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Montreal Grain and Produce Market.

Flour.—The flour market has become quite excited and prices continue to bound upward with surprising celerity. Straight rollers have been sold at \$1.65 and \$1.75, and the buyer offered to take 10,000 bbls. at the outside figure. To be on a parity with this price, strong bakers should be \$5 and spring patents \$5.15. The market, however, is in that strong and excited condition that holders scarcely know what to ask. At the beginning of the week sales of straight rollers were made at \$1.50, but buyers to-day would have to pay \$1.75. As we go to press \$5.00 and \$5.25 have been paid for straight rollers and \$5.00 for strong bakers. Spring patent \$5.15; winter patent \$5.25 to \$5.35; straight roller \$5.00 to \$5.25; city strong bakers \$5.00. Manitoba bakers \$1.75 to \$5.00 Ontario bags—extra \$2.05 to \$2.10; straight rollers, bags, \$2.45 to \$2.55.

Oatmeal.—The market for rolled oats and granulated was decidedly firmer, with an upward tendency in prices, and car lots on track are quoted at \$1.10 to \$1.15. In a jobbing way we quote prices as follows:—Rolled and granulated \$1.15 to \$1.25; standard \$1.10 to \$1.20. In bags, granulated and rolled are quoted at \$2.05 to \$2.10, and standard at \$1.95 to \$2.00. Pet barley \$3.75 in bbls. and \$1.75 in bags, and split peas \$3.50 to \$3.60.

Bran, etc.—The market for bran is steady under a good inquiry. Sales of car lots have been made at \$15.75, but it is said \$16 is the lowest figure it could be bought at to-day. We quote \$16 to \$16.25. Shorts are steady at \$18 at \$19, and moullie at \$21.00 to \$22.50.

Wheat.—The market on spot is firm, and No. 1 hard Manitoba is nominally quoted at 95 to 97c, and No. 2 red winter at 90c.

Oats.—Receipts continue very light, and under a good demand prices continue to move upward, an advance of 2½ to 3c having been established since our last report sales of car lots having been made at 45½ to 43½c and 41c in store, with prices likely to go higher.

Barley.—There is a somewhat firmer feeling in sympathy with the improvement in the west, and feed barley is quoted here at 53 to 51c, while some refuse to sell at the outside figure. Malting grades are quoted at 58 to 60c.

Pork, Lard, &c.—Holders are said to be more inclined to shade prices for round lots. Lard is in fair demand, with sales of car lots at \$1.40 to \$1.42½ per pair up to \$1.45 and \$1.50 for smaller lots. Bacon continues to go forward to England, and is in good demand locally. Canada short cut pork, per bbl., \$17.00 to \$18.00; Canada thin mess, per bbl., \$16 to \$16.50; Hams, per lb., 10 to 11c; Lard, pure, in pails, per lb., 9 to 9½c; lard,

compound, in pails, per lb., 7 to 7½c; bacon, per lb., 10 to 11c; shoulders, per lb., 8½c.

Butter.—Liberal offerings of May creamery are already being made; but as this quality is not very desirable for the English trade, buyers are not eager to take hold, and consequently what is not wanted for the local trade goes into cold storage, or is being held at the factory. A lot of 30 packages of fine fresh creamery was sold by an exporter at 14½c in this market, and we quote round lots at 14½ to 15c. In dairy butter, we hear of sales of eastern townships at 14c in lots of 20 to 30 tubs, while a lot of fresh western sold at 12c, a lot of white selling at 10c. In the west 8c is bid f.o.b. New butter: Creamery 14½ to 16c; townships 13 to 14½c; Morrisburg 13 to 14c; western 10 to 12c.

Cheese.—The receipts continue to show a material increase, week by week. The Quebec cheese which arrived by boat and rail on Monday sold at 6½c, a fraction more being got in one or two instances. Since then sales of finest western white and colored have been made at 6½ to 6¾c. At the country boards this week sales were made at 6½ to 6½-16c for a few picked lots, the rest being consigned. Next week will probably see some grass cheese on the market. Cable advices report sales of fancy old cheese in Liverpool at 10s, which is a big sag.

Eggs.—The receipts of eggs continue quite liberal, most of which are taken by picklers and packers at about 10 to 10½c.

Maple Products.—Market very quiet for syrup at 4½ to 4¾c per lb, choice 5c. Tins 55 to 60c. Sugar 6 to 7c and old 5 to 5½c.

Wool.—The wool market has not been so active this week, but some small sized parcels have been placed on a basis of 13 to 11c. In the country sales of Canadian fleeces were made on a basis of 19c to merchants in the surrounding districts; but as United States parties are active buyers of this wool, and as there is so far very little available stock to be had, higher prices are looked for, for the new clip. Prices here remain firm as follows: Greasy Cape 13 to 16c; Canadian fleeces 19 to 22c; Buenos Ayres scoured 25 to 31c. In Canada pulled wool 20c to 21½c is quoted for supers, extra 23 to 26c, Northwest wool 11 to 12c; B. C. 9 to 11c.

Hides.—The market keeps strong, with sales to dealers at 8c for No. 1 light, an occasional lot bringing 8½c. Sales to tanners have transpired, 9½c; but Quebec tanners it is said will not pay over 9c. The stocks of one or two dealers here are said to be accumulating; but they are holding for higher figures. A few days ago a western tanner bought a car of heavy steers in this market at 10c. A lot of 2,000 hides is being imported from England,—1,000 for Quebec and 1,000 for St. Hyacinthe. Sales of calfskins are reported at 8c to dealers, lambskins at 20c,

and clips at 10. We quote:—Light hides 8¢ for No. 1, 7c for No. 2 and 6c for No. 3; to tanners 9 to 9½c for No. 1. Heavy hides 8 to 9c; calfskins 8c; lambskins 20c; sheepskins 75c to \$1.00; clips 10c. Trade Bulletin, May 31.

Leather and Boots and Shoes.

Leather continues to advance in price, and is selling well at the rise, a lot of about 1,500 sides of Cipe sole being just placed on the Montreal market at 23c, and resold at once at 21c for Quebec account. A lot of 3,000 sides of No. 2 manufacturers' sole was also sold in Ontario for delivery in Quebec at 21c, which a few months ago could have been bought at 15c. In black leather the advance is still more remarkable, a lot of 1,000 to 1,100 sides of waxed upper changing hands in this city at 39c, the same quality being obtainable not long ago at 21c. Fine leather, such as Chrome kid Dongola and colored stock, are also appreciating in value to such an extent that holders refuse to enter into new contracts for round quantities, preferring to sell their customers just sufficient stock to cover immediate wants, as they cannot replace the goods at anything like present values. The improvement in the leather market has been somewhat akin to that of wheat, the advance in values having been rapid and steep in both instances, leather, however, retaining a decided advantage so far. Dealers here are constantly receiving communications from their correspondents in the west, instructing them to advance the price of both sole and black descriptions, basing their action on the rise in the price of hides, which has been much greater than that of leather. The market for the latter article is very strong, and shows no signs of wavering; but on the contrary there are indications of still higher figures, No. 2 sole being confidently expected to be up to 25c next month. Buyers who would not look at either sole or black before the advance set in are now hunting around for stock, and begging for a cut of ½c on the latest rise. There have been some splendid turnovers of late for those who hold the low priced stuff as well as those who bought and sold for quick profits. Leather for years past has been a byword for all that was dull and demoralized in business; but it has redeemed itself at last, and can proudly lay claim to the old adage, "there is nothing like leather."

Sorting orders in boots and shoes are coming in fairly well at the advance in prices, notwithstanding that customers kick like steers against the rise. They will have to pay more money next month however. A few fall orders have been booked by those who believe in the coming advance. The price of leather continues to advance and that of boots and shoes must go higher still.—Montreal Trade Bulletin.