

## Toronto Markets.

Flour.—Rather more enquiry was reported, but prices were too low to suit sellers' views. For 93 per cent. \$1.25 was bid, with sellers at \$1.35. Straight roller was quiet at \$1.

Millfeed.—Quiet and easy with plenty offering. There were sellers to-day at \$13 Toronto freights for bran, and some shorts were also offered at the same price.

Wheat.—Steadier with more enquiry, but not many transactions resulted. Spring white and red sold at 87c straight north and west. No. 1 hard sold at \$1.02 North Bay and with grinding in transit privileges at \$1.04 to \$1.05. No. 2 hard offered at 97½c to arrive North Bay with 96½c bid; 95c was bid for 20 cars or any part February or March delivery. Three cars No. 3 hard sold at 87½c North Bay; more offered at 89c, with 85c bid. No. 1 regular offered at 78c North Bay, with 76½c bid. No. 3 regular sold at 60c North Bay.

Barley.—Steady, with a fair enquiry from all sources. A number of sales were put through on local and American account, but terms were generally private. No. 3 extra sold on track here at 49 and 49c. Manitoba feed offered at 43c to arrive North Bay, with 40c bid.

Peas.—Were dull but steadier on firmer cables. There were enquiries for blackeyes and mummies, and 30 to 31c was bid for the latter.

Oats.—Were sold at lower prices, 10,000 bushels white going at 23c on the Midland; for export, odd cars mixed were bought at the same price; outside, on spot business was dull at 31 to 32c.

Grain and flour.—Car prices are: Flour—Manitoba patents, \$5.25 to \$5.50; Manitoba strong bakers', \$4.80 to \$4.85; Ontario patents, \$4.60 to \$4.90; straight roller, \$3.95 to \$4; extra, \$3.80 to \$3.85, low grades, per bag, \$1.25 to \$1.75. Bran—\$14 to \$15. Shorts—\$15 to \$16. Wheat—white, 85 to 87c; spring, 85 to 87c; red winter, 85 to 87c; goose, 78 to 78c; No. 1 hard, \$1.01 to \$1.02; No. 2 hard, 97 to 93c; No. 3 hard, 87 to 88c; No. 1 regular, 77 to 78c; No. 2 regular, 66 to 67c. Peas—No. 2, 59 to 60c. Barley—No. 1, 55 to 56c; No. 2, 50 to 51c; No. 3 extra, 48 to 49c; No. 3, 46 to 47c; two-rowed, 64 lbs, averaging about No. 3 extra in color (outside), 53 to 57c. Corn—50 to 52c. Buckwheat—48 to 50c. Rye—75 to 78c. Oats—31 to 32c.

Apples, dried.—Quiet and unchanged; dried are selling at 4 to 4½c in large lots, 4½ to 4¾c in small jobbing lots. Evaporated are firm but slow at 7½ to 8½c. Apples, green, per bbl., \$1.50 to \$2.

Eggs.—Firm. Fresh case lots are held at from 17 to 19c for reliable stock. Lined are not so active at 14 to 15c; offering very light.

Hides, etc.—Trade quiet, but some little business in cured at 5c. Green are quoted at 4½c; No. 2 at 3c, No. 3 at 2½c. Skins.—Offerings of sheep and lambskins only moderate. The best fresh green skins are bringing from \$1.05 to \$1.15. Calfskins are dull with light receipts at 5 to 7c.

Dressed meats.—Offerings were light to-day and prices firmer. Beef sells: Fores, 4½ to 5½c; hinds, 7½ to 8½c; lamb, 8 to 8½c; mutton, 6½ to 7½c; veal, 8 to 8½c.

Poultry.—Receipts to-day small and dealers pretty well cleared out. Turkeys were firmer at 11½ to 12c; geese sold at 8 to 9c; chickens at 50 to 70c per pair for good fresh stock.

Tallow.—Unchanged and quiet. Offerings are taken at 5½c and handled by dealers at 6c.

Wool.—There is no change in the situation of the wool market. Dealers here are carrying heavy stocks, which have been accumulating for some time, the customary demand from American markets having been much lighter than usual and at the present time very dull. Super-pulled wool is quoted at 21 to 22c; extra-pulled at 25½ to 27c per lb.

Produce.—Quotations were: Beans, per bushel, car lots, \$1 to \$1.15; out of store, \$1.30 to \$1.40. Hay—Timothy, on track, \$11.50 to \$12. Straw—\$6 to \$6.50 in car lots. Hops—Canadian, 1891 crop, 18 to 22c. Honey—Extracted, 9 to 10c; combs, 14 to 15c. Onions—Native, per bbl., \$1.75 to \$2.25 out of store. Potatoes—Per bag, on track, 35c; out store, 45 to 50c. Turnips, on track, 12 to 15c. Seeds—Alsike, primo to choice, \$5.50 to \$6; extra to fancy, \$6.25 to \$6.50; red clover, \$5.25 to \$5.50 per bushel for western Ontario; \$5.50 to \$5.75 per bushel northern and eastern; timothy, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per bushel.

Dressed hogs.—Prices were firm at \$6 to \$6.10 for average weights, small lots. No quotations on cars were reported.

Cured meats.—Quotations are as follows: Mess pork, United States, \$13.50 to \$14.00; do; Canadian (new), \$15.00; short cut, \$15.50 to \$16.25; bacon, long clear, per pound, 7½ to 7¾c; lard, Canada, tubs and pails, 9 to 9½c, compound, do, 8 to 8½c; smoked meats—hams, per pound (new), 10½ to 11c; bellies, per pound 9½ to 10c; rolls, per pound, 8½ to 8¾c; backs, per pound, 10½c; dressed hogs, \$5.00 to \$6.10 per cwt.

Butter.—Receipts were better to-day, but the limited supplies do not allow any accumulation of stocks. Large rolls were principally offered, the best being held at 17c; but the bulk of the offerings let go at from 15 to 16c, the quality being anything but satisfactory. Dairy tubs are exceedingly scarce, and the offerings are not sufficiently large to meet the requirements of the local trade. Common butter, under light receipts and a strong demand, is firmer at 13 to 15c.

Cheese.—Unchanged. Best fail makers are held at 11½ to 12c. Summer cheese is dull at 9½ to 10½c.

Canned goods.—That packers are almost, if not entirely, sold out of corn, peas and tomatoes is proven by the fact that they are sending all letters of enquiry from jobbers in different parts of the country to the wholesale firms here, who made the most extensive purchases. —*Empire*, Feb. 13.

## Montreal Markets.

Flour.—The market is very quiet, and prices, on the whole are on the easy side. What is wanted is the abolition of the Newfoundland duty, and some think that it will be reduced to the old figure if not wholly rescinded. Of course, if the duty remains as it is, the trade, during the coming season, will be simply handed over to the United States. Already sales have been made of United States straight rollers for shipment from this port at opening of navigation at equal to about \$4.50 to \$4.60 laid down here. Until the Newfoundland difficulty is settled, the market will naturally favor the buying interest. Stocks of Manitoba flour are said to be large and in order to make sales, sellers find it imperative to make concessions. Patent winter, \$4.95 to \$5.10; patent spring, \$5.00 to \$5.15; straight roller, \$4.55 to \$4.65; extra, \$4.15 to \$4.25; superfine, \$3.90 to \$4.15; fine, \$3.30 to 3.60; city strong bakers' \$4.90 to \$5.00; Manitoba strong bakers', \$4.50 to \$4.75.

Oatmeal.—The market is very weak and unsettled under liberal receipts and ample stocks, sales of round lots of standard in bags being reported as low as \$2, but in a jobbing way \$2.05 is obtainable. In barrels, standard has sold at \$4.00 to 4.10 as to quantity. Granulated and rolled is quoted in bags at \$2.10 in a jobbing way.

Wheat.—The spot market is very quiet, the few lots offering being extremely difficult to sell. No. 2 hard Manitoba wheat is offered here at 98c per bushel without finding buyers, and No. 3 is offered at 90c. There has been more demand for milling purposes in Ontario, with sales of red and white winter at 87c for straight and 85 cents for standard in the west.

Mill feed.—Business is quiet, with a few sales reported at \$15 to 16. Shorts, \$17 to 18, and Moulie \$21 to 25 as to grade.

Barley.—Feed barley is worth about 45c here, and malting grades run all the way from 55 to 61c as to quality.

Oats.—The market is quiet and easy, and sales are difficult to make without concessions. No. 2 white oats are quoted at 32 to 33c per 34 lbs. and undergrades 30 to 31c.

Butter.—There has been a sharp perpendicular drop in the English butter market, cable advices reporting a decline of 8 to 9s in Danish at a single clap. This is said to be owing to the large arrivals of A stipodean and continental. In this market actual sales of eastern townships have been made at 18 to 20c, all the finest lots having been exhausted, leaving only seconds for sale. Western has sold at 16 to 17½c and creamery at 23½ to 25c. It now appears that the supply will suffice for all home requirements after all.

Dressed hogs.—The market has held very steady during the past week at \$6.50 per 100lbs for car lots.

Cheese.—The market continues very strong under rapidly decreasing supplies, further sales of finest having taken place on this market at 11½ to 11¾c, with sales of underpriced goods at 11c. It is estimated that not more than 10,000 boxes remain unsold in this city, which is something remarkable for this early season of the year. The oldest cheese men in the trade say they never remember such a clean up of stock by the middle of February.

Eggs.—Shipments have been made from this city to Boston, Providence and New York. Sales have been made of lined stock in this market at 13 to 15 cents, and some poor held fresh have sold at 12c. New laid have sold at 20 to 22c.

Apples.—There is quite a lot of stock offering from the west at \$1.70 to \$2 per bbl, f.o.b., as shippers appear more disposed to take their chances at home than consigning to the English market. In this market there have been sales of round lots of winter varieties at \$1.95 to \$2.25 per bbl.

Hides.—No. 1, 5½c; No. 2, 4c; tanners are paying ½c more; lambskins, 30c to \$1; calfskins, 6c.—*Trade Bulletin*, Feb. 12.

## Freight Rates and Traffic.

The *Chicago Trade Bulletin* of Feb. 15th, says: There was a slight improvement in the railroad situation during the past week. The reduced arrivals of grain enabled the western roads to handle it more readily, and also gave the east bound roads a chance to clear away part of the accumulated business. The latter, however, although in slightly better shape, are far from being clear. Rail rates remained steady at 25c for flour and grain and 30c for provisions to New York. Through business was light, but a little more transpired than during the previous week. Through rates to Liverpool were weaker and lower, owing to the decline in ocean freights. Flour ranged at 34½ to 37½c; grain at 34½c; and provisions at 45 to 47½c. Lake freights were dull at 3½c for wheat and 3½c for corn to Buffalo.

Band & McDonald, formerly of the mills at Pilot Mound, have moved to St. Leon, Man., and will run the mill at that place.

## SPECIAL TRADE NOTICE.

THE room in which a number of friends pass the evening smoking either cigars or inferior tobacco will have an unpleasant odor next morning. Let the same friends smoke only the "Myrtle Navy" and they will find quite a difference in the room next morning. If it is reasonably ventilated, as with a fire place for instance, no unpleasantness whatever will be found. The purity and fine quality of the leaf used is the reason of this.