

TORONTO WHOLESALE MARKETS.

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CATTLE AND SHEEP. The receipts of live stock have been limited, and prices in consequence are firm. Choice export cattle are firm at about 6c. per lb. for spring delivery, but shipments at present are almost confined to American stock. Good butchers' cattle are worth 4 1/2c. to 5c., but should the supply increase, the latter would probably not be paid. Ordinary cattle sell at 3 1/2c. to 4c. The supply of sheep and lambs is restricted and prices firm at 5c. for the former, and 5 1/2c. to 6c. for the latter. Calves are in light receipt and firm at 9c. per lb. dressed weight.

FLOUR AND MEAL. - The flour market is firm. Transactions have been few on account of the high prices asked, and offerings were limited as holders were unwilling to sell. Choice Superior Extra sold two days ago at \$4.60 and \$4.75. Extra is nominal at \$4.50 to \$4.60. Bran is in better demand and higher, sales being reported at \$14. Oatmeal is firm; offerings small, and demand fair, with sales of choice cars at equal to \$4.92 1/2 and \$4.95 and ordinary worth \$4.80. Cornmeal is quiet and firm, with barrel lots worth \$3.75 to \$4.

GRAIN. - Business fairly active and the general tone strong. Receipts of wheat are more liberal, the stock of barley shows a decrease. Wheat has been in good demand. The unsettled feeling in Chicago for some time has induced buyers here to hold off. The transactions reported are few, but a good deal has been bought outside by our exporters. Recently car lots of No. 1 fall sold at \$1.07, No. 2 at \$1.05, No. 3 at \$1.03, and goes at 9c. On Monday No. 2 fall sold at \$1.06, and Wednesday 5,000 bushels of the same grade at \$1.05. Spring is also easier, with prices at the close nominal at \$1.08 for No. 2. Barley has been quiet on light receipts, there is a fair enquiry from the United States and round lots are held at an advance, sales were made on Friday and Saturday of No. 2 at 7 1/2c., and No. 3 extra at 6 1/2c. and 6c. The last few days transactions were made at 7c. for No. 1 to 7 1/2c. and 7 3/4c. for No. 2, and at 6c. for No. 3 extra. No. 3 is worth 5 1/2c. to 5 3/4c. according to location. Oats were very scarce last week, and 45c. were paid for a car load, which was needed badly. On Monday cars of western sold at 43 1/2c. on track and yesterday there were offers at 44c. but no transactions reported. Peas are in good demand for shipment at 75c. to 76c., but offerings are limited, car lots of No. 2 will bring about 50c. Rye quiet, with a moderate demand but no offering, prices are nominal at 60c.

HIDES AND SKINS. - The receipts of hides are plentiful but as a rule they are of an inferior quality. There has been but a moderate demand for cured, which are unchanged at 7 1/2c. for car lots of cows, green bring 7c. for cows and 5c. for steers. Sheepskins are firm with supplies moderate choice will bring \$1.25 to \$1.35 and country lots \$1. Calfskins are almost nominal, with few offerings yet.

PROVISIONS. - The movement has been moderate and prices show firmness. Stocks are generally full. Butter, a good enquiry for choice tubs at about 22c., but the offerings of it are limited. Ordinary tubs will bring 20c., and large rolls from 15c. to 18c. Inferior lots are quoted at 13c. Cheese is in demand and slightly firmer than last week, ordinary lots are worth 12 1/2c. and the best 13 1/2c. Eggs are slightly easier, the demand being less active, they are quoted at 90c. to \$1. Eggs fair receipt and steady, fresh sell at 26c. to 27c. in case lots, and pickled are 23c. to 24c. Beans are rather firmer, with a moderate demand at \$1.70 to \$1.75, sales of barrel lots are being made at \$1.90 to \$2. Potatoes inactive, with car lots worth about 65c. per bag. Bacon is firm, with good enquiry; round lots of long clear are held at 11c. and small lots at 11 1/2c.; C. C. is unchanged at 10c. to 10 1/2c. Lard firm, with a sale of a round lot of sweet pickled at 11 1/2c. March delivery, smoked ranges at 15c. to 13 1/2c. Lard unchanged, tubs sell at 13 1/2c. and pails at 14c. Pork inactive and steady with Canadian worth \$21 and American \$2.50 to \$22. Hops are in good demand, and firm, with offerings limited. Good car lots, averaging 2 1/2c., bring 8 1/2c. and choice \$9.10 to \$9.15; light weights are quoted at \$7.90.

FELLS. The export trade in Cloves is now about over, and dealers have had a very fair season. There is said to be little held in the country and receipts here during the year have been almost nil. Cloves range from \$7.25 to \$7.75, according to quality, and sticks is \$9 to \$12. Timbely is in fair offer and steady at \$2 to \$2.25.

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