

## PROVISIONS.

Prices of live hogs continue strong, with a tendency to advance steadily. Higher prices are looked for this present week, as very few supplies are coming forward, as the Western packers seem to be requiring all supplies. The dressed hog market is quiet, with prices firm. Smoked meats are quiet, and the volume of business passing is light. Lard continues to advance in price each week, showing another advance of 1/2c.

Current prices are as follows:

	Per lb.
Hams:—	
Smoked hams, 8-14 lbs. . . . .	0.23 1/2
Do., 14-20 lbs. . . . .	0.23 1/2
Do., 20-25 lbs. . . . .	0.22 1/2
Do., over 25 lbs. . . . .	0.20
Bacon:—	
Roll Boneless Bacon . . . . .	0.24
Windsor Bacon, selected . . . . .	0.27
Windsor Bacon, Boneless . . . . .	0.28
Barrel Pork:—	Per bbl.
Short cut pork . . . . .	32.00
Clear Fat Pork, 30-40 . . . . .	33.00
Clear Fat Pork, 40-50 . . . . .	33.00
Clear Fat Pork, 20-35 . . . . .	30.00
Mess Pork . . . . .	29.50
Bean Pork, Canadian . . . . .	24.50
Barrel Beef:—	
Plate Beef, 200 lbs. . . . .	24.00
Pure Lard:—	pound.
Tierces . . . . .	0.16 1/2
Tubs . . . . .	0.16 3/4
Pails . . . . .	3.40
Tins . . . . .	3.30
Cases, 3, 5, 10's . . . . .	0.17 1/2
Prints . . . . .	0.17 3/4
Compound Lard:—	
Western Grades:—	
Tierces . . . . .	0.14 1/4
Tubs . . . . .	0.14 1/2
Pails . . . . .	2.90
Tins . . . . .	2.80
Cases, 3, 5, 10's . . . . .	0.15
Prints . . . . .	0.15 1/4
Cooked meats:—	
Roasts houlders pork . . . . .	0.33
Roast ham, boneless . . . . .	0.35
Cooked hams, rind off . . . . .	0.33
Head cheese . . . . .	0.09
Jellied pork tongues . . . . .	0.30
Blood pudding . . . . .	0.09 1/2
White pudding . . . . .	0.08
Jellied beef tongues . . . . .	0.28
English bravn . . . . .	0.11

## GRAIN EXPORTS.

The following are the exports of grain from the Ports of Portland and St. John, N.B., that have arrived at their destination week ending April 27, 1916.

	Flour, bush.	Wheat, bush.	Barley, bush.
Liverpool . . . . .		16,000	
Glasgow . . . . .	27,772	24,000	24,333
London . . . . .	12,500	108,722	
Manchester . . . . .		176,800	
Total . . . . .	40,272	325,522	24,333

## SUGAR PRICES CONTINUE TO SOAR.

The sugar market in New York opened strong after the Easter holiday, with a good volume of business passing at 7.25c. to refiners. The offerings were larger, but in many cases no business would be considered, and many orders were refused. From 7.25c. the price advanced during the week to 7.40c. One factor which has had a tendency to advance prices to the present high level has been the heavy buying on the part of the British Commission, which has purchased some 35,000 tons for British and French requirements. Stocks in Cuba are increasing, the total at the ports being now 901,000 tons, against 585,000 tons last year. Moreover, there is more sugar on the plantations now than a year ago.

In sympathy with the rise in price in New York, the Montreal market has advanced twice during the week. The Atlantic Sugar Refinery raised their price 15c. on Monday, and another 15c. on Tuesday, making a present price of \$8.00 per 100 lbs. The other refineries are quoting their prices at a lower figure, so that \$7.80 may be considered the ruling figure.

## FAILURES THIS WEEK.

Commercial failures this week in the United States, as reported by R. G. Dun and Co., are 336 against 333 last week, 361 the preceding week and 447 the corresponding week last year. Failures in Canada number 26 against 36 last week, 37 the preceding week and 65 last year. Of failures this week in the United States, 149 were in the East, 76 South, 59 West and 52 in the Pacific States, and 110 reported liabilities of \$5,000 or more, against 97 last week.

## FLOUR, CEREALS AND MILLFEED.

During the past week the market for all grades of flour has remained firm, although the demand has not been large, as local and country dealers continue to buy only in quantities sufficient for their immediate requirements, as in many cases they still hold contracts with millers which are not yet completed. On Friday there was a considerable demand from foreign buyers, notably sales of 2,000 sacks of export patents at 43s. 9d. for May shipment. On the whole the market may be said to be very quiet, with no marked activity expected in the near future.

The millfeed market has kept very firm during the week under a steady demand from all sources for supplies of various kinds, and small offerings. Supplies, however, are none too plentiful, which is keeping the range of prices up to its present high level.

Current quotations follow:

	Montreal.	Toronto.
First patents, per bbl., in bags . . . . .	6.60	6.50 6.70
Second patents, do. . . . .	6.10	6.00 6.20
Strong clears, do. . . . .	5.90	5.80 6.00
30c per bbl. more in wood.		
Winter wheat flour		
Fancy Patents . . . . .	5.85	6.00
90 per cent in wood . . . . .	5.30	5.40 4.40 4.30
90 per cent in bags . . . . .	2.45	2.50
Cereals:—		
Cornmeal, yellow, in per bag, 98 lbs. . . . .	2.75	2.50
Rolled oats, per bbl., in wod . . . . .	5.10	5.20
per bag, 90 lbs. . . . .	2.40	2.45
Rolled wheat, 100 lb. bbl. . . . .	4.00	3.00
Rye flour, 98 lb. bag . . . . .	2.65	2.80
Graham flour, 98 lb. . . . .		3.25
Barley pot., 98 lbs. . . . .	3.00	
Barley, Pearl, 98 lbs. . . . .	4.50	4.70 4.90
Whole wheat flour, 98 lbs. . . . .		3.25
Middings, per ton . . . . .	28.00	30.00 26.00 27.00
Bran, per ton . . . . .	24.00	24.00 25.00
Shorts, per ton . . . . .	26.00	26.00
Feed flour, per ton . . . . .	35.00	
Feed flour, bag . . . . .		1.60 1.70
Moullie, pure grain grades, per ton . . . . .	34.00	35.00
Do., mixed . . . . .		31.00
Barley feed, per ton . . . . .		32.00
Do., meal, per ton . . . . .		35.00
Crushed oats, 80 lbs. . . . .		1.75
Reground oatmeal feed, per ton . . . . .		19.00

## MONTREAL GRAIN STOCKS.

The following table shows the stocks of grain and flour in store in Montreal on the dates mentioned:

	Apr. 29, 1916.	Apr. 22, 1916.	Apr. 30, 1915.
Wheat, bushels . . . . .	1,871,764	1,367,615	1,299,783
Corn, bushels . . . . .	8,221	7,721	94,712
Oats, bushels . . . . .	2,105,017	2,050,274	705,933
Barley, bushels . . . . .	89,398	98,050	180,332
Rye, bushels . . . . .	41,495	39,328	14,720
Buckwheat, bushels . . . . .	4,805	4,805	12,171
Flour, sacks . . . . .	73,190	69,712	78,698

## REDUCTION IN U. S. WINTER WHEAT CROP.

The Chamber of Commerce of U. S. at Washington makes the following reports on the wheat situation:—

The winter wheat crop this year will be approximately one-third less than the crop of 1915, or roughly speaking, around 450 million bushels. There is approximately 20 per cent less acreage in wheat than at this time last year. The decrease in acreage is greatest in the large wheat growing states, particularly Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Iowa. The abandoned acreage is much larger than the average, and much will be plowed up and replanted in oats and corn.

## UNUSUAL ACTIVITY AT FORT WILLIAM

Since the opening of navigation at Fort William ten days ago, there has been one of the greatest rushes of moving grain known from the terminal elevators to the eastern plants. During the past week elevators have been working night and day to supply the cargoes demanded. From Saturday to Thursday last 17,355,000 bushels of all grain have been carried to Buffalo (Montreal and Tiffin. Another big shipment went out on Thursday, with the departure of 17 steamers, carrying 3,138,000 bushels, while the biggest day's cargoes loaded were 4,817,000 bushels on Wednesday.

## FRUIT AND VEGETABLES.

Porto Rico pineapples are now arriving on the market, and are selling at from \$3.25 to \$3.50, with lower prices expected shortly. The orange market has a steady upward tendency. Strawberries are arriving more freely, but the quality is not very satisfactory. The lemon market is steady. Onions are strongly maintained, with Egypt's very high in price, owing to the inadequate supplies arriving and high freight rates. Local prices are quoted at \$4 to \$4.50 per 100 lb. bag. Prospects are for still higher prices. Grapefruit has advanced 25c to 50c. as shipments from Cuba and Florida are very light.

In dried fruits, dates are very firm. A shipment transhipped from London, is expected to reach the New York market for this week's delivery. In nuts, Tarragona almonds are showing some strength, walnuts are firm, filberts are scarce, and almost exhausted. Currants will be high in price until the new crop, owing to the small stocks in Greece. Citron and peels have advanced 2c. per lb., due to the high price of sugar and abnormal freight rates prevailing.

Current quotations follow:—

Apples:—		
Starks . . . . .	5.00	5.00
Spys . . . . .	5.00	6.00
Spys . . . . .	6.00	7.00
Ben Davis . . . . .	3.00	3.25
Russets . . . . .	6.00	6.50
Baldwins . . . . .	4.50	5.00
Bananas, bunches . . . . .	2.00	2.50
Cranberries, Cape Cod, bbl. . . . .	12.00	14.00
Grapes, Malaga, heavyweight, bbl. . . . .	8.00	10.00
Lemons:—		
Grapefruit, 46-54-64-80-96 . . . . .	4.00	4.50
California . . . . .		3.00
Messina, 300 size, box . . . . .		3.00
Oranges:—		
Navels, Californias, 176-200-216 . . . . .		4.00
126 . . . . .		3.25
80-96 . . . . .		2.50
Jamaica, 196-200-216 . . . . .		2.50
Porto Rico, 126-150-250-286 . . . . .		2.75
Pineapples, 18-24 and 30-36 . . . . .		4.50 5.00
Strawberries, Louisiana, box . . . . .	0.17	0.18
Vegetables:—		
Artichokes, bag . . . . .		1.50
Beets, bag . . . . .		1.50
Beans, wax, N.Y., per basket . . . . .	4.50	5.50
Beans, green, N.Y., per basket . . . . .	4.50	5.50
Cabbage, Montreal, per bbl. . . . .		2.00
Cabbage, red, dozen . . . . .		0.40
Do., New American . . . . .		3.00
Cauliflower, hampers . . . . .		4.00
Do., New American . . . . .		3.50
Cauliflower, crate, singles . . . . .		3.50
Celery, Florida, crate . . . . .		3.25
Cucumbers, fancy, Boston, doz. . . . .		2.50
Garlic, per lb. . . . .		0.30
Horse radish . . . . .		0.14
Leeks, bunch . . . . .		0.30
Curly lettuce, box, doz. . . . .		2.50
Mint, dozen . . . . .		0.60
Mushrooms, 4-lb basket . . . . .		2.50
Oyster plant, dozen . . . . .	1.00	1.25
Onions:—		
Reds, 100 lb. bags . . . . .	3.75	4.00
Spanish, case . . . . .		6.50
Do., crates . . . . .		3.25
Parsnips . . . . .	1.90	1.25
Potatoes:—		
New Brunswick, 80 lbs., bags . . . . .		1.90
Sweet, hamper . . . . .		1.75
Radishes, doz. . . . .		0.40
Rhubarb, lb. . . . .		0.10
Spinach, New York, bbl. . . . .	3.25	3.50
Turnips, bag . . . . .		0.90
Tomatoes, hothouse, lb. . . . .	0.30	0.35
Tomatoes, Florida, doz. . . . .		3.25
Do, choice . . . . .		2.75
Watercress, Boston, hothouse, doz. . . . .		0.75

## WINNIPEG GRAIN RECEIPTS.

The receipts of grain at Winnipeg for the week ended April 29, 1916, compared with the previous week and the corresponding week a year ago were as follows:

	Apr. 29, 1916.	Apr. 22, 1916.	May 1, 1915.
No. 1 Hard . . . . .	1	1	...
No. 1 Northern . . . . .	1,678	1,221	...
No. 2 Northern . . . . .	528	546	...
No. 3 Northern . . . . .	465	309	...
No. 4 Northern . . . . .	181	165	...
No. 5 Northern . . . . .	65	59	...
No. 6 Northern . . . . .	31	15	...
Other grades . . . . .	229	189	...
Winter grades . . . . .	4	10	...
Total . . . . .	2,683	2,525	926
Flax . . . . .	819	735	186
Oats . . . . .	71	62	42
Barley . . . . .	94	80	79