

Plentiful Supply

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icans are buying a lot of barley and there is a feeling in the trade that the price will go still higher. The strength in the market for barley is helping to carry oats and also wheat, of which there is a tremendous surplus, to higher levels.

"I would like to direct the attention of our farm people to the need of conserving our own supplies of grain. Grain is leaving this Province by the carlot at the present time. I do not think this is a good policy. Seed grain, I believe, is going almost as far as Western Canada. Do you think that grain for which the farmer is paying around 75c to 80c per bushel should leave the farmer's bins, and feed grains of a lower quality be purchased at almost double that price, when feeds are needed here?"

"An excellent service is being given by some of our feed mixing plants today at 5c per cwt. for grinding and mixing, or these mills will grind your farm grain and sell the farmer the complete ration for home mixing purposes. If it is at all possible home grown supplies should be retained in this Province. Even if there is a demand for seed grain the price is not sufficient to offset feed prices and prospects at the present time. Store or sell locally to farmers who are heavily engaged in the livestock business and will need large quantities of feeds before the season is over.

"Bran in used jute is \$32.00 per ton and shorts \$53.00; soybeans \$4.68 delivered, and linseed meal is so scarce that it is hard to get a quotation. These prices quoted are all in bulk and to bag and deliver retail would cost 25c to 30c more per cwt.

Dairying

"According to the market report from Halifax no change has taken place in the price of butter during the past week. Quotations are: Factory Price 59c f.o.b. Halifax; with Local Jobbing 61c.

"On the Montreal market the price was also unchanged at 57c; and at Toronto 57c-57 1-2c.

"In New Brunswick the quotations are essentially the same as a week ago although reports have been received that higher prices have been offered by the trade. It is reported from that Province that it is difficult to secure an adequate supply of butter from the Dairy Products Board and that the demand for current make is very strong. Prices, however, have remained the same as they were a week ago with creameries to wholesalers one and two pound flats 58 1-2c; wholesale to retail stores 60c.

"Owing to the strong demand for our Island butter it became necessary to increase the price one cent per pound during the past week, and the price on the Charlottetown market at present is 59 1-2c wholesale with Local Jobbing at 61c.

"The Dairy Products Board butter in storage is being worked into the trade very fast and it is probable that orders have been placed for the entire amount in storage. After this amount has been worked into the trade it will not be possible to import any Board butter from outside the Province and further purchases will most likely have to be made from privately operated firms or warehouses, possibly in Montreal or Western Canada. It has been reported that there are 4 1-2 million pounds of butter ordered from New Zealand to Canada to arrive about mid-February.

Eggs And Poultry

"There has been little change in the market since last week. Operators of egg grading stations are quoting producers for ungraded pack AL 37-39; AM 37; AP & B's 27-30; C 19.

"There seems to be some variation in the market caused apparently by dealers in Charlottetown paying one to two cents more according to grade. This however, is a delivered price. Wholesalers were paying for graded pack f.o.b. Charlottetown AL 44; AM 42; AP & B 35. It is reported wholesalers are paying as high as AL 46; AM 44; AP & B 38. Cartons 3c additional.

"Retailers to consumers AL 55-59; AM 54-57; AP 48-55. The spread here would indicate that there should be a shading downward on retail prices. We would also suggest that there is a lack of uniformity in the price being paid by grading stations to producers throughout the Province. We would suggest a scrutiny on the part of grading station operators and producers as well of this condition.

"As December 27th Nova Scotia prices showed dealers paying for graded pack delivered Halifax Grade AL 47; AM 44 AP 38-40; B's 35-38; C 35.

"Floor prices on eggs have been announced to be the same as last year and markets until at least late in the season should be strong throughout the year. Poultry shipments are just about completed for the season. Increased poultry handled by registered stations during the year was possibly due to non shipments to the United States.

"Here is a matter that is being brought to our attention by in-

quirers. A few days ago we found that some of our retailers were quoting Grade A eggs at 43c and we notice that this has extended to other stores. We wonder what kind of Grade A eggs are being sold at this rate. Are they large, medium, small, pullet, or what are they? It is felt that retailers selling eggs to the consumer should be giving the buying public the highest possible service and this could be done by definitely stating what size, grade or weight Grade A eggs at 43c actually are. Under a general statement of Grade A at 43c the advertising would seem to be a bit misleading.

"I would very gently and very courteously bring this matter to the attention of retailers concerned. The producer must be protected at one end and the consumer on the other by a type of

retail service that is above questioning."

Mr. Shaw indicated that he would scan carefully the future advertisements of the retail service in the City and if the matter is not rectified by his next week's market review his reference to the subject would not be gentle. "It will still be courteous but straight from the shoulder," he added.

Potatoes

"Since December 27th the movement of potatoes has speeded up and in the past three days of the new year 90 cars have crossed by rail to market. The domestic market has improved considerably and Marketing Board prices, that is 45c per bag tablestock have been secured. During the past week there has also been a heavy movement of seed for ex-

port at Halifax while boats have also loaded at Souris and Georgetown. It is encouraging to note the traffic in potatoes has been the heaviest for some weeks. This indicates a little more life in the trade.

"During the past week the Department of Agriculture has received information from Ottawa that some assistance will be available in the promotion of sales to off shore countries not normally marketing areas with Canada and the United States. As no definite sales have been made to such countries, although negotiations have been pending for some time, it was not considered advisable to publicize the details of the Ottawa proposals until off shore negotiations had progressed to a more definite point and representatives of the potato interests in New Brunswick and Prince Ed-

ward Island. Departmental and otherwise, had an opportunity of studying the whole position and coordinating their programmes.

"I may assure our potato producers, however, that we have been in intimate contact with the situation and our Department is continuing to do everything possible in conformity with our representations made during the recent Federal - Provincial Agricultural Conference, the Potato Committee of the Horticultural Council and through the Boards to promote the best interests of the producers and the industry at large. We believe that due consideration has been given the whole problem and that some favourable developments may be shortly announced. The markets within the Province indicate Board prices of 45c per 75 lb. bag and seed prices of from

40c-45c per bus. are being paid.

Livestock
"Livestock prices are still strong and some advances have been made at Moncton and Charlottetown. Moncton hogs went up 25c with Grade A 31.75; B1 31.35. No. 1 sows 27.00; No. 2 26.00 hot-dressed weight delivered.

"Cattle prices were steady with last week, choice steers going at 25.50; good 24.50; medium 23.00; common 17.00 to 20.00. Heifers: Choice 25.00; good 24.00; medium 22.50; common 16.00 to 20.00. Cows: Good 18.00; medium 17.00; common 16.00; canners and cutters 12.00 to 14.00. Bulls: Good 18.00; medium 17.00; common 15.00.

"Calves: F.o.b. country points. Choice 25.00; good veal 24.00; medium 19.00; grassers 16.00 to 17.00.

21.00 for A Grade.

"Lamb: F.o.b. Good and choice, alive, 24.00. Rail Grade 57.00 delivered for Grade A1.

"Hogs at Charlottetown: F.o.b. country points. Grade A 30.75; B1 30.35. No. 1 sows 26.00; No. 2 25.00.

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"Calves: Delivered. Choice veal 24.00; good 23.00; medium 22.00; common 19.00; grassers 16.00 to 17.00.

67.00 Grade A.

"Sheep: Good and choice 11.00 alive. Rail Grade 24.00, Grade A up to 70 lbs.

"Some concern has been experienced regarding the opinion of the trade in pork products with the United States and its effect on the domestic market. In the light of no definite commitments on the British Contract there may be a feeling of uncertainty regarding the future. I am convinced however, that an export market to the British Ministry will be officially consummated for fairly large quantities of bacon at reasonably satisfactory levels. This however, is only an estimate and has nothing of a definite nature back of it. As announced previously I am of the opinion that meat prices will be maintained at fairly high levels for 1951."

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