

### Montreal Markets.

**Flour**—It now looks as if the market had touched bottom for the season, as under a good local demand prices have moved up 5 to 10c all round. A leading miller has placed a considerable amount of strong bakers for delivery during the next two weeks at \$5.10, which is an advance of 10c on the week. He has also placed large quantities of straight rollers at \$5 to be delivered at points in the Eastern Townships. The lowest price of straight rollers in this market is now \$4.70, some holders refusing to sell under \$4.75. Patent, winter, \$5.05 to \$5.30, patent, spring, \$5.15 to \$5.35; straight roller, \$4.70 to \$4.85; extra, \$4.40 to \$4.55; superfine, \$4.00 to \$4.25; fine, \$3.50 to \$3.75; city strong bakers, \$5.10; Manitoba bakers, \$4.60 to \$5.00; Ontario bags—extra, \$2.10 to \$2.20; superfine, \$2.00 to \$2.10.

**Oatmeal, etc.**—The market continues firm with an upward tendency in prices, in sympathy with the advance in oats. We quote: Granulated and rolled oats, \$4.30 to \$4.40 per barrel, and \$2.15 per bag; standard and fine oatmeal, \$4.20 to \$4.25 per barrel, and bags \$2.05 to \$2.10. Pot barley \$4.15. Pearl barley No. 1, \$7.25 per barrel.

**Wheat**—Quite a lot of Ontario wheat has been shipped to England, on the basis of \$1.04 to \$1.05 here. No. 2 Manitoba hard wheat, is quoted at \$1.06 to \$1.07, and No. 3 do at 97c to 98c.

**Mill Feed**—Ontario bran \$14 to \$14.50 as to quality and quantity; shorts, \$16 to \$17; middlings, \$19 to \$20, and moulee \$22 to \$25.

**Oats**—The market is firm, sales of car lots having been made at 36½c to 37c per 34 lbs, some holders refusing to sell at the outside figure.

**Barley**—The market is firm and higher, No. 3 being quoted at 55c to 56c, and No. 3 extra at 57c to 58c, and No. 2 at 60c to 62c. Feed barley 48 to 52c.

**Cured Meats**—Canada short cut mess pork, per bbl., \$16 to \$17; mess pork, American, per bbl., \$14.50 to \$15; extra mess beef, per bbl., \$14.50 to \$15; hams, city cured, per lb., 10½ to 11c; lard, pure in pails, per lb., 9½ to 10c; lard, compound in pails, per lb., 7½ to 7¾c; bacon, per lb., 9½ to 10c; shoulders, per lb., 8½ to 9c.

**Dressed Hogs**—We hear the sale of a car to arrive for this market at \$5.75 f.o.b. west of Toronto, which is equal to \$6.10 here; the sale has also been reported of a car at \$5.75 laid down here, and we quote jobbing lots at \$6 per 100 lbs. Packers, however, say they cannot cut up hogs at these prices.

**Eggs**—Selected fresh stock has sold at 17 to 18c, with limed selling at 15 to 16c. Country limed stock has sold at 14½ to 15c. The export demand keeps up splendidly.

**Dressed Poultry**—Turkeys 9 to 10c; chickens 5½ to 7c; geese 5 to 6c and ducks 8 to 9c per lb. It is expected that a good demand will be experienced soon for the English market.

**Cheese**—The general tenor of the market since our last report has been one of improvement, with a increase of orders from the other side for finest goods, the sale of a lot of 1,047 boxes occurring yesterday on this market at 10½c, a few lots of underpriced goods having been picked up at 9½c to 10c. As we go to press there is a much firmer feeling, 10½c to 10 3/16c having been paid at Brockville.

**Butter**—A good steady business has been accomplished for export account at firm prices, 23½c to 24c having been paid for choice late made creamery, but holders are now asking 25c for October made, and we quote 23c to 24½c. Eastern Township dairy is scarce especially for fine fall ends, and prices may be quoted at 19c to 21c, and the same for good to choice Morrisburg. Western is steady at 15c to 17c, and Kamoraska at 16c to 16½c. The English market keeps very firm with advancing prices.

**Apples**—All offerings this week were readily disposed of at \$2.00 to \$2.10 for fair to good winter varieties. Evaporated apples.—The sale of a round lot was made at 6c per lb laid down here but the quality was not good. Car lots of good fruit are offered at 6c f.o.b. in the West which is equal to about 6½c laid down here, and we quote jobbing lots 6½ to 7c per lb. Dried apples steady at 4½c to 5c per lb as to quantity and quality.

**Hides**—No. 1, 5c; No. 2, 4c; No. 3, 3c; tanners pay 1c more; lambskins, 75c; calfskins, 7c.—*Trade Bulletin*, Nov. 13th.

### Coalescing Implement Companies.

It is but a few months since the announcement was made that the large Canadian implement manufacturing companies of A. Harris, Son & Co., and the Massey Manufacturing company, would be amalgamated, under the name of Massey Harris company. The amalgamation of these companies was effected on the first of the present month. Very recently the announcement was made that the implement manufacturing concerns of Patterson Bros. & Co. and J.O. Wisner, Sons & Co. had been merged in one corporation, under the name of the Patterson-Wisner Company. Last week the surprising announcement was made, that negotiations had been concluded for the amalgamation of the new companies of Massey-Harris and Patterson-Wisner, thus forming one stupendous implement manufacturing concern. The different factories will be used each for a special line of implements, and by the fusion of so much capital in one concern, it is expected that the company will be enabled to turn out a superior class of implements, at a lower cost. It is stated that the new company will be in a position to place its manufactures upon the market for next season, at considerably lower prices than have heretofore ruled.

The effect of the union will be to considerably reduce the implement agencies throughout the country. Instead of three or four agencies at each country point, but one will now be necessary. Fewer men will therefore be necessary as agents, competition will be reduced, to the advantage of the farmers as well as the dealers, and a large amount of capital invested in country warehouses will be released. In Manitoba this year competition with imported implements has been quite keen, and the union of these strong concerns should enable the new company to compete on very advantageous terms with any outside manufacturers.

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