

### Farm Prices & Market Report

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

**Wool**  
To those who shipped through the Sheep Breeders' Association, final returns have now been made, and in view of a weak market these returns have been very satisfactory. The highest price received by the producers was 42c per pound for special quality, but most of the wool was settled for at 38c-40c.

From the records this was considerably above the open market price usually paid. In addition to this price 4c per pound was paid the patrons who shipped wool last year to the Association, as a special bonus from the Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers.

**Feeds**  
There is very little oats or mixed grains moving in the Prince Edward Island trade this year. The crop has been a good one, and the quality has been good. The keen markets for potatoes, however, has brought in an unprecedented amount of ready cash, and combined with the high cost of imported feeds, has developed a tendency to hold grain for domestic needs on the farm. The Canadian grain market is strong. There is an unprecedented demand for barley overseas, and for oats and barley in the United States. This demand has cleaned up grain as fast as it moves from country elevators.

Furthermore, most of the grain is under cover, and it is of high quality. It looks as if there will be a big carryover on the farms. Greater number of supplies may be available for Eastern consumption after the close of navigation, but I would not look for any drastic decrease in prices. Protein are also strong, and it is uncertain to say just what the future will have in store.

**Livestock**  
Livestock prices are steady at Charlottetown and Moncton with last week. Hog prices have not changed, neither have cattle. It is not necessary to give full quotations, other than to state that the top on steers at Moncton is 22.00, and at Charlottetown 21.00. Choice heifers are 21.50 and 20.50; Good cows at Moncton are 11.00, and at Charlottetown 12.00. The prices run here according to grade, down to 10.00 for Common at Moncton, and 9.00 to 10.00 at Charlottetown. Good bulls run from 8.00 to 13.00 at Charlottetown, and from 11.00 to 13.00 at Moncton. Lambs at Charlottetown and Moncton are 17.50, and rail grade 42.00. Montreal prices: Some choice steers were up to 25.00; good cows 13.00 to 14.00, and Good bulls 14.00 to 15.00. The lamb market at Montreal was active at 24.00 to 25.00 with prices very materially above both Moncton and Charlottetown. It would seem to me that there could be a better price for lambs in the Maritime market when compared with Montreal quotations.

**Eggs and Poultry**  
Egg production continues to decline, but quality is improving. Demand is reasonably good, and supplies are moving to Maritime centers. Poultry receipts are increasing, and quality here has improved too. Prices on live fowl have advanced 1c. Here is the detail on eggs at Charlottetown: To producers: AL 45, AM 43, AS and B's 33. To the retailer: AL 56, AM 54, AS and B's 44. To the consumer: prices range from 58c-60c for AL, with a comparative variation in AM. I am not able to explain just why there should be this tremendous variation in these prices, but would suggest that they should be closer together.

Here are some prices outside for AL, AM, and S: O'Leary, 44-40-32; Summerside, 50-45-32; Kensington, 45-41-33; Montague, 44-40-32; Morell, 49-44-30. It will be observed that there is considerable variation in the prices. Possibly some special conditions in over-counter selling may have been responsible. Dressed poultry prices are ap-

proximately the same as last week with Grade "A" chicken between 4 and five pounds 33c; over 5 pounds 36c; B's 23 and 25c; and C's 14 and 16c. Live fowl under 4 pounds 15c; 4 to 5 pounds 18c; over 5 pounds 19c. Grade A dressed, under 4 pounds 20c; 4 to 5 pounds 23c; over 5 pounds 24c. Geese and ducks are unsettled with Grade A's 30c and B's 25c. Turkeys, Grade A, 42c for under 16 pounds, and 35c for over. B's 32c and 26c; C 20c.

**Potatoes**  
The potato market continues a bit dull, both in Canada and the United States. Prices fortunately are not changing very much, although they have softened up a bit under the impact of large deliveries. For the week ending

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### Fresh Evidence Russia Dictating To Chinese Reds

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The timing of Moscow's rejection of India's compromise proposal for a Korean truce may go down in history as a serious Soviet blunder. But the Kremlin probably considered itself forced into the hasty rejection.

The Soviet move could have been predicted with confidence — but not the time element. There is no question Moscow dictated the orders. Satellite Poland's delegate suddenly called off his plans to speak on the proposal yesterday. Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Vishinsky wanted to speak, and in a hurry.

What Vishinsky had to say indicated several things:

1. The USSR is not interested in peace in Korea.
2. Moscow did not believe there was a real British-American split over Indian proposal, but looked upon the differences as a manoeuvre to force the Soviet hand.
3. Moscow has tightened the screws on the Communist Chinese and is dictating to Peking on every step of the Korean discussions.

Russia's rejection of India's proposal suggests that Moscow suspected the British and Americans of cooking up the appearance of a deep split to manoeuvre the USSR into an untenable position. But it suggests something more important. Ordinarily, Moscow would have reveled in the prospect of a widening split in British-American relations and would have fanned it.

However, Moscow believed it had to act swiftly. There seems only one answer to this. That is, that the Indians, before going ahead with their proposal, had some sort of green light from the Peking regime. Possibly, the Communist Chinese actually do want to get out from under the awful cost of the Korean war by any face-saving device available.

Vishinsky, thus, apparently has given a firm "no" to Peking. In so doing, he has depressed the Indians and other Asians who appeared to have pinned great hopes on the proposal. He has also, automatically, healed the British-American differences brought on by the Indian proposal.

There is no quick way of gauging Peking's disappointment. But the Soviet action may be one more straw on the camel's back.

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