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Montreal Markets.

Flour—A fair business transpires on local account, but very little for export. Newfoundland appears to be well stocked for the present; in fact, merchants there will not take the trouble to answer offers. It is said there are between 20,000 and 30,000 barrels of United States flour in store here which owners are waiting to place, some of which is being offered at \$3.10 to 3.15 c. i. f. St. John's, Nfld. Ontario millers are asking \$2.95 on track here for straight rollers, but possibly that figure might be shaded. Shippers say they are offered Ohio straight rollers, at \$2.30 on track here, but they are not buying. We quote as follows:—Patent spring, \$3.65 to 3.75; Ontario patent, \$3.25 to 3.60; straight roller, \$2.90 to 3.15; extra, \$2.65 to 2.85; superfine, \$2.40 to 2.60; fine, \$2.15 to 2.35; city strong bakers, \$3.40 to 3.50; Manitoba bakers, \$3.25 to \$3.40; Ontario bags—extra, \$1.35 to 1.40; straight rollers, \$1.50 to 1.55; superfine, \$1.25 to 1.35; fine, \$1.05 to 1.15.

Oatmeal—Millers are asking \$4.10, for car lots laid down here, but that figure might be shaded. In a jobbing there is no change, and prices are quoted as follows:—Rolled and granulated, \$4.20 to 4.35; standard, \$3.95 to 4.15. In bags granulated and rolled are quoted at \$2.10 to 2.15, and standard at \$1.95 to \$2.

Bran, etc.—Bran is fully \$1 per ton cheaper, western millers offering it at \$18 in car lots on track, with sales reported at that figure. Shorts are quoted at \$18.50 to 19.00, and moult is \$1.50 to \$2 per ton lower at \$20.50 to \$22 as to grade. Millers begin to recognize that green food will soon be a factor in the supply.

Wheat—We hear of about 1,000,000 bushels of Manitoba wheat being engaged for the St. Lawrence. The price of No. 1 hard here is nominally quoted at 76 to 78. No. 2 red winter is quoted at 64 to 65c.

Oats—There is some enquiry for oats for local consumption, with sales at 39½c for No. 3, and No. 2 are quoted at 40 to 40½c.

Barley—A fair demand exists for feed barley which is firm 46c. Malting grades are steady at 50 to 53c.

Pork, Lard, etc.—There is a fair enquiry for compound lard which has sold in car lots at \$1.42½c to \$1.45, and in smaller lots at \$1.50 per cask. Smoked meats met with fair enquiry, round lots of choice selected hams selling at 10½ to 11c, and heavy rough at 10c. Bacon is in good demand, with sales at 11 to 12c. We quote prices as follows: Canada short cut pork, per bbl, \$17.00 to \$18.00; Canada, clear mess, per bbl, \$16.50 to \$17; extra mess beef, per bbl, \$12.25 to 12.50; plate beef, per bbl, \$16.25 to 16.50; hams, per lb, 10 to 11c; lard, pure, in pails, per lb, 9½ to 10c; lard, compound, in pails, per lb, 7½ to 7¾c; bacon, per lb, 11 to 12c; shoulders, per lb, 8½ to 9c.

Butter—The market is gradually settling down to a summer basis, but owing to the non-accumulation of new goods, the drop in prices

has not been as marked as was expected, although a further decline must come. A lot of 27 tubs fresh creamery was sold at 22c, and a lot at 22½c, but in a small jobbing way 23c is the figure, and an occasionally selected single tub might bring a little more. Finest eastern townships dairy has been placed at 20 to 22c, and a few tubs of Morrisburg and Brockville have commanded about same prices. Creamery, old held, 17 to 18c per lb, creamery, fresh, 21 to 22½c per lb; eastern townships dairy, 20 to 22c; western, 18 to 20c. Add 1c to above for single packages of selected. A few rolls continue to come in, and sales of western have been made at 19 to 20c, and Morrisburg at 21 to 22c.

Cheese—At Prescott, Ont., sales were made at 10 1/8c, 10½c and 10¾c. In Montreal the receipts are increasing, and sales have occurred at 10 to 10½c, with choice colored selling at 10½ to 10¾c, and considering they are all fodder goods, prices are very fair. But as soon as May make comes on the market, lower prices may be expected.

Eggs—The market has assumed an easier tone, with sales at 10½ to 11c. The receipts from the west are more liberal, and a good portion is going into cold storage and the pickling vats. Storekeepers are paying 9c in the country.

Maple Products—Maple syrup is quiet, sales in wood being reported at 4 to 5c as to quantity. In cans, 5 to 5½c are at the quoted rates, or 50 to 60c per can. Maple sugar is quoted at 6 to 7c.

Honey—The market is quiet; extracted at 7 to 8½c per lb for choice 1893, and old at 4 to 5c per lb. Comb 7 to 12c, as to quality and quantity.

Apples—Apples are not in very great demand—in fact, sales are hard to push owing to the abundance of other fruit that are in the market, which can be bought for a great deal less than the price which would have to be paid for apples. We quote No. 1 \$5 to \$6 and No. 2, \$4 to \$4.50.

Hides—There is no change in hides. Light hides are selling to dealers at 3½; for No. 1 and stocks are accumulating. Calfskins are coming more liberally, and dealers are paying 5c. Quite a number of lambskins have been received which brought 15c, although we hear that more money has been paid during the past few days, and we quote 15 to 20c. We quote prices as follows: Nos. 1, 2 and 3 light hides, to tanners 4, 3 and 2, and to dealers, 3½, 2½ and 1½c. Heavy steers, 4½ to 6c; calfskins, 6c; sheepskins at 75 to 80c; lambskins 10 to 15c.—Trade Bulletin, May 4.

At the Brockville, Ontario, cheese market on May 3, 250 boxes sold at 10 1/8-16c, 300 boxes at 10 7/8c and 300 boxes at 10 7/8c. These prices are better than can be had at Montreal. But then it is calculated that the first lots of new cheese will strike a bare market in England.

Montreal Iron and Hardware Markets.

Trade during the past week does not show any improvement. There is more business doing, but the volume is much less than that of last year. Prices usually are steady, and owing to the exceedingly low rates prevailing in almost everything, any change will likely be of an upward nature. There is very little doing in pig iron. Founders usually report trade dull, and are supplying their requirement mostly from local smelters, whose prices are under those at which Scotch irons can be imported. Bar iron is selling at \$1.75 to 1.85, according to quantity; sheet iron at \$2.35 to 2.40; hoops at \$2.30; cast steel at 9½ to 12c; galvanized sheets at 4½ to 5c; Morewood's Lion brand 6 to 6½c; tinned sheet iron, 24 gauge, at 6c; tinplates, I.C. cokes, at \$3.25; charcoal at \$3.50 to 4.00; Canada plates at \$2.35 to \$2.40;terne plates, \$5.50 to 6.75; cop. or at 10c; tin at 18½ to 19c; spelter at 4½ to 4¾c; antimony at 16½ to 12c; lead at 2½ to 3c; sheet zinc, 5 to 5½c. London markets are cabled as follows:—Ingot tin at £72 15s; best selected copper at £43; lead at £9 5s; antimony at £36 10; Scotch warrants at 42; 63; spelter at £15 13s.

The first arrivals of cement for the season have come to hand, and are the smallest for many years past. The stock on hand at present has been reduced to between 3,500 and 4,000 barrels, principally held in public warehouses. The demand continues good from both local and western buyers, and the market rules fairly active with a good business doing. The only sale of importance during the week was one lot of 2,000 barrels on western account for delivery during the season. The tone was more easy and values are quoted lower, which is generally the case at this season, when new arrivals come to hand. We quote spot prices at \$2 to 2.10 for English brands, and \$1.85 to 1.95 for Belgian, and to arrive, English brands \$2 and Belgian \$1.80 to 1.90. The demand for firebricks is good at \$18.50 to 22.50 per 1,000, as to brand.

The feature in the naval store market has been the weakness in turpentine, and prices have declined 1 to 2c per gallon with recent sales at 45 to 47c as to quantity. In other lines a fair volume of business is reported, and dealers anticipate a steady improvement as the harbor fills up with vessels. We quote: Turpentine, 45 to 47c; resins, \$2.50 to 5.00, as to brand; coal tar, \$3.25 to 3.75; cotton waste, 5 to 7c for colored and 7 to 10c for white; oakum, 5½ to 7½c, and cotton oakum, 10 to 12c. Cordage, sisal, at 6½c for 7 1/8 and upwards, and 14c for deep sea line. Pure manilla, 9c for 7 1/8 and upwards, and 9½c for smaller sizes.

The petroleum market has ruled fairly active and steadier. The demand from country points is good for small lots, and a fair average business is doing for this season of the year. We quote:—Canadian refined at