

Montreal Markets.

Flour—The market for flour has lost the temporary vigor which characterized it a few weeks ago; and instead of holders withdrawing their offerings for higher prices, as was then the case, they are now coming down a peg, and trying to induce business by offering more favorable terms to buyers. The excitement noticed of late among millers in the west is also subsiding, and they are less exacting in their prices. So that the market may be termed decidedly quiet with prices easier. There have been sales of straight rollers at \$3.15 to \$3.20 in car lots on truck here, and in bags millers ask \$1.55 on truck here with buyers at \$1.50. As regards strong bakers, sales of choice city brands have transpired at \$3.60 per barrel with that figure shaded for round lots. A fair volume of business has been effected during the week at current rates, but buyers are extremely cautious. A few sales have been made on Newfoundland account, but at a reduction of prices asked a short time since. There has been some through business for English account, but the prices did not transpire.

Oatmeal—The easier feeling noticed by us last week has developed into a decline of 20 to 25c per barrel, sales of car lots of rolled oats having been made at \$4.05 to \$4.10, while one western mill has offered a car at \$4 delivered here on truck. For jobbing lots we quote as follows: Rolled and granulated \$4.20 to 4.35; standard \$3.75 to 4.00. In bags, granulated and rolled \$2.00 to 2.10, and standard, \$1.75 to 1.95.

Feed—The demand for bran continues good, with sales of four car loads at \$15.50, although holders are trying to get \$16.00 for Ontario. Manitoba bran is quoted at \$14.50 to \$15.00, and Ontario at \$15 to \$16. Shorts are very scarce and quoted at \$17.50 to \$18.50. Moullie at \$20 to \$22 as to grade.

Wheat—The wheat market throughout Canada has shown symptoms of decided weakness, and prices have dropped 1 to 2c per bushel. White and red winter wheat has been sold at points west of Toronto at 59c, while spring wheat was offered at 58c with only 50c bid. In this market prices are purely nominal, at 76c 75c for No. 2 hard, and No. 2 red and white winter wheat at 66 to 68c.

Oats—The new crop is turning out very unsatisfactory; a considerable proportion of the offerings being soft. Sales of No. 2 white have been made in car lots at 37c per 34 lbs. for the local trade; but exporters will not pay over 35c for cargo lots. Sales of car lots of rejected have transpired at 33c, and No. 3 at 34c per 34 pounds.

Barley—Holders ask 43c for No. 3, and we quote 41½ to 43c. Malting grades have been sold to arrive at 50 to 52½c, and we quote 48 to 55c as to quality.

Cured Meats—Hog products continue very firm, with prices gradually advancing, sales of Canada short cut mess pork having been made at \$23 to 23.50, a lot of 5 bbls having been sold at the latter figure. All old stock has been used up some time ago, and the hogs that are being turned into new mess pork stand packers here \$3.50 dressed. Lard has been placed at the wide range of \$1.70 to 1.90 per pail for compound. Smoked meats are firm at current prices, which we quote as follows:—Canada short cut pork, per bbl., \$22.50 to \$23.50; Canada clear mess, per bbl., \$20.50 to 21.00; Chicago clear mess, per bbl., \$21.50; hams, per lb., 12 to 14c; lard, pure, in pails, per lb., 11½ to 12½c; lard, compound, in pails, per lb., 9½ to 9c; bacon, per lb., 11½ to 12½c; shoulders, per lb., 10½ to 11c.

Butter—The market is somewhat quieter this week, although none the less firm when buyers find it necessary to replenish stocks. The great demand is, of course, for September creamery, which is held at too high prices for buyers to stock up with. Certain factories, however, have sold their September make at 23 to 23½ in the country, but not much has been sold at these figures. A lot of August

creamery was offered to-day at 21½ delivered here. Eastern townships dairy is scarce, and sales have been made at 20 to 20½ for lots of 20 to 40 tubs. Western is also firm with sales at 18 to 18½ for selections, some holders demanding more money. As we before stated there has never yet been a fall in which 23½ was paid for creamery that buyers did not lose money on it.

Cheese—The market, although as firm as ever, is quieter, for the reason that offerings have become considerably less, as stocks are pretty well concentrated in the hands of exporters and agents for English houses. On Monday finest French cheese sold at the boat at 10½, about 4,000 boxes changing hands at 10½ to 10¾. It appears that 10½ was paid at Peterboro, for September goods this week, which is equal to 10½ here, and we quote 10½ to 11c for finest. Western Septembers with the inside figure actually paid, but holders refuse to sell any more at that figure. There is no doubt that the make will turn out shorter than that of last year.

Eggs—The market continues firm under a good local and export enquiry, and sales of fancy fresh stock have been made at 15 to 15½, the ordinary run of fresh stock bringing 13 to 14½. A very good enquiry has set in for English account, one house having sold about 6,000 cases for shipment to British ports.

Hides—The receipts of hides are light and under a fair enquiry, prices remain steady with sales of car lots to tanners at 4½ for No. 1 and to dealers 4c for No. 1. Sales have also taken place of heavy steers at 6½ for No. 1. Quite a number of lots of lambskins have been turned over at 60c, and prices are quoted at 60 to 65c. We quote as follows:—Nos. 1, 2 and 3 hides to tanners, 4½, 3½ and 2½c, and to dealers 4, 3 and 2c for Nos. 1, 2 and 3. Calfskins 7c, lambskins 60 to 65c.

Wool—There is no change in the market for Cape wool which sells rather slowly at about former prices, a few small prices having changed hands at 14 to 15c for good lots, inferior having been placed all the way from 11½ to 13c. Scoured B.A. is quiet, as there is very little of this class offering, and prices remain at 23 to 33c. In Northwest wool we hear of sales to manufacturers by a Toronto firm at 12 to 15c, the latter price for selections. We quote prices here:—Cape 14 to 15c; Scoured B.A. wool, 28 to 38c; Canadian fleece, 18 to 20c, and Northwest wool, 11 to 15c as to grade.

Apples—Are coming in more freely and demand better; prices are a little irregular. Good to choice \$2.52 to 3.10, inferior \$1.60 to \$2.—*Trade Bulletin*, October 6.

Montreal Grocery Notes.

The local refiners are trying hard to keep up with the demand for sugar, which continues very brisk all over the country. The enquiry is just as urgent as ever. The local refiners are crowded with telegrams from united centres offering full prices and in some cases a premium for immediate delivery. They have refused all offers, but the Acadia Company, of Nova Scotia, has made some shipments of dark sugars under 16 D.I. in color to Boston and New York, this class of sugar going in free of duty. Local quotations are 5½ to 5¾c for granulated, and 4½ to 5c for yellows.

Syrups are in rather better demand and prices are slightly higher. The indications are that prices will go higher in the course of a few days.

There has been a fair demand for teas during the week. One lot of 200 half chests Assam changed hands during the week at 7d to 8d, and some 500 packages of Chinas have changed hands. A good enquiry is noted for last season's low grade Japans, which are held for 11 to 12c.

The dried fruit market has been fairly active during the week, both for raisins and currants. The first direct fruit steamer will be here in the course of a week or ten days. We quote

off stalk Valencia raisins, 5½ to 6c for firsts, and currants, 3½ to 4c according to grade.

Smoked and pickled fish have a fair movement, and prices generally are steady. We quote:—Portland finnan haddies, 7½ to 8½c; St. John blotters, \$1.50; kippered herring, \$1.75 per box; boneless fish, 3½ to 5c; boneless pure cod, 6½ to 7c; green cod, \$5.25 to 5.50 per bbl; large No. 2 mackerel, half bbls, \$3.50; Labrador salmon, \$12 to \$14 per bbl; C. B. herring, \$5.50; Labrador do., \$5; malpeque oysters, per express, \$7 to \$8; freight, \$3 to \$5.—*Gazette*, Oct. 6.

Hides, Wool, Etc.

Jas. McMillan & Co., Minneapolis, speak as follows in their last monthly circular:—

Sheep Pelts—The demand for sheep pelts has been more active for the past two weeks, although prices are practically unchanged and we look for no advance in value until there is a freer movement in wool.

Hides—Although the larger tanners are well supplied with hides for several months ahead, the latter part of the month showed some improvement in demand and as the quality of late receipts has been better, tanners show more inclination to place orders, and we are enabled to secure a little advance in prices. We look for a steady trade at present values.

Furs—But few furs are coming in and they have but little value, as they are mostly summer caught. With the exception of beaver and muskrat, furs will not be worth trapping until after December 1st. We do not look for any reliable information before November.

Tallow and Grease—Prime tallow is scarce and firmer. We note a decided advance in prices.

Seneca—Since the decline in prices of seneca root, the demand has greatly increased and we are enabled to advance our quotations slightly. Shippers should urge the collectors to harvest the crop early so as to get it to market while the present active demand continues, as prices will undoubtedly go lower as soon as the export demand is satisfied.

Wool—While the sale of wool in some eastern markets has shown some increase during the past month, prices are practically unchanged. The easier feeling in money has enabled some of the weaker holders to avoid compulsory sales at a sacrifice, and we look for fewer concessions in price from now on. Opinions differ greatly as to what will be done with the tariff on wool, but the general feeling is that prices have touched bottom and that the entire removal of the existing tariff on wool, would not materially effect present prices, one way or the other, consequently we have advised our shippers to hold their wool for a time longer, as a partial removal of the import duty and the improved demand that would eventually follow, would have a tendency to stiffen prices. With no prospect of a further decline and a possibility of an improvement, it would be better to hold your wool out of the market for the present.

The World's Wheat Crop.

The *Liverpool Corn Trade News* will shortly publish its annual estimate of the world's wheat crop with comparisons. The following is a bare summary of the tabular statement, showing the yield this season in each quarter of the globe, compared with the two former years:—

Crops in	1893. qrs.	1892. qrs.	1891. qrs.
Europe.....	167,000,000	171,000,000	153,000,000
The Americas	68,600,000	85,000,000	97,000,000
Asia.....	43,000,000	35,000,000	41,000,000
Africa.....	4,600,000	4,800,000	6,000,000
Australasia	5,100,000	4,600,000	4,100,000
Total qrs.....	283,300,000	300,400,000	301,100,000
Gazette Avg. price per q. } 1st September. }	25s 6d	29s 1d	41s 8d