

TORONTO WHOLESALE MARKETS.

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The fall trade seems to have set in, and promises to be a good one. The crop has begun to offer, and both holders and buyers seem to desire quick sales and early shipments, which is certainly good policy for both; while, to back this, prices of produce have been maintained quite as well as could have been expected in view of the state of outside markets.

CATTLE.—Receipts have been large and prices rather easier. Choice steers for export, that is to say, averaging not less than 1,300 lbs., were not offered, but were wanted at \$5.00 to \$5.50; good second class steers stood about \$4.50 to \$4.75, and inferior to medium from \$3.00 to \$4.25. Sheep—Scarce and wanted at \$5.00 for export, and at \$4.50 to \$4.75 for butchers' lots. Lambs—Abundant and ranging from \$3.25 to \$3.50, with a few choice going as high as \$3.75 to \$4.00. Calves—Scarce and usually sold at \$6.00 to \$8.00 each.

FLOUR.—Stocks 2,500 bushels, against 1,497 in the preceding week, and 625 last year. All offered has been wanted, and prices have recovered somewhat during the week. Superior extra sold on Thursday last at equal to \$4.70 and \$4.75 here, but subsequently went off daily at equal to \$4.80, and closed with sales at this price yesterday. Other grades inactive; the only movement reported being sales of extra yesterday at equal to \$4.70. Bran, firmer and sold at \$12.50. Oatmeal, cars not offered and prices nominal, with small lots easier at \$5.50 to \$5.75.

HIDES AND SKINS.—There has been no change in green hides which have been in fair supply. Cured have sold at 9 1/2 c. for heavy weights, and cars of average offered at 9 1/2 c. Calfskins—None offered and prices nominally unchanged. Sheepskins—Prices unchanged at last week's advance, green going at 95c. to \$1.00, and country lots at 60c. to 90c.

PROVISIONS.—Fairly active, with stocks of meat run very low. Butter was in demand for shipment up to the end of last week when sales were made at from 16c. to 17c.; the latter for good lots with white thrown out. Choice dairy for local use scarce and firm at 18c. to 20c., and inferior quiet at about 13c. Cheese, unchanged at 11 1/2 c. to 12c. for small lots of fine; skim nominal. Eggs, all offered have been wanted and readily taken at 20c. for round lots. Pork has again advanced; small lots have brought \$26 with scarcely any held at the close. Bacon, long-clear has sold in round lots at 13 1/2 c. and in small parcels at 14c., and Cumberland in small lots at 13c. but stocks are now almost exhausted and the little on hand held very firmly. Hams, in approved demand, with sales of round lots at 12c. and 15 1/2 c. and small lots at 15 1/2 c. Lard, there is scarcely any on hand and the little held has sold at 15 1/2 c. to 16c. for small lots.

WOOL.—Fleece inactive, being neither offered nor wanted, and nominal at 18c. to 20c. Super steady and sold to dealers at 27c.; extra scarce and wanted at 33c. with large sales of pulled and imported to factories at steady prices.

GRAIN.—Stocks in store, 28,157 bushels of fall wheat; 5,463 of spring; 200 of oats; 61,658 of barley. 4,371 of peas, and 6,284 of rye. Receipts generally have been increasing, and the demand fairly active at rather firmer prices. Wheat—Fall has been wanted for shipment; No. 2 opened last week at 98c., and No. 3 at 94c., but the former sold freely on Tuesday at 99c. to \$1, and the latter brought 95c. f. o. c. Spring, quiet and less firm than fall, with shippers not inclined to pay any more for it; No. 2, however, brought \$1.02 last week, and No. 3 sold at 97c. on Tuesday. The market closed easier with 99 1/2, the best bid for No. 2 fall, and nothing doing in spring, value of which seemed nominally unchanged. Oats have been very scarce, and wanted at an advance; cars to arrive sold last week at 41 1/2 c., and at 41c. on Monday; but on Tuesday 43c. was paid on track, and yesterday 44c. delivered. Barley has been in good demand at prices generally steady. No. 1 very scarce, but brought 82c. last week; No. 2 sold last week at 75c. and 70c., and on Tuesday at 76c.; extra No. 3 sold at 68c. last week, but brought 69c. on Monday and Tuesday; No. 3 went off last week at 58c., but on Tuesday brought 60c. The market at the close was weak; a cargo of extra No. 3 sold for 65c. at a lake-port, and cars on spot at 61c. f. o. c.; for No. 2 there was 76c. bid, and 81c. for No. 1. Peas—Two lots of No. 2 were offered yesterday at 80c., with 72c. bid. Street receipts very small, and 77c. paid. Rye—Cars offered at 65c., and sales on street at 65c. to 66c.

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