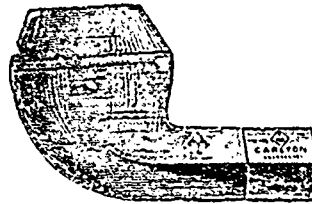
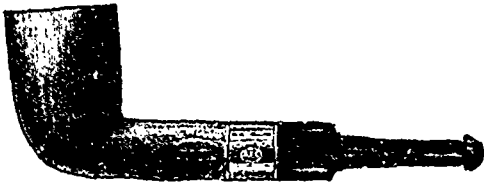


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### Montreal Grain and Produce Markets.

**Flour.**—A large business has been transacted in strong bakers flour during the week, as buyers fearing a further advance in prices have been anxious purchasers. It is expected that prices will be advanced to \$1 for strong bakers and \$1.15 for spring patents. Regarding straight roller flour, sales are reported of car lots in the west at \$3.20, \$3.25, \$3.30 and \$3.32, or equal to \$3.50 to \$3.62 laid down here. Still, it is hard work to wring the advance out of buyers, although, if the price of wheat is maintained it must come to it. We advance our prices all round, and quote nominally as follows: Patent, spring, \$3.90; Winter Patent, \$3.85 to \$4.00; Straight roller, \$3.65 to \$3.85, Extra, \$3.10 to \$3.35; Superfine, \$2.80 to \$2.90; City Strong Bakers, \$3.75; Manitoba Bakers, \$3.60 to \$3.75; Ontario bags—extra, \$1.60 to \$1.65; Straight Rollers, bags, \$1.70 to \$1.75.

**Oatmeal.**—Prices are as follows: Rolled and granulated \$1.05 to \$1.15; standard \$1.00 to \$1.05. In bags, granulated and rolled are quoted at \$2.02½ to \$2.05 and standard at \$1.95 to \$2. Pot barley \$3.75 in bbls. and \$1.75 in bags, and split peas \$3.50 to \$3.60.

**Bran etc.**—The demand for bran is lessening materially, and prices are down to \$17.00 for car lots, and we quote \$17.00 to \$17.50. Some buyers say they will not pay over \$16.50. Shorts are quoted at \$18.00 to \$19.00, and moullie \$21.00 to \$23.00 as to grade.

**Wheat.**—The local market is very strong, with higher prices asked in sympathy with the advance in Ontario, where sales of about 40,000 bushels of red and white winter wheat are reported at 75c. We quote No. 2 red winter in this market at 72c to 73c. No. 1 Manitoba hard 81c to 82c.

**Oats.**—There is no particular change since our last report, sales of No. 2 white having been made at 40c to 40½c, but buyers say they will not pay over 39½c now.

**Barley.**—In the absence of business to any extent, prices are more or less nominal at 55c to 59c for malting and 50c to 51c for feed.

**Fork, Lard, etc.**—Lard is firmer and higher, \$1.15 being now the lowest figure for round lots of compound. We quote: Canadashort cut pork, per bbl \$17.00 to \$18.00; Canada thin mess, per bbl \$16.00 to \$16.50; Extra plate beef per bbl \$10.50 to \$11; 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. 8½ to 9c.

**Butter.**—Dealers are asking where all the butter that keeps arriving daily is coming from. During the past week no less than 3,280 packages came to hand, against 1,671 packages for the corresponding week of last year. That the market is in a demoralized state for the bulk of holdings which comprise stock that is almost unmerchandise, goes without saying, and sellers are more at a loss than ever to know how they are going to dispose of the poorer grades. During the past few days sales have been reported to us of about 750 tubs of low grade Manitoba and western at prices ranging from 5½c to 8c, one small lot being reported as low as 5c. The chief demand runs on fresh Eastern Townships dairy and creamery at within our quotations. Creamery 19 to 20c, Townships 16 to 18c; Morrisburg 15 to 17c, Western 15 to 16c. Old butter—creamery 10 to 13c; Townships 10 to 12c, Western 6 to 10c.

**Cheese.**—At the moment everything points to an unsatisfactory wind up, parties just returned from the other side stating that stocks of Canadian cheese are large in Liverpool, London and Bristol, that the English make was larger than expected, and that lower prices are looked for. Further sales have transpired of odder cheese in the Brockville section at 8c and it is reported that one lot was placed at 8c. The Liverpool public cable is down to 18s for white and 49s for colored.

**Eggs.**—Prices have declined 1c to 1½c. further sales of round lots having transpired at 11c, and since we hear of 10½c being accepted.

**Maple Products.**—Sales of syrup in kegs at 5c to 5½c, one lot of dark colored selling at 4½c per lb. Tins sold at 55c to 65c, one lot of two dozen tins being placed at 55c, but the syrup was not choice. Sugar has been disposed of at 6c to 6½c for new and at 5c to 5½c for old.

**Beans.**—The market remains firm at \$1.60 to \$1.75 for good, hand picked mediums. Poorer kinds are quoted from \$1.25 to \$1.50.

**Hides.**—The advance in light hides is well maintained and all offerings find ready sale to dealers at 7c for No. 1, sales to tanners having taken place in car lots at 8c. It was thought that the last rise in prices would have choked off the demand from tanners; but although they demurred at first, they have since paid 8c freely in this market. Calfskins are firm at 7c, dealers paying that figure freely for all skins offering. Lambskins have sold at 10c and sheepskins at 75c. We quote prices as follows:

Light hides, 7c for No. 1, 6c for No. 2, and 5c for No. 3; to tanners 8c for No. 1. Heavy hides 7c to 7½c; calfskins 7c; lambskins 10c; sheepskins 75c.

**Leather.**—The leather market continues strong, with an upward tendency in values, and a further rise is anticipated in sole leather, in fact 19c is looked upon as the coming figure for No. 2. This is the leather that moved up ½c last week to 18c. We quote prices here as follows: No. 1 manufacturers' sole 19½ to 20½c; No. 3, do, 18 to 18½c; inferior 15½ to 16½c; Jobbers' sole 2) to 22c; slaughter sole 20 to 22c; waxed upper 25 to 30c; grin 11 to 13c; buffs 11 to 13c; splits 15 to 20c for Ontario, and 12 to 11c for Quebec; pebble 10c to 12c; glove 10c to 11c.—Trade Bulletin, April 26.

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