

Toronto Markets.

Flour—Business was rather more active today. Straight roller sold at \$2.90 to 3.15 Toronto freights.

Millfeed—Quiet, and easy. Bran offered to arrive here at \$11.50, with buyers at \$11.25.

Wheat—Quieter and easy. Red offered at 63c to 64c outside, with buyers at 62c to 63c; white at 64c to 65c, with buyers at 1c less. Spring offered west at 60c. Goose sold north and west at 55½ and 57c. No. 1 hard sold North Bay at 82c. No. 2 hard offered on call at 78c North Bay, with 77c bid; off the board one car sold at 79c North Bay, and a lot via Sarnia at 81c. No. 3 hard sold grinding in transit at 74c and 75c, with more offered at the top figure. No. 2 frosted was enquired for on change at 50c, and No. 3 at 45c. No. 2 Northern offered at 75c grinding in transit.

Barley—Dull and slow. For No. 1 f.o.c. east 46½c was paid. For No. 2 43c was bid here, with sellers at 45c, and on the Northern at 41c. A bid of 32c was made for a lot of dark two-rowed.

Oats.—Were rather more active. There were sales here at 30 to 30½c, and mixed were bought to arrive at 29c. Manitoba sold east at 32c. White sold west at 26½c to 27c, and round lots on the Midland at 27½c and 28c. A bid of 35c was made for No. 2 at Halifax.

Grain and Flour—Car prices are: Flour (Toronto freights), Manitoba patents, \$4.35 to \$5.45; Manitoba strong bakers', \$3.90 to \$4.10; Ontario patents, \$3.40 to \$3.50; straight roller, \$2.95 to \$3.00; extra, \$2.80 to \$2.90; low grades per bag, \$1 to \$1.30. Bran—\$11.50 to \$13.00. Shorts—\$12.50 to \$13. Wheat—straight west and north points)—White, 63 to 65c; spring, 69 to 62c; red winter, 62 to 64c; goose, 55 to 56c; spring Midland, 63 to 65c; No. 1 hard, North Bay, 81 to 82c; No. 2 hard, 77 to 78c; No. 3 hard, 71 to 73c; No. 1 frosted, 63c; No. 2, 53; No. 3, 47 to 48c. Peas (Outside) 54 to 55c. Barley—No. 1, 50 to 51c. No. 2, 44 to 45; No. 3 extra, 39 to 40c; No. 3, 38 to 39c; two-rowed, 51 pounds, averaging about No. 3, extra color (outside), 40 to 45c. Corn—57 to 58c. Buckwheat—Outside 40 to 42c. Rye—56 to 57c. Oats—29½ to 31c.

Produce—There is little change to note in any line of produce. Poultry was slightly firmer, owing to the moderate offerings and more reasonable weather, but prices were not notably high. Potatoes continue firm; one car of good stock sold yesterday at 72c on spot. A Barrie dealer offered a car here today at 70c, but we did not hear of it selling. Dressed meats were in good supply, but a scarcity of real good beef is reported. Lamb sold a little better on the street at \$7 to \$8 per cwt. New Canadian hogs are moving slowly at 18 to 21c. Fresh eggs are in good demand and firm at 18 to 19½c; limed sell at 15½ to 16c. Quotations are: Beans, per bush, out of store, \$1.30 to \$1.35. Dressed meats, per lb.—Beef, fore, 4 to 5c; hinds, 7 to 8c; veal, 6½ to 8c; mutton, 5½ to 6c; lamb, 7 to 8c. Dried apples—Jobbing at 4½c. Eggs—Fresh, 18 to 18½c; limed, 15 to 16c. Hay—Timothy, on track, new, \$9 to 9.25. Straw—\$5.50 to \$6. Hides—cured—5 to 5½; green, No. 1 cows, 4½c. Skins—Sheepskins, 90c; calf, 5 to 7c. Hops Canadian, 1892 crop, 18 to 21c; yearlings 12c to 15c. Honey—Extracted, 8 to 10c; comb 12 to 13c. Potatoes—Per bag, out of store, 75c to 80c; on track, 70c per bag. Poultry—Chickens, per pair, 25 to 35c; geese, per lb. 5 to 5½c; ducks, per pair, 40 to 60c; turkeys, 7 to 8c per lb.

Dressed Hogs and Provisions.—Dressed hogs firm. Receipts were larger than yesterday, and packers paid an average of \$6.75 for good packing weights. Three cars were purchased to arrive at \$6.70 to \$6.75 delivered. Products were quiet, but firm. Long clear strong, 8½c being paid for 10,000 lb lot. For lard 10½c was freely paid for tubs and pails. Quotations are: Meas pork, Canadian, \$17 to \$18; short cut, \$18 to \$18.50; bacon, long clear, per lb, 8½ to 8¾c; lard, Canadian, tierces, 9½ to 10c; tubs and pails, 10½ to 10¾; compound do, 7½ to 9c; tierces, 9½c. Smoked meats—Hams, per lb,

11½ to 12½c; bellies, 11½ to 12c; rolls, per lb, 9 to 9½c; backs per lb, 11 to 11½c.

Dairy produce. Butter.—The market is easy, owing to the liberal offerings, the bulk of which have been of late box lots of large rolls. These are held at 15 to 17c for the best, with common selling at 13 to 15c, bakers being active buyers of the latter. Dairy tub butter is scarce; prices range from 16 to 18c, the latter for extra choice. Cheese.—Firm; local dealers are jobbing at 11 to 11½c, the outside price being generally obtained for choice late makes. Quotations are: Butter, good to choice selected dairy, tubs, 16 to 17c; medium do, 13 to 15c; large rolls, good to choice, 16 to 17c; creamery, in tubs and crocks, 24 to 25c. Cheese, choice colored, jobbing at 11 to 11½c.

Apples.—Apples are meeting with a better demand especially fancy stock. Apples, per bbl, \$1.50 to \$2.50.

Cattle.—There was a good brisk demand for the best cattle at somewhat better prices than were paid at the beginning of the week. Common thin cows and rough oxen, however, were dull at unchanged prices. Prices were not notably higher than on Tuesday, but sales of really choice heaves were more frequent at 4c per lb, this being due no doubt to the scarcity. Good to choice hinds sold at 3½ to 3¾c; common to good do, at 3 to 3½c, and inferior and culls at 2½c per lb up. Three of four loads of butcher's cattle were picked up for Montreal at about 3½c per lb. The market closed steady with most of the stuff sold. Only a few stockers were offered. These sold with a fair demand at 3 to 3½c per lb generally. Among the principal sales were: 22 butchers' cattle, averaging 1,025 lbs at \$36.50 per head; 21 do, 925 lbs, at \$31 per head; 20 do, 1,052 lbs, at \$32.50 per head; 14 do, 950 lbs, at \$30 per head; 21 do, 1,075 lbs at \$37 per head; 22 do, 1,025 lbs at \$33 per head; 3 bulls, 1,400 lbs. at 2½c per lb.

Sheep and lambs.—There was not much enquiry for sheep; they sold at \$4 to \$5 per head. Lambs were in good demand and firm at \$3.25 to \$4.25 per head. There was a good demand for the latter from local butchers.

Hogs.—Market firm and higher. Best hogs weighed off car sold at \$5.40 to \$5.60 per cwt. Stores were in demand at \$4.50 to \$4.75 per cwt. Rough and heavy animals sold at around \$4.50 per cwt. All were wanted and the market closed firm. *Empire*, Dec. 10.

Montreal Markets.

Flour—Apart from the local trade there is very little to report, and this keeps fairly active, as dealers do not confine their operations as strictly to a hand-to-mouth character as formerly, as they recognize that there is little or nothing to be lost in buying at present abnormally low prices. There is still considerable flour going forward from the Ontario mills to Quebec and the maritime provinces, but at very low prices, sales of straight rollers having been made at one of the mills west of Toronto at \$3.37½ to \$3.40 delivered at Quebec. These prices, however, are said to be 15 to 20c per barrel below what the majority of millers will sell at. In fact, millers are picking up all the cheap flour they can lay their hands on. Here car lots of Ontario straight rollers are quoted at \$3.45 to \$3.50 on track and \$3.60 to \$3.65 for 90 per cent. There is no particular change in spring wheat flour, round lots of choice city strong bakers being reported at \$4, a shade below that figure having been accepted for one lot, and we quote \$4 to \$4.10 as to quantity Manitoba round bakers range all the way from \$3.40 to \$4 as to quality. Plenty of flour is offering on consignment, but dealers are not anxious for it when drafts are attached to bills of lading. Prices are quoted as follows: Patent, spring, \$4.20 to \$4.35; patent, winter, \$3.95 to \$4.15; straight roller, \$3.50 to \$3.75; extra, \$3.10 to \$3.20; superfine, \$2.75 to \$2.95; fine, \$2.45 to \$2.60; city strong bakers, \$4.00 to \$4.10; Manitoba bakers, \$3.45 to \$4.00; Ontario, bags, extra, \$1.50 to \$1.55; straight

rollers, \$1.00 to \$2.00; superfine, \$1.30 to \$1.45; fine, \$1.10 to \$1.15.

Oatmeal—The market is steady, and car lots of rolled and granulated it is said cannot be laid down under \$3.95 or \$4 here. There is a fair jobbing business at the following quotations: Rolled and granulated \$4.05 to \$4.15; standard \$3.90 to \$4.05. In bags, granulated \$2.05 to \$2.10, and standard \$1.95 to \$2.

Mill Feed—The demand for bran is good, with business reported at \$13.50, although it is said that figure has been shaded, and we quote \$13 to \$13.50. In the west sales have taken place at \$10.50 to \$11 and shorts have sold at \$12 to \$13. In this market shorts are quoted at \$14 to \$15, and moultries at \$19 to \$24 as to grade.

Wheat—Prices here continue nominal, No. 2 hard Manitoba wheat for May shipment being quoted at 80 to 82c afloat here; No. 3 hard 72 to 73c afloat, No. 1 frosted 59 to 60c; No. 2 do 53 to 55c; and No. 3 do 49 to 50c. These prices are of course more or less nominal. In Ontario prices have dropped 2 to 3c, red and white winter being now quoted at 61 to 64c, and spring 59 to 60c; goose wheat selling as low as 56c f.o.b.

Oats.—The market is quiet but steady at 32 to 33c per 34 lbs, some holders asking more money. The sale is reported of 3 cars at 32½c. There is some demand in the west for export, and freight has been taken there at 30c per 100 lbs through to Liverpool.

Barley.—There is very little doing at the moment, brewers having satisfied their wants for the time being. Quite a lot has changed hands of late at 48c to 53c for malting as to quality. Feed barley is quoted at 38 to 43c as to quality.

Dressed Hogs.—The market is firm, and sales of car lots are reported all the way from \$6.75 up to \$7.25 delivered at Montreal. The inside figure is quoted for coarse heavy hogs and \$7.10 to \$7.25 for choice light averages. High prices are asked in the west owing to light receipts.

Pork and lard.—Hog products are strong and advancing, sales of Canada short cut having been made at \$18.50 to \$19.00, and choice heavy Canada short cut mess pork at \$19.50 to \$20.00 per bbl. American new regular mess pork is more or less nominal in the present excited state of the market. Lard is also strong and higher at \$1.65 to \$1.75 per pail for compound as to quantity, and Canadian pure leaf lard at \$2.00 to \$2.15 per pail. In smoked meats there is a good demand for hams which sell at 11c to 11½c for large size, and at 12 to 12½c per lb for choice selected small and medium sized. Bacon is still scarce and prices are advancing, sales being reported at 11 to 12c. Dry salted flanks and bellies 9c; and long clear bacon 9c. Extra plate beef is quoted at \$12.50 per bbl.

Eggs.—The complaints regarding western limed eggs continue, quite a number of lots that were sold at 15c having been returned. Montreal limed are selling at 16 to 17c, and fresh held being from 18 to 20c. Now laid are quoted at 22 to 24c and in small packages even more is obtainable. Cable advices within the past few days are more favorable, sales of Montreal limed having been made in London at 8s per long hundred of 120, which is satisfactory.

Beans.—Sales have been made in the Chat ham district at \$1.25 to \$1.30 f.o.b. for good to choice handpicked stock, and business here has transpired at \$1.35 to \$1.40 for handpicked, underpriced goods being quoted at \$1.15 to \$1.25.

Butter.—The features of the butter market are about the same as those reported last week, the demand being confined to the local trade. Factory men are more anxious to sell, as they want to close the season's business and settle up with their patrons. A round lot of late made creamery was reported sold at 22½c, but dealers ask 23c for round lots. Dairy butter is by no means plentiful, most of the western having been bought for the Maritime provinces and Newfoundland. Statistically, the butter situation is stronger than it was at this