 18 20; Pears, doz. 20 50; Plums, doz. 20 50.

Grain.

Barley, bush. 1.90 2.00; Bran, ton 35.00 40.00; Buckwheat, bush. 1.90 2.00; Corn meal, cwt. 6.50; Oats, yellow feed bush. 1.90 2.00; Flour, Govt. standard, cwt. 5.80 5.90; Hay baled, ton 14.00 17.00; Hay, loose, ton 13.00 15.00; Oats, Man. bush. 1.00 1.10; Oats, local, bush. 1.00 1.05; Shorts, ton 43.00 45.00; Straw, baled, ton 10.00 11.00; Straw, loose, ton 8.00; Wheat, local, bush. 2.40.

Hides, Furs, &c.

Hides, beef, lb. 14 15; Lamb skins, fresh up to 1.00 1.25; Veal skins, lb. 38; Deacon skins, No. 1 1.50 2.00; Horse hides, No. 1 large 5.00 6.00; Fallow Cakes 15; Wool, wash, 85 90; Wool, unwashed, lb. 60 63; Genstig, wild dry per lb. 8.00; Beeswax, lb. up to 80; Shearlings, up to 75 1.00; Kips, lb. 16.

"B" ON THE OATS

Presages Victory, So a Great Many found the sign early on every leaf of the agricultural districts have pointed out a curious phenomenon in connection with the structure of the leaves of the oats, which many claim was observed last year, the British arms triumphant in South Africa. The sign or portent is to be found on the flag leaf of the oats, and a Star reporter who pulled several dozen leaves from several fields around the city last night, found the sign early on every leaf which he examined. The sign can be variously interpreted as the letter "B" or the figure "8," some of the figures looked more like one and some the other.

who declare they looked in vain for the sign last year and the year before, remembering the portent of victory in 1902.

The sign may be seen by anyone. It is to be found on the flag leaf, which is the leaf nearest the head of the grain. To find it, pull the leaf, in doing which it is unnecessary to injure the grain, and spread the lance-shaped front flat on a table under a strong light. It makes no difference which side of the leaf is uppermost as the sign is on both sides. About one-third of the distance from the place the leaf joins the plant to the tip, there is usually, but not always, an appreciable narrowing of the leaf, and right at this point, impressed through the leaf, as it were, as though with a large type is the letter "B" or the figure "8," plain to the eye.

BARBERRY PLANT IS A MENACE TO WHEAT

Spread of Stem Rust Should Be Cut and Destroyed.

The common barberry is a direct spreader of black stem rust, a terrible scourge of wheat, oats, barley and rye in the spring-wheat districts. Common barberry on lawns and in hedges in cities and suburbs, as well as on farms, throughout these districts is a fearful thorn in the side of the wheat raiser. The presence of this shrub in your yard may mean that your county or district produces less bread to feed the nation and the whole. While the farmers are being urged to take every cultural and protective measure to prevent rusting of their fields, owners of city yards and



Common barberry, showing cluster cups on the leaves. Note the three-forked spines and the irregular edges of the leaves.

estates are called upon to help by digging out and destroying this spreader of stem rust. How serious the black rust is to the bread supply of the nation may be judged from the fact that this disease was the principal factor in reducing the yield of wheat alone in North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana and Minnesota by nearly 200,000,000 bushels in 1916.

The common barberry bush (Berberis vulgaris), including the purple-leaved variety, nurses the black stem rust through one of its stages, helps it develop, and enables it to spread to the grains in the spring and early summer. The most direct method of attacking this rust is to keep common barberry bushes out of wheat-growing regions.

Dates of Fall Fairs, 1918

Table listing dates of fall fairs in various locations including Alexandria, Arnprior, Bancroft, Belleville, Bowmanville, Brantford, Cobden, Coburne, Cornwall, Denoresville, Frankford, Frontville, Harrowmuth, Inverary, Kingston, Lanark, Lennoxville, Lindsay, Lombard, London (Western Fair), Mabery, Madoc, Martineau, McDonald's Corners, Merrickville, Newburgh, Morrisburg, Odessa, Ottawa (Central Canada), Parham, Peterborough, Picton, Renfrew, Shannonville, Spencerville, Stirling, Toronto (C.N.E.), Uxbridge, Windsor, and Wolfe Island.

BUSINESS ADVANCE OF A RAZOR FIRM

The Output Will Be Substantially More Than Double That of 1917.

Boston, Aug. 2.—For an established industrial company to double its production in a single year is an achievement worth more than passing notice even in this era of feverish acceleration of output. The Gillette Safety Razor Company is far enough into the 1918 fiscal and calendar year to be assured of an output substantially more than double that of 1917.

Dividend on Coniagas.

Cobalt, Ont., Aug. 2.—A dividend of 2 1/2 per cent. declared payable August 1st to the shareholders of the Coniagas Co. makes a total of 7 1/2 per cent. paid during the current year; amounting to \$300,000. The Coniagas Co. went on a dividend paying basis in 1907 since which two annual disbursements ranging from 6 per cent. to as high as 41 per cent. have been made. The lowest disbursement of 6 per cent. was made in 1910, while the high record of 41 per cent. was made in 1913. Altogether the company has distributed 23 1/2 per cent. including that just declared, making a total of \$9,040,000 paid since 1907.

A New Order For Cement.

Montreal, Aug. 2.—The Canada Cement Company has had considerable business from Halifax recent works and also in connection with the city's reconstruction programme. For instance, the company has closed an order to supply the cement for 1,000 concrete houses which are being erected to relieve the housing problem.

Commercial Notes.

Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines may shut down or stop milling pending the amelioration of operating difficulties. The Dominion Foundry and Steel Co. have declared a special dividend of \$10 per share on the common stock.

Pressed Steel Car Company.

New York, Aug. 2.—The directors of the Dominion Foundry and Steel Co. have declared a special dividend of \$10 per share on the common stock. This compares with a distribution of \$1.75 a share three months ago.

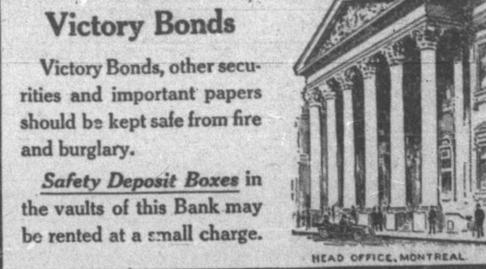
Shareholders of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation will meet in special session on August 8th in Newark, N.J., for the purpose of authorizing \$500,000,000 bonds under a consolidated mortgage covering all the property and assets of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation.

United States Steel Corporation is turning out at the rate of more than 16,000,000 tons of finished steel annually, which is very close to a record. It is estimated excess current assets of U.S. Steel at present are close to \$55,000,000, which is a new high record, with actual cash on hand of more than \$175,000.

Half a million francs have been appropriated by the American Red Cross to complete the installation of four tuberculosis hospitals in France.

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APPREHENSIVE OF EFFECT

Of Plans in Canada to Nationalize Railways.

Ottawa, Aug. 2.—The visit of the Canadian Ministers to Great Britain and their conferences with British investors regarding the Government's plans for railway nationalization and for a post-war influx of British capital to Canada, have disclosed a certain feeling of uneasiness there as to a possible Bolshevik tendency in Canada. Security for private contracts and investments in Canada against any

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