

### Farm Prices & Market Report

Following are excerpts from the weekly market report of the Provincial Department of Agriculture prepared by Mr. W. R. Shaw, Deputy Minister:

The following are the prices in meats at Maritime centers:

Hogs at Moncton: Grade A 25.60; Grade B1 25.20; No. 1 sows 16.00; No. 2 sows 15.00; hot dressed weight delivered.

Hogs at Charlottetown: F.O.B. country points, Grade A 24.50; Grade B1 24.10; No. 1 sows 15.00; No. 2 sows 14.00.

Cattle at Moncton: Delivered to plant. Steers: Up to 1,000 lbs. Choice 23.50 to 24.25; Good 22.00 to 23.25; Medium 18.75 to 21.25; Common 14.00 to 18.00; Over 1,000 lbs. Choice 24.00 to 24.75; Good 22.50 to 23.75; Medium 20.25 to 22.25; Common 15.00 to 19.00; Heifers: Choice 23.00 to 23.75; Good 21.50 to 22.75; Medium 18.25 to 21.25; Common 13.50 to 17.50; Cows: Good 15.75 to 16.75; Medium 12.75 to 15.50; Common 11.50 to 12.50; Canners and cutters 9.00 to 11.00; Bulls: Good 16.00 to 18.00; Medium 15.00 to 16.00; Common 14.00 to 15.00.

Cattle at Charlottetown: Delivered to plant. Steers: Up to 1,000 lbs. Choice 23.00 to 23.50; Good 22.50 to 23.00; Medium 20.50 to 21.00; Common 16.00 to 18.00; Over 1,000 lbs. Choice 23.50 to 24.00; Good 22.00 to 23.00; Medium 21.00 to 22.00; Common 17.00 to 19.00; Heifers: Choice 23.00 to 23.50; Good 22.00 to 23.00; Medium 19.50 to 21.50; Common 16.00 to 18.00; Cows: Good 15.00 to 16.00; Medium 14.00 to 15.00; Common 12.00 to 13.00; Canners and cutters 9.00 to 11.00; Bulls: Good 15.00; Medium 13.00 to 13.50; Common 10.00 to 12.00.

Calves at Moncton: Delivered to plant. Choice 23.00 to 24.00; Good 22.00 to 23.00; Medium 21.00 to 22.00; Common 16.00 to 18.00; Grassers 12.00 to 13.00.

Calves at Charlottetown: Delivered to plant. Good and choice 23.00 to 29.00; Medium 25.00 to 27.00; Common 20.00 to 22.00; Grassers 14.00 to 15.00.

Sheep at Moncton: Delivered to plant. Live grade quotations. Good 10.00 to 12.00; Medium 8.00 to 10.00; Common 5.00 to 7.00. Rail grade prices for A's delivered, 30.00 up to 30 lbs.

Sheep at Charlottetown: Delivered. Live grade quotations. Good 12.00 to 13.00; Medium 10.00 to 11.00.

12.00; Common 5.00 to 6.00. Rail grade prices 28.00 for A's up to 70 lbs.

**Eggs and Poultry**

The egg market is somewhat stronger, at least to producers for ungraded eggs. There is an opinion prevailing that prices being paid to some producers are higher than generally quoted, sometimes possibly in the form of a commission or bonus. If there is any truth in the rumour the practice should be discontinued for the good of the industry, and the efficient marketing of poultry products.

Receipts of eggs are at a high level and there appears to be a good market with products moving readily. We have had a great many suggestions that we quote prices from a large number of local points. We find now that it is impossible to do so, and we are endeavouring to give a fair cross-section of prices throughout the Province.

Operators of grading stations are quoting producers for ungraded eggs: Grade AL 32-33, AM 30-1, AS 22-3, B 22-3, C 18.

Dealers are quoting for the graded pack delivered: AL 38, AM 36, AS 28, B 28, C 23, and quoting the same pack to retailers at AL 41, AM 39, AS 31, B 31, C 28. An additional three cents is added when eggs are packed in cartons.

Eggs are retailing to consumers at the following prices: AL 47-51, AM 44-47, AP 40, B 40.

The prices given cover both loose, cartoned and other cartoned eggs.

**Feeds**

The feed market occasionally suffers a bit of a relapse and then picks up with greater vigour than ever. No. 1 bulk Barley is being quoted at \$3.00 per hundred. Our prices undoubtedly have ranged above the United States ceiling. As long as this situation prevails we will have importations, and as long as there are potatoes to go to the trade these American importations will tend to hold down Canadian prices. Reffer cars have also loosened up to some extent, although we have complaints from West of Summerside and East that the cars dissipate before they ever get to these sections. It is true that quite a quantity of potatoes are today being shipped in box cars and this is not too safe.

Turnip prices are approximately from 90c to \$1.00 per bushel at the present moment. The danger of employing old sacks is strongly emphasized in the report.

The following are the prices at various centers on the Island:

Tignish: Tablestock—\$2.75 per bus. Reefers scarce. Loading odd box car. Very few moving. No seed moving and no quotations.

O'Leary: Tablestock—\$2.60 per bus. No cars. Moving some in box cars. No seed.

Wellington: Tablestock — \$2.64 per bus. Two cars ready to ship but reefers still scarce. No seed.

Summerside: Tablestock — \$2.60 per bus. Movement fairly good. Car situation little brighter.

Kinkora: Tablestock—\$2.80 per bus. Reefers still scarce. Loading a lot of box cars. Some seed moving. Chiefly Mountains.

Kensington: Tablestock — \$2.60

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of which Prince Edward Island would benefit.

"The Island is sometimes called the million-acre farm, the Garden of the Gulf; and agriculture plays the predominating role in the economy of the province, accounting for at least 50 per cent of the gross value of its entire production.

**Bacon Production**

"Though that production is small if compared with the great production of the Prairies and the Central Provinces, where the great bulk of Canada's agricultural output originates, nevertheless Prince Edward Island has taken the lead in many branches of agriculture.

"For instance, it produces a larger percentage of grade A bacon hogs than any other province. The Island now ships carloads of breeding stock to most of the other provinces and United States. It was the first province to introduce the systematic grading of dressed poultry and one of the first to introduce egg grading. Its high quality seed potatoes command a premium in the markets of many countries.

per bus. Car situation a little better. Quite a lot moving. Very light seed movement.

Charlottetown: Tablestock — \$2.50-\$2.55 per bus. Fair movement. Car situation better. Seed—Cobblers \$2.40 per bus. at the farm.

Montague: Very few moving due to poor roads. No quotations.

Vernon River: Tablestock — \$2.56 per bus. Few moving. Reefers still scarce. No seed.

Morell: Tablestock — \$2.60 per bus. Cars still scarce. Shipped two this week. No seed.

Souris: Tablestock: \$2.20 per bus for small lots. \$2.40 per bus for straight car. Cars scarce. Expect improvement in a few days. Three cars Kathadin seed shipped this week.

Elmira: Tablestock — \$2.45 per bus. Cars still scarce. No seed.

Murray Harbour: Expect to load a car of seed and a car of tablestock within next day or two. Car of seed loaded yesterday. No quotations. Cars still scarce.

Dairy products this week are unchanged.

"For many years past Prince Edward Island has been free from bovine tuberculosis. As a result, its cattle have been sold at a premium all over the North American continent, and it is generally conceded that the Island possesses a livestock population more vigorous and free of disease than any area in the world. Butter, cheese, milk and cream are produced under rigid controls. We manufacture approximately 1,000,000 pounds of cheese and 5,000,000 pounds of butter annually, of a gross value of \$3,000,000.

"With regard to potatoes, for which the Island is famous, and which is the chief cash crop for our farmers, every effort has been made to eliminate diseases and produce only top quality. From a reorganization of the industry in 1920, as a result of experimental work with new varieties, there has emerged a vigorous industry which now exports from four to six million hundredweight of potatoes yearly and supplies seed stocks to thirty of the United States, to all Canadian Provinces, to South America, and to the Caribbean markets. The value of this crop in the five years from 1946 to 1950 was approximately \$33,000,000, and the total value of feed crops in the same period was \$98,000,000.

**Potato Prices**

"The prices the farmer receives for potatoes vary considerably from year to year. For instance, the cash income for 1949 was \$5,520,000 and in 1950 it fell to \$2,940,000, a drop of \$5,585,000. Thus, our farmers had to put up with a serious loss. In 1950 the average yield per acre was only 223 bushels, and the average price paid was only 28 cents per bushel, plus a small support price from the federal government. Multiplying 28 cents by 223 gives only \$62.44.

It has been established that after taking into consideration the cost of seed, cultivation of the soil, planting, spraying, harvesting, grading, and delivering to dealers, it costs \$200 to produce an acre of potatoes in Prince Edward Island. On that basis, honourable senators will realize the financial loss sustained by potato growers in that particular year.

I do not know what it costs to produce an acre of wheat in the

West. I venture to say that it does not cost anything like \$200, but I notice that whenever my friends from the West meet with adverse conditions affecting their grain crop they put up quite a holler, and generally they are successful in getting help from the federal government. It reminds me of the old saying, 'The wheel that does the squeaking is the one that gets the grease.'

Hon. Mr. Aestline: "Hear, hear."

**Rural Electrification**

Hon. Mr. McIntyre: "Rural electrification is naturally a matter of prime interest to the Maritime Provinces; and lack of it is one of the disabilities about which I spoke a few moments ago. In 1947, following a survey of Prince Edward Island, a report known as the Hogg Report was made to the Provincial Government. This report outlined plans for an \$8 million province-wide electrification program—rather too great an expenditure for a small province like Prince Edward Island.

"A fine gentleman, the late Mr. MacNicol, a former Conservative member of the federal house from Ontario, and a past president of the Conservative Association, visited the Island different times. He took a very broad view of the situation and said that the Dominion Government should pay one-third of the cost of building transmission lines and erecting transmission plants and should also make capital grants and pay a subsidy on additional power produced and sold.

If this were done Prince Edward Island would gain tremendously by being linked up with the other Maritime Provinces in a power development scheme. There is no question that this would bring about a great improvement in rural conditions as well as in productive capacity.

"In the anticipation of the government spending hundreds of millions of dollars on the St. Lawrence Seaway, I think it is only fair that the Maritime members of the Senate and the House of Commons should try to persuade the Government that something along this line would be beneficial to the Maritime Provinces, and that it would also help those in the rural sections who cannot help them-

elves. It would be something in lieu of the vast expenditure that is anticipated for the building of the St. Lawrence Seaway."

Hon. Mr. Reid: "Hear, hear."

**Pullman Service**

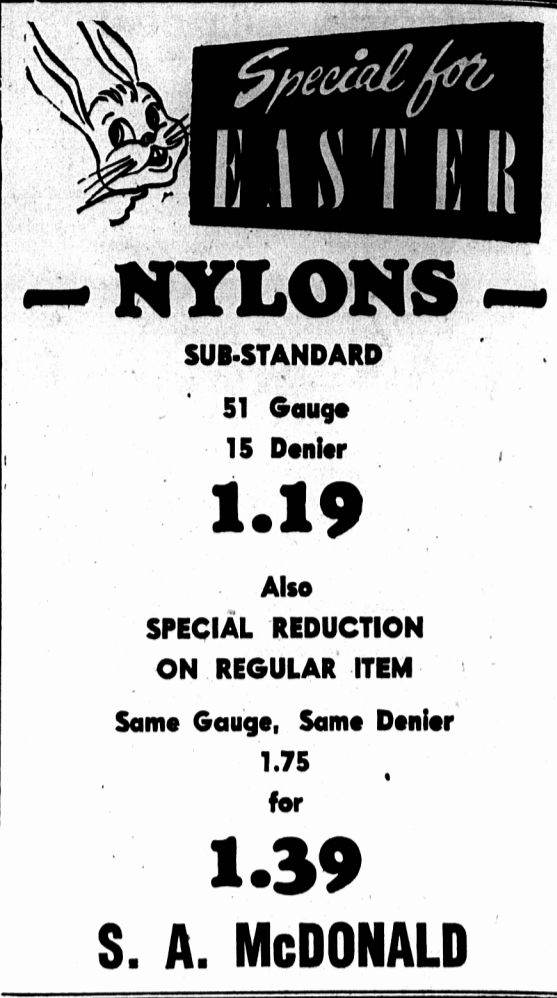
Hon. Mr. McIntyre: "There is another matter I should like to speak about. I wish to call the attention of the Canadian National Railway officials to the Pullman service between Charlottetown and Montreal. What I suggest will not entail any additional expense. The Pullman car arriving at Cape Tormentine is connected with the St. John train and hauled to Moncton, then switched on to the Scotian which is due in Montreal at 8.45 a.m. the next morning. It is very seldom on time, however, and passengers for Ottawa miss connections with the train leaving Montreal at 8.55 and are obliged to remain in Montreal until 4.30 in the afternoon.

"It would be just as easy for the C.N.R. officials to have this Pullman switched to the Ocean Limited, that invariably arrives in Montreal at 7.15 a.m. This would give passengers plenty of time to make connections with the Ottawa train leaving Montreal at 8.55 a.m., so that they would not have to walk the streets or sit around in hotel lobbies for seven or eight hours waiting for the afternoon train. As I say, this is something that could be easily arranged by the railway officials without any extra cost.

**Tourist Attractions**

"Prince Edward Island has many tourist attractions. I do not wish to appear boastful, but in eleven months of last year the car ferries Abegweit and Prince Edward Island carried 113,719 passengers between the Island and Cape Tormentine. They also transported 37,685 cars. Further east the other ferries that run between Caribou, Nova Scotia, and Wood Island, P.E.I., carried an estimated 40,000 passengers and 21,000 cars. This represents nearly double the population of the Island.

"The pastoral scenery of the Island has a singular loveliness and charm, and there are miles of paved roads which make motoring a pleasure. The accessibility of golf courses, beaches, summer hotels, the National Park, the presence of historic sites of national inter-



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est, the quiet havens of rest, and the delightful climate, all tend to appeal to the tourists' fancy. Fresh seasonal foods are always available, and the tourist will find all his requirements met, because the province is famous for the freshness and variety of its foods. In conclusion, I wish to extend to all honourable senators a cordial invitation to visit Prince Edward Island."



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**Potatoes**

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