

Toronto Markets.

Flour—The only sale of graded flours to day was a straight roller at \$1.30 Toronto freights.

Bran—Firmly held at outside mills at \$11.50 to \$12, with offerings light. Bids of \$11 were freely made. One local mill has advanced figures to \$13, and \$13.50 for broken lots.

Wheat—Was quiet but with rather more enquiry from millers. Standard to straight winter sold at 90c north and west and at 91c on the Midland. Heavy spring sold on the Midland at 92c. Goose steady and in demand on export account at 82c. Odd cars No. 2 hard sold at \$1.05 west. On call No. 2 hard offered at \$1.05 west with \$1.03 bid and \$1 here.

Barley—Two-rowed is being picked up at 55c outside for average samples, though the range may be given at 48 to 53c. Purchases of six-rowed were made at 43c for No. 3 extra outside, and 50 to 51c for No. 1. A cargo grading about No. 2 sold at a lake Ontario point at 50c.

Oats—Were quiet and just a turn easier. Mixed sold on track at 35c and east at 31 to 32c.

Oatmeal—Firm and in demand at \$3.99 to \$4 on track in car lots per barrel.

Grain and flour—Car prices are: Flour (Toronto freights)—Manitoba patents, \$5.30 to \$5.40; Manitoba strong lakera, \$4.90 to \$5.00; Ontario patents, \$4.35 to \$4.40; straight roller, \$4.20 to \$4.30; extra, \$3.90 to \$4; low grades, \$2.00 to \$3.75. Bran—\$12.50 Shorts—\$14.00 to \$15.00. Wheat—White, 95 to 96c; spring, 94 to 95c; red winter, 95 to 96c; goose, 84 to 86c; No. 1 hard, \$1.03; No. 2 hard, \$1.04 to \$1.06; No. 3 hard, 93c. Peas—No. 2 65 to 67c. Barley—No. 1, 53 to 55c; No. 2, 50 to 52c; No. 3 extra, 47 to 48c. Corn—70 to 71c. Buckwheat—48 to 50c. Rye—83 to 85c. Oats—34 to 36c.

Produce—Quotations were: Beans, \$1.50 to \$1.60; potatoes, per bag, 40 to 45c on track, 50 to 60c out of store; onions, \$1.75 to \$2.25; hops, 13 to 16c; dried apples, 4½ to 5½c; evaporated do., 6½c; eggs, fresh, 17 to 18c, do limed, 14 to 15c; hay, \$11.00 to \$11.50 for timothy, \$9 to \$10 for mixed; straw, \$6 to \$6.50; chickens, 30 to 50c; ducks, 40 to 60c; turkeys, per lb, 9 to 10c; geese, per lb, 5 to 6½c.

Dressed hogs and provisions—Deliveries were much more liberal and values declined about 25c per cwt. Packers were not anxious buyers. Choice weights were bought at \$5.50. Values ranged from that down to \$5 for light weights. Quotations were: Mess pork, United States, \$14.00 to \$14.50; short cut, \$16.50 to \$17.00; bacon, long clear, per pound, 8½c; lard, Canada, tubs and pails, 10 to 10½c; compound do, 8½ to 8¾c; smoked meats—hams, per lb, new 11 to 12c; bellies, per lb, 10½ to 12c; rolls, per lb, 8½ to 9c; backs, per lb, 10½ to 11c; dressed hogs, \$5.00 to \$5.50 per cwt.

Dairy products—Butter was steady and in good demand. All good grades were wanted at 17 to 20c. Mediums also sold well at 14 to 16c. No sales of large lots were reported. Quotations were: Butter, good to choice northern and western, 18 to 20c; dairy, medium to good, 15 to 17c; common, 10 to 14c; creamery, tubs, 24 to 26c; rolls, 25 to 27c. Cheese, 10 to 10½c.

Fruits—Prices are: Quinces, 30 to 40c per basket; peaches, 45 to 75c per basket; apples,

per bbl, \$1.50 to 2.50; pears, common, 30 to 40c per basket; Duchess, per bbl, \$2.25 to \$3.00; cantaloupes, \$1 to \$1.25 per bbl; grapes, Niagaras, 3 to 3½c; Rogers, 1½ to 2c; Concordis, 2 to 2½c; Malagas, \$5.00 to \$5.50 per barrel; sweet potatoes, per bbl, Jerseys, \$2.75 to \$3.75; cranberries, \$8.50 to \$9.00, per barrel, \$3 to \$3.25 per box; Spanish onions, \$1.00 to \$1.10 per crate.

Hides—Buyers have at last agreed to a reduction in the prices of green hides. Nearly a month ago a reduction was proposed, but buyers differed on whether it should be ¼ or ½c, and it was not until yesterday that it was agreed to make the decline ¼c. Buyers' prices are now based upon 4½c for No. 1 cows, and 5½c for No. 1 steers. Cured are dull and hard to sell; buyers are holding off. Cars offer at 5½c, but the last sale shows that ½c would willingly be accepted. Quotations are: Hides, cured 5½c to 5¾c; green, steers, 60 lbs and up, No. 1, 5½c; do, steers, 60 lbs and up No. 2, 4½c; do, steers, 60 lbs and up, No. 3, 3½c; cows, No. 1, 4½c; do, cows, No. 2, 3½c; do, cows, No. 3, 2½c. Skins—Pelts and lambskins, 75c; veales, 8 lbs and up, green, No. 1, 7c; do, 6 lbs and up, green, No. 2, 5c; do, 3 lbs and up, cured, 8 to 9c. Tallow, 5½ to 6c for rendered; 2c for rough.

Wool—Fleece, unwashed, 10 to 12c; rejects, 13 to 16; combing, 18 to 19c; clothing, 20 to 21c; do, pure down, 22 to 24c; pulled, super, 22 to 23c; do, extra, 26 to 28c.

Grain and Milling.

A bonus of \$4,000 has been offered towards the erection of a grist mill, at Killarney, Man., also a free grant of land for the mill site free of taxation.

Johnston & Co.'s Pioneer Oatmeal Mill, at Portage la Prairie, will be operated at once. The final touches to the machinery have been made. The mill is one of the finest west of Winnipeg.

A by-law granting a bonus of \$6,000 to a flour mill proposed to be erected in Winnipeg by D. H. McMillan & Bro., will be submitted to a vote of the ratepayers of the municipality of Springfield.

Smith & Brigham, millers, Moosomin, Assa., have been awarded contracts for supplying flour for the ensuing year to the Indian reserve at Moose Mountain and also to the Blackfoot north and south reserves.

The big Pillsbury-Washburn milling company, of Minneapolis, which was a corporation formed as a result of the craze among British capitalists to invest in United States securities, has not been a paying concern the last year. The cause is charged to speculation in wheat, and the British investors now demand that the Minneapolis managers be put under greater restraint.

We are in receipt of advices from St. John, N.B., says the *Montreal Trade Bulletin*, to the effect that western millers are extending their credit in the lower provinces, as some of them have been selling flour on 30 and even 60 days, which demonstrates how keen the competition of milling is becoming. It will be a great pity if the ruinous credit system gets a hold in the milling trade.

A correspondent at Grenfell, Assa., writes: "Results far beyond former expectations reach us from the threshing machines. Thirty bushels to the acre of wheat is probably the lowest we

shall hear of, while as the grain is turning out 30 to 40 bushels will be no exaggerated average, and 75 per cent. will grade No. 2 hard or better." Many other reports from various points say that threshing is turning out better than expected.

Letters patent have been issued incorporating Geo. Tweed, Wm. Davis, Wm. Werry, Wm. Butchart, Jas. Laidlaw, Robt. McKay, Wm. Robertson, Peter McLaron and Thomas Greenway, all of the municipality of Louise, under the name of "The Southern Manitoba Farmers' Elevator and Milling Company, Limited." They will do business at Crystal City. The capital stock is \$10,000, divided into 400 shares of \$25 each.

A war in insurance rates on grain was opened Tuesday, says the *Minneapolis Northwestern Miller*, of October 30. The companies are now at it without any prospect of peace until the Straits of Mackinac freeze over. The cause of the trouble was the discovery that one member of the board of marine underwriters had been cutting grain rates. The board met Tuesday and decided upon a new tariff, going into effect that evening. It makes a reduction right through the list of 20c.

Brackman & Kerr's new oatmeal mill at Victoria, B. C., has a daily capacity of a little over twenty tons of oats. The product will be sent out in bags of 10, 50 and 100 pounds, and the firm are able to handle and turn out rolled wheat, oatmeal, graham flour, rolled oats, rye flour, pearl barley, split peas, and cornmeal. The cost of the property is over \$30,000. A well built, substantial structure is the storehouse, which stands at the side of the mill. It is of brick, and the floor is made with the best cement, to guard as much as possible against any dampness. The building has a storage capacity of 500 tons, and contains every convenience generally found for facilitating the rapid ingress and egress of goods. The mill is a building very well designed and, externally, of handsome appearance. It is about 85 feet in height, and, including the basement, contains five stories. Each story is 70 feet long by 50 feet wide, and wide flights of stairs give easy access to each level.

Assiniboia.

Threshing operations are now in full swing, says the *Fort Qu'Appelle Vidette*, and the results of the harvest in some localities are proved to be even greater than were at first anticipated. We hear of some fields averaging 46 bushels to the acre.

On Thursday morning another flow of natural gas was struck in the well now being sunk at Medicine Hat, by the Canadian Pacific Co. The *Times* says: "The flow is not very strong, but it burns with a clear dry flame. Work is still going on and it is expected that the strong flow struck in the citizens' well will be reached in a short time."

Prediction regarding the throwing up of cattle space on regular line boats was verified today, says the *Montreal Gazette* of October 28, to the evident satisfaction of both the shippers and steamship men. The lower docks where cattle were carried will now be utilized for other freight, which is coming forward very freely and cattle will only be carried on the spar decks and at a lower rate of freight.