

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Dec. 23.

Dry Goods—Holiday sorting trade this week has been quite brisk. Retailers are very busy. Jobbers are not getting much time to attend spring orders. There is a good deal of talk here over future prices of Canadian wools. It is thought that there will be a general advance after turn of year owing to advance in wools. An advance in wages of Canadian cotton operatives is causing uneasiness about future cotton prices. Prospects for spring trade are good.

Hardware—Less active. Travellers are home and orders are fewer. This has been a remarkably good year and the sharp advance in metals has given handsome profits for those who had supplies. Harvest tools and wire orders are being freely booked. American coffee mills have been advanced 25 per cent by makers. Stove pipe elbows are 60 to 65 cents per dozen higher at \$1.60 for No. 2, \$1.80 for No. 1 and for bright add 20c. American makers have advanced lamp brackets 33 1/3 per cent. Drapery hooks, pole sockets, pole joints, curtain poles, trimmings, slide head picture nails, shade pulls and drapery chains all average about 20 per cent dearer. Wire screen for doors and windows has advanced 5c per hundred feet. Wrapping twines, hem, plough lines and cotton rope are all dearer. Pig tin is lower at 33c. Ingot copper is 4-2c lower. Spelter is easier.

Groceries—Business which has been very good all month is less active. Feature is drop of 5c per 100 pounds in refined sugars yesterday. Canned goods are steady. Some tomatoes have been held 10 to 15 cents higher than any prices quoted. Prices rule at 95c to \$1. Corn is worth \$1.05 to \$1.10, and peas are firm at 85c to \$1.10. Purchases of cohoes salmon have been made this week at \$3.35 f.o.b. coast.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.
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Grain deliveries were fair and the demand slow. There was scarcely any export enquiry for wheat or flour on Monday's bulge. Ontario wheat is now selling 1c lower at 65c. Spring wheat unchanged. Manitoba wheat is 1-2c lower. Large rolls of butter are 1-2c dearer. Dairy tub butter is scarce and firm. Cheese is firmer and turkeys and geese are higher.

Four—Manitoba patent, \$4.20; Manitoba bakers, \$3.70; Ontario straight roller, \$2.80 to \$2.90 per barrel for carlots at country mills.

Wheat—Ontario winter wheat, 66c for cars at country points; Ontario spring, 65 1/2 to 66c; No. 1 hard, 78 to 78 1/2c, grinding in transit.

Oats—New oats, 25 to 26 1-2c at country points for car lots.

Barley—No. 2, 35c, country points. **Millfeed**—Shorts, \$14 to \$14.50 ton; bran, \$12 to \$12.50 per ton for cars at country mills.

Oatmeal—\$3.25 in bags per barrel, and \$3.35 in wood for car lots, Toronto.

Eggs—Fresh, 18c; held fresh, 15 to 16c, new laid, 23 to 24c; No. 1 hatched, 16 to 17c.

Butter—Dairy, tubs, choice fresh 17 to 18c, poor to medium, 10 to 16c; creamery, tubs and boxes, 21 to 21 1-2c.

Cheese—12c to 12 1/2c for job lots to the local trade.

Hides—9 1/2 for No. 1 cows; No. 1 heavy steers, 10c; cured hides, 10 1/2 to 11c. Sheepskins and lambskins, 75 to

\$1; calfskins, 10 and 9c for No. 1 and No. 2; tallow, 5 to 5 1/2c.

Wool—Washed fleece, 18 to 20c; unwashed, 10 to 12c.

Beans—\$1.40 to \$1.50 per bushel for hand picked.

Dried Apples—6 to 6 1/2c for round lots; evaporated, 8 to 9c.

Poultry—Chickens, 25 to 60c per pair; turkeys, 8 to 9 1/2c per pound; geese, 6 to 6 1/2c.

Potatoes—Steady at 40c per bag for car lots.

Hogs—Dressed hogs, \$5 to \$5.30 per 100 pounds for car lots, mixed weights.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.
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Toronto, Dec. 19.

At the semi-weekly market to-day receipts were 850 head of cattle, 1,000 sheep and lambs, and 2,000 hogs.

Export cattle—Choice cattle sold at \$4.50 to \$5 per cwt. Light cattle sold at \$4 to \$4.50 per cwt. Export bulls, \$4.25 to \$4.50 for bulls weighing 1,600 lbs. or more. Lighter bulls, \$3.25 to \$3 per cwt.

Butchers' cattle—Market easier, owing to mild weather. Buyers only offered \$3.50 to \$4 for choice, and \$2.50 upward for common stock.

Feeders—Demand for heavy short-keep steers at \$3.60 to \$3.80. Light feeders \$3.25 to \$3.40 per cwt.

Stockers—Steady at \$2.25 to \$2.70 for cattle weighing from 500 to 700 lbs., and \$3 to \$3.40 for heavier weights.

Sheep and lambs—Market steady at \$3.50 to \$4 per cwt. for lambs, \$3 to \$3.25 for export ewes. Lambs, picked ewes and wethers sold at \$4 to \$4.25 per cwt.

Hogs—Prices advanced 12 1-2c per cwt. to \$4.50 per cwt. for picked lots of 100 to 200 lbs., and \$4.12 1-2 per cwt. for light fats. Thick fats unchanged at \$4 per cwt.

FRIDAY'S MARKET.

Toronto, Dec. 23.

At the semi-weekly market to-day receipts were 250 cattle, 680 sheep and lambs, and 3,100 hogs.

The market was dull. The top price for export cattle was \$4.85 per cwt. Butchers' cattle unchanged. Milch cows higher at \$30 to \$55 each. Lambs sold slowly and were weaker at \$3.40 to \$4.00. Hogs remained firm at Tuesday's prices.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.
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Montreal, Dec. 19.

At the East End Abattoir market yesterday the offerings of live stock were 1,100 cattle and 1,200 sheep and lambs.

Trade was not brisk, supplies being slow. Extra Christmas beef sold at from 5 to 5 1/2c per lb.; prime steers at from 4 1/2 to 4 3/4c, pretty good stock from 5 to 4 1/4c, and the common cattle at from 2 to 3c per lb., while the leaner beasts would bring considerably less than 2c per lb. No sheep were bought for shipment to Great Britain. Butchers paid from 2 1/2 to 3 1/4c per lb. for sheep, and from 3 1/2 to 4c per lb. for common lambs. Good lots of fat hogs sold at from \$4.10 to \$4.25 per 100 lbs., weighed off the cars.

THURSDAY'S MARKET.

Montreal, Dec. 13.

At the East End Abattoir yesterday receipts were 400 cattle and 400 sheep and lambs.

The market for cattle was fair and heavy, and the quality poor for the

season. Best steers brought 4 to 4 1/4c, fair to good 3 to 3 1/2c, common grade 2 to 2 1/2c. Sheep, 3 to 3 1/2c. Lambs, 3 1/2 to 4 1/2c. Hogs, 7 1/2 to \$4.30.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.
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Montreal, Dec. 23.

Grain, flour and meal are steady and quiet. Feed is easier and not quotably changed. The hide market is firm and active. Eggs are steady. Butter is active and unchanged in price. There is a good local demand. Cheese is firm. Beans and potatoes are steady. Poultry is active with turkeys 1c higher, ducks 1-2c higher, and chickens 1-2c lower.

Oats—5c, 1-2c in store. **Flour**—Prices to the trade delivered are: Manitoba strong bakers, \$3.60 to \$3.70; Manitoba patents, \$4.00 to \$4.15.

Millfeed—Bran, \$14.75 to \$15.00 per ton; shorts, \$16.00 to \$17.00, including sacks.

Oatmeal—Roiled oats, \$3.50 per barrel on track and \$1.70 per sack.

Hides—No. 1 green city hides, 10 1/2c; No. 2, 9 1/2c; No. 3 8 1/2c; calfskins, No. 1, 11c; No. 2, 9c; lambskins 85c; tall w 1 to 4 1-2c.

Eggs—Strictly fresh, 22 to 24c; candied, 17 1/2 to 19c; second grade, 14 to 16c.

Butter—Choice fresh dairy, 17 to 18c. **Butter**—Choice creamery, 21 to 21 1-2c.

Cheese—Finest, 11 7/8 to 12 1-2c. **Beans**—\$1.42 1-2 to \$1.47 1-2 per bushel, as to quality.

Potatoes—47 1-2c per bag on track. **Dressed Poultry**—Turkeys, 10 to 10 1/2c, ducks, 8 to 8 1/2c; geese, 6c; chickens, 6 1/2 to 7 1/2c.

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Dec. 23.

Hardware, paints and oils are firm and trade quiet.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.

Special to The Commercial. Montreal, Dec. 23.

Groceries are in active holiday demand. Sugars are lower and large quantities of United States sugars are coming in. Granulated is now quoted at \$4.45 and yellows at \$3.55 to \$4.20. No other changes.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial. Liverpool, Dec. 22.

Cattle firm at 11 1/4 to 12c; estimated dressed weight. Christmas beef sold at 13 to 13 1/2c.

LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial. Liverpool, Dec. 22.

Cheese remains steady at 57s to 59s for both white and colored.

SUGAR.

Special to The Commercial. London, Dec. 22.

Beet dull and 1 1/2d lower. December 9 1/2 1 1/2d, January, 9s 2 1/2d.

BRITISH LIVE STOCK MARKET.

London, Dec. 18.—Only United States cattle were offered here to-day, and they sold at 53-4d to 61-2d. Trade was slow.

Liverpool, Dec. 18.—Best Canadians sold at 51-2d, and sheep at 51-4d.

Following its usual practice the Bala Drug Company of Winnipeg has issued a tasty and well arranged almanac for 1900, which is now in circulation.