

## Montreal Markets.

**Flour**—The strength in wheat has been infused into the flour market and holders are asking 10c higher prices. Western millers who last week sold straight rollers at \$3.40 in car lots on track here are now asking \$3.50 and \$3.55 for this same brands. A western Ontario miller writes as follows:—"I am paying 3 to 4c per bushel more for my wheat than I was some time ago, owing to the competition from exporters who have been buying up considerable wheat lately. The advance in the price of wheat has been equal to 15 to 20c per bbl in flour." Strong bakers are quoted firmer at \$4 to 4 15. We quote prices as follows:—Patent, spring, \$4 30 to 4 40; patent, winter, \$4 20 to 4 30; straight roller, \$3 45 to 3 65; extra, \$3.10 to 3.25; superfine, \$2.70 to 2 60; fine, \$2 35 to 2 50; city strong bakers, \$4.00 to 4 20; Manitoba bakers, \$3.50 to 4 05; Ontario bags—extra \$1.40 to 1.50; straight rollers, \$1.70 to 1 80; superfine, \$1 30 to 1.45; fine, \$1.10 to 1.20.

**Oatmeal**—We quote jobbing lots as follows: Rolled and granulated, \$4.15 to 4.20; standard \$3 95 to 4.05. In bags, granulated and rolled, \$2.00 to 2.10, and standard \$1 90 to 2.05.

**Mill feed**—The market is weaker and lower for bran, which is now quoted at \$16 to 16 50 in car lots, although one lot of Ontario bran sold as low as \$15 50. Shorts are quoted at \$17 00 to 17 50, and meal \$19 to 22 50.

**Wheat**—There has been a rise in Ontario and Manitoba wheat, No 2 hard being now held at Port Arthur at 74 to 75c alf at May, which is equal to \$3 to \$4 afloat here.

**Oats**—The market is about steady, with 36c asked May alf at. In store they are quoted at 33½ to 34½c per 34 lbs.

**Barley**—The market is quiet, with sales of feed at 49 to 42c. Milling grades are quoted at 50 to 55c.

**Pork, Lard, etc.**—The easier feeling noted last week in hog products has become more pronounced, and sales of good sized lots of Canada short cut have been made at \$20.75 to \$21.00, with smaller lots at \$21.25 to 21.50. Western mess would cost about \$20.50 to lay it down here, but there is none offering. The lard market is also easier with sales reported at \$2.10 per pail for compound, up to \$2.20. Offerings, however, have been made as low as \$1.95. Pure Canadian lard is selling at \$2.45 to 2.50. We quote: Canada short cut pork, barrel, \$20.75 to \$21.50; Canada clear mess, per barrel, \$20 to \$20.50; mess pork, American, new, per barrel, \$20.50 to \$21.00; extra mess beef, per barrel, \$14 to \$15; hams, city cured, per pound, 12½ to 13½c; lard, pure, in pails, per pound, 12½ to 13c; lard, compound, in pails, per pound, 10½ to 11c; bacon, per pound, 11½ to 12½c; shoulders, per pound, 10½ to 11c.

**Butter**—Quite a change has been experienced in the butter market since our last report, a considerable clearance of old dairy having been effected in a quiet way, and buyers who wanted a few lots of dairy for Newfoundland and the lower ports are surprised to find the market so bare. Between 400 and 500 packages of choice fall western were sold at 19 to 20c, and a round lot of Kamouraska was offered at 20c with 19c bid, sales have been made of this old creamery lately at 19 to 21c as to quality. New creamery and Eastern Townships dairy have been sold at 22 to 24c as to quality, one lot of dairy selling at 21c. The manner in which the old stocks have been cleared up is a great relief, as the market will be ready to receive the increasing receipts of new without being hampered with old supplies. Creamery, choice fall made, 20 to 21c; do, good, 19 to 20c; Eastern Townships dairy, choice fall, 20 to 21c; do, good, 19 to 20c; Morrisburg and Brockville, fall, 20c; Western fall, 18 to 20c; new creamery, 23 to 24c; new dairy, 22 to 23. There is some enquiry for nice fresh Western rolls, which have sold at 19 to 20c.

**Cheese**—A nominal quotation for hay cheese in this market is 10½ to 11c. A few lots of

this early made cheese has been disposed of in the west in small quantities for local purposes. One or two small sample lots, it is said, have been shipped via Portland. Old cheese nominal at 10½ to 11½c.

**Eggs**—Receipts have been liberal during the week, and prices have receded to 12½c. To-day, however, stocks are being worked off at 13c.

**Beans**—The market is steady at \$1.60 to 1.65 for western hand picked, and \$1.25 to 1.50 for ordinary to good. Inferior sells at \$1 00 to 1.10.

**Hides**—The hide market is still unsettled, dealers paying 5 to 5½, and in some cases 5½, although they can get no more than the outside figure from tanners. Sales of car loads are reported for Quebec account at 5½c for No. 1 and 4½c for No. 2. Heavy steers are firm at 7½c for No. 1 and 6½c for No. 2. Calfskins are still firm, with sales at 9c. Lambskins are coming in more freely, and are realizing 15c, which is 5c better than last week. Sheepskins are quiet at 90c to \$1 25. We quote: Nos. 1, 2 and 3 hides to tanners 5½, 4½ and 3½c, and to dealers 5 to 5½c, 4 to 4½c and 3 to 3½c for Nos. 1, 2 and 3. Calfskins 9c; sheepskins, 90c to \$1.25, and lambskins 15c.

**Potatoes**—The demand during the week has been good, and we quote 95c to \$1.00 per bag of 90 lbs for firsts, and 90c for seconds.

**Maple Products**—The arrivals have been a little fewer during the past few days, sales of syrup in wood bag reported at 5½ to 6c per lb, and in tins 65 to 70c in small, and 80 to 90c in large tins. Sugar is quiet at 7 to 7½c, one lot selling at 6½c.—*Trade Bulletin*, April 14.

## Toronto Markets.

**Flour**—The nibbling of a couple of days past resulted in some business to-day. Choice straight roller sold at \$3.25, and another lot ordinary quality at \$2.90.

**Millfeed**—Bran offered outside at \$13 50. Shorts were bought at \$15 Toronto freights.

**Wheat**—Offerings were considerably more liberal to day, but prices were unchanged at 67 to 70c for red and white. Spring was held at 63c north and middle, and at 65c east. Goosie quiet at 61 to 62c bid outside. No. 1 hard held at 85c North Bay. No. 2 hard was enquired for at 82c North Bay; grinding in transit now en route Sarnia offered at 85c. For No. 3 hard 74c was bid North Bay.

**Barley**—Manitoba feed steady at 40 to 42c North Bay, and No. 3 extra in demand outside at 36 to 37½. Choice grades not wanted.

**Oats**—Firmer, with more enquiry. White are wanted here at 33½ and 34½. White offered outside at 31c and 29c was bid on middle freights.

**Grain and Flour**—Car prices are: Flour (Toronto freights), Manitoba patents, \$4.30 to 4.50; Manitoba strong bakers, \$3.90 to 4 25; Ontario patents, \$3.25 to 3.50; straight roller, \$2.95 to 3.20; extra, \$2.90 to 3.00; low grades per bag, \$1.09 to 1.25. Bran—\$15 to 17. Shorts—\$16 to 18. Wheat—west and north points)—White, 68 to 70c; spring, 62 to 63c; red winter, 66 to 70c; goosie, 61 to 62c; spring Midland, 63 to 65c; No 1 hard, North Bay, 84 to 85c; No 2 hard, 82 to 83c; No 3 hard, 74½ to 75c; No 1 frosted, 65 to 66c; peas (outside) 57 to 58c. Barley (outside)—No 1, 44 to 45c; No 2, 40c; No 3 extra, 36 to 38c; No 3, 32 to 34c; two-rolled, 54 pounds, averaging about No 3 extra in color (outside), 35 to 40c. Rye (outside) 53 to 55c. Buckwheat (outside) 50c. Oats, 33 to 34c.

**Potatoes**—Quiet but easy; car lots have been offered here recently at 80c per bag, but local dealers are holding off for lower prices. Out of store small lots sell at 90 to 95c per bag.

**Eggs**—Receipts were large and the market weak. Commission men were paying 11c for farmers' offerings, and selling at 11½ to 12c. The demand continues active.

**Dried Apples**—Dull and easy; job lots are

held at 5½c for bright stock. Dealers are asking 6 to 6½c for round lots, but there is apparently no demand.

**Dressed Hogs and Provisions**—The demand for dressed hogs was light and the receipts moderate. Values steady. Packers got a few small lots off the street and by rail at \$7.25 to 7.30. Quotations are: Mess pork, Canadian, \$20 to \$20.50; short cut, \$21 to \$22; bacon, long, clear, per lb, 10½c; lard, Canadian, tierces, 12, to 13c; tubs and pails, 13 to 13½c; compound do, 10½ to 11c. Smoked meats.—Hams, per lb, 13 to 13½c; bellies, 13½ to 14c; rolls, per lb, 10½ to 10¾c; backs, per lb, 12½c.

**Wool**—Good combing is taken at 19c and clothing at 21 to 22c. Prices are steady at 21 to 22c for super and 25 to 27c for extra.

**Tallow**—Dealers pay 6½c for offerings of rendered and are generally holding for 7½c.

**Hides, etc.**—A number of cars of cured have been sent east at 5½c. Green are steady and unchanged at 4½c. Calfskins—No. 2 skins (city inspected) are held at 7 and No. 1 at 9c. Sheepskins are quiet and easy at \$1.10 to 1.25, according to size and quality. Lambskins sell at 15 to 20c apiece.

**Butter**—Offerings were lower, and the best grades of rolls only brought 20c, with medium to good selling at 16 to 18c. Quotations are:—Good to choice selected dairy, tubs, 18 to 20c; extra choice, 20 to 21c; medium do, 16 to 18c; large rolls, good to choice, 19 to 20c; medium do, 16 to 18c; creamery, in tubs and crocks, 21 to 25c; rolls, 26 to 27c; cheese, choice colored, jobbing at 11 to 11½c; summer makes, 10½ to 11c.

**Cheese**—A local firm was offering lots of from five to 10 boxes choice fall cheese to-day at 11c and single boxes at 11½c.

**Cattle**—Prices were easy at Tuesday's figures. A few small lots of fancy cattle brought 4½ to 4¾c per lb, but the best loads sold at 3½ to 4c, and rough cows and oxen from 2½ to 3½c per lb. Only half a dozen loads were taken for Montreal, but several loads were bought for Hamilton and other outside places. The local demand was rather dull, and at the close the yards were by no means empty. Only a few stockers were offered. There is a good enquiry for choice stockers and feeders at 3½ to 4c per lb.

**Sheep and lambs**—Only 40 came in to-day, but a good many held over from the first of week were placed on the market and the supply altogether was quite large. Prices were easy under quiet demand. Sales were: 100 sheep, averaging 110 lbs, at 6c per lb; 54 do, 145 lbs, at 4½c per lb; 63 mixed sheep and lambs at \$5.50 per head. There was a good enquiry for choice grain fed yearlings at 5½ to 6c per lb, only a few good animals were here. Spring lambs were dull at \$3 to \$5 apiece. One lot of eight sold for \$30.

**Hogs**—Market weak and quiet. Nearly 600 hogs were on the market, most of which found sale before the close. Choice straight fat hogs and good stores sold at \$5 75 per cwt. off the car, and a few fancy lots brought 10 or 15c higher. Rough hogs and light, fat were dull at \$5 50 per cwt. off car.—*Empire*, April 14.

## Montreal Iron and Hardware Market.

Business in iron is quiet, so far as the demand for forward delivery is concerned, for buyers show no urgency about ordering, nor does the position of affairs at the primary markets call for any particular haste. In pig iron business a spot has been quiet, the only brands available being Carnbroe and Langlois, sales of the former being made at \$21.50 and the latter at \$19. For spring ir-rotation values are much the same, about \$18 50 to 18 75 being the idea for Summerlee and equal brands.

Bar iron is unchanged at the reduction noted by us last week, and the demand, now that matters are settled for another quarter, has picked up a little. For ordinary business \$1 95 is the idea, but an order for a sufficient quantity