TORONTO WHOLESALE MARKETS.

OFFICE RURAL CANADIAN,
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CATTLE.—The market has been fairly supplied during the past week, but receipts are chiefly composed of poor to medium stock. Really choice steers are scarce, and they will bring good figures. Offerings are confined to grass-fed cattle, and the range in prices is from 4c. to 5c. Good butchers' cattle, weighing 1,000 lbs. to 1,100 lbs., sell at 4¾c., and ordinary at 4c. to 4½c. The supply of *sheep* has been larger than usual this week, and prices continue steady. Sales of choice have been made at 5½c., and of ordinary at 5c. The supply of *lambs* is equal to the demand, and prices are lower than they were a fortnight ago. Sales have been made at from $2.50 to $4 a head. In *calves* the offerings have been fair and values steady. First-class, or those that dress 140 lbs. or over, sell at $12 to $15 a head, and those that dress 100 lbs. $9 to $10 each. The supply of *hogs* continues small, and prices are steady at 7c. to 7½c. per lb.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—The Egyptian war has had some effect on bread-stuffs, inasmuch as holders are asking much higher prices. Business, however, although probably better than last week, has been restricted on account of the advance. Dealers generally are of the opinion that prices will eventually decline on account of the large harvest expected. In *flour* there has been an improved demand, with a larger movement than for some time back. Prices are higher, in sympathy with the Montreal market, but dealers do not expect that they will continue. On Friday there were sales of 500 barrels of old standard superior extra at $5.65 to $5.70, and of new extra at $5.67½. On Saturday sales of superior extra, old standard, were made at $5.65, $5.70, and $5.75, and on Monday fresh ground extra sold at $5.80. Yesterday $5.85 was bid for superior extra, and spring extra offered at $5.85, with $5 70 bid. To-day business was quiet at unchanged prices. There has been a moderate demand for *oatmeal*, and prices remain firm on limited offerings. Car lots are worth $5 to $5.10, and small lots $5.15 to $5.50. In *cornmeal* the only business doing is in small lots at $4.15 to $4.25.

GRAIN.—The transactions in *wheat* have not been very large. Values are slightly firmer, on account of the higher prices in Britain, but the movement has been restricted, buyers and sellers being apart. The latter part of last week a car of No. 2 fall sold at $1.24 on track, and yesterday it was held at $1.27, with buyers at about $1.25. No. 2 spring is in little demand, with prices firmer at $1.32, at which price several cars sold to-day. There was also a sale of No. 2 fall at $1.25 f. o. c. to-day. Business in *barley* has been almost wholly neglected, and prices are purely nominal. There has been a fair demand for *oats*, and prices have been sustained. Sales have been made almost daily of Western at 49c. on track. No business reported in *rye*. The prices of *corn* are firm at 93c. to 95c., in sympathy with the west, but no transactions are reported.

PROVISIONS.—The receipts of *butter* have not been equal to the demand, and prices consequently have advanced. There have been a good many empty tubs sent to the country, and holders there have packed considerable quantities. The export demand is not quite as keen as it was, owing to the high prices asked, but there are a few buyers at 17c. to 18c. for choice selections. The local supply being insufficient for the wants of the trade, choice tub has risen to 19c. to 20c., and pound rolls on the street sold as high as 25c. on Monday. Since then, however, dealers are not paying over 23c. for the latter. Medium lots, in large rolls or tub, sell at 15c. to 17c. The price of *bacon* keeps very firm, in sympathy with the Western States markets. There has been a fair demand, but the business consisted chiefly of small jobbing lots. Car lots of long clear may be quoted at 13c., and sales of smaller quantities have been made at 13¾c. to 14c., the latter, however, being an exceptional price. Cumberland cut jobs at 12½c. to 12¾c. Rolls are worth 13½c. to 14c., but there are very few in the market. The demand for cheese is good, and stocks have been considerably reduced. Factory lots sell at 10¾c., and jobbing lots at 11½c. to 12c. The demand for *hams* has been fair the past week and prices firm. Two cars of sweet pickled sold the latter part of last week at equal to 14c. laid down here, and smoked and canvassed job at 15c. to 15½c. The trade in *lard* has been good, and prices are steady. There is a moderate jobbing trade at 15½c. for Canadian, and 16c. for American refined. The *pork* market is quiet, with prices firm. Sales of five and six barrel lots are reported at $24.75 to $25.

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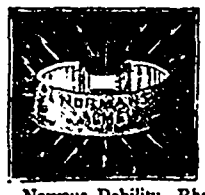

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