

THE PRODUCE MARKET.

THE week's business has been on the usual limited scale. The injury to trade caused by the inability of the Grand Trunk to handle the freight offering, continues unrelieved. Receipts now given for flour, &c., deposited at depots, mostly specify that property is at owners' risk, and to be forwarded when cars are available. This, of course, is a bar to commission agents accepting drafts; and many millers and grain operators are forced to forego transactions until some security for the despatch of property can be given.

FLOUR.—The demand, though limited, has been inadequately supplied, and notwithstanding the reluctance of dealers to pay even ruling prices, holders have in most instances been enabled to secure full rates, and in some instances, a trifling advance on last week's figures. Strong bright Supers have latterly ranged from \$4.35 to \$4.42½; and Ordinary, \$4.30 to \$4.35. Other grades are supplied sparingly, and find purchasers at full rates. **Bag Flour.**—Though the receipts from abroad have been moderate, the general supply has been much short of requirements, owing to low water keeping some of the local mills idle; there has, therefore, been a keen competition for the lots offered, and all desirable samples have latterly brought \$2.40 to \$2.42½, and still tending upwards.

The existing rates for Flour being on all hands regarded as extreme, and only sustained by the crippled state of the Railways preventing supplies actually on the way, from coming in, buyers limit themselves to actual wants, while sellers, though using all possible exertion to obtain extreme rates, do not venture to hold.

WHEAT.—Beyond a few cars to millers, we have no arrivals to note; prices are nominally unchanged.

PORK.—Mess continues in retail demand at full prices, \$20 being the rate asked for small parcels. Prime Mess and Prime have changed hands during the week at \$13 to \$14.50. There is little now offering of the latter grades.

DRESSED HOGS.—The demand being now restricted to city wants, the stock has already begun slightly to accumulate. The bulk of the receipts are of a light average, and only suitable for market use. Holders are firm at former rates, and although transactions are limited, there is no material variation in price to note; although heavy averages alone from their scarcity, are sought after at lake rates.

BUTTER.—While late British advices report a further rise in the choicest qualities, and all kinds of provisions show an upward tendency, the medium descriptions of butter continue reported next to unsaleable, although offered at a decline. Several transactions at a reduction from quoted prices, continue to be pressed, although desirable parcels are for the most part still firmly held, in expectation of an improvement, as the market gets gradually cleared of the parcels which the necessities of the owners or holders require them to keep forcing off as buyers can be found. Were all the butter of such quality that it could be used with pleasure for human food, the consumption—and consequently demand—would be practically unlimited, and the long continued stagnation that periodically affect the market for this article, would be almost entirely prevented—and the serious losses and inconvenience which all parties connected with the sale of the article, are now afflicted with, would be obviated. Until the manufacturers and packers through the country resolve upon producing an article in every respect superior to what is now sent to market, these losses must continue to be borne by them, and the reputation of Canadian Butter to decline in the British markets.

ASHES.—Both Pots and Pearls are in fair demand at late prices; the British markets continuing quiet, but firm.

KIRKWOOD, LIVINGSTONE & CO.'S PRODUCE AND LEATHER PRICES CURRENT.

No. 22 ST. NICHOLAS STREET, MONTREAL.

23rd February, 1865.

FLOUR.—During the week the market has been barely supplied, and prices have ruled firm. Ordinary grades of Superfine brought \$4.30 to \$4.35, while good and favorite brands sold at \$4.40 to \$4.45. To-day there are no arrivals and only a few lots of ordinary Superfine in first hands, for which \$4.45 is asked. Extras are still in fair demand for shipment. Bag Flour is scarce and the few lots that have been offered were taken at \$2.40 to \$2.42½; but should the prevailing scarcity continue, higher prices will be maintained.

Superior extra.....	\$4 80 to \$5 00 per bbl.
Extra.....	4 65 to 4 75 "
Fancy.....	4 45 to 4 60 "
Superfine No. 1.....	4 30 to 4 40 "
Superfine No. 2.....	4 05 to 4 15 "
Fine.....	3 80 to 3 90 "
Mediums.....	3 55 to 3 65 "
Follards.....	2 95 to 3 15 "

Bag Flour \$2 40 to \$2 50 per 112 lbs.

WHEAT.—Prices nominal at 97c. to 98c. Receipts during the week being direct shipments to city millers.

COARSE GRAINS.—Are without any material change, very few wholesale lots offering. The quantity of Peas in first hands through the country districts is likely to be short, and will, we think, command a high price for shipment in the spring. The prices paid the farmers now are in excess of what was paid for shipping parcels last year. Barley we quote at 65c. to 70c. per 50 lbs. Oats, 35c. to 36c. per 32 lbs. Peas, 80c. to 85c. per 36 lbs.

SEEDS.—Very little of any kind offering. Timothy—Worth from \$2 to \$2.25 per 48 lbs. Clover—No Western in the market; quotations nominal. Flax—\$1.30 to \$1.40 per 56 lbs.; for good clean samples the latter price has been paid.

PORK.—Market inactive; but prices are unchanged. Mess, \$19.75 to \$20.00; Prime Mess, \$15 to 16; Prime, \$14.50 to \$15.

BUTTER.—The Market is still burdened with large supplies of ordinary, which is almost unsaleable. Choice Dairy is still in limited supply, and good even lots in good packages command readily from 19c to 19½c for shipment.

ASHES.—Pots have been in good demand during the week, first sorts bringing \$5.35 to \$5.40; Inferiors are scarce, and have sold as high as \$5.70 per 100 lbs. Pearls—Receipts light, but we notice no improvement in prices \$5.50 per 100 lbs.

DRESSED HOGS.—The season is nearly over. Prices are without any material change, light weights being still sold at \$7.10 to \$7.25, and heavy \$7.25 to \$7.75.

PETROLEUM.—Transactions confined to retail sales, at 30c to 35c for Canada Refined.

LEATHER.—The Market generally still continues dull. Waxed Upper is nominal at 25c to 27c, but difficult of sale at the latter price. Slaughter Sole is in less plentiful supply, and commands ready sale at for No. 1, 17c to 19c; and No. 2, 15c to 17c. Harness Leather of Prime quality and heavy weights is also scarce, and easy of sale at 18c to 20c. Waxed Calf and other descriptions are not enquired for, and prices are nominal.

KIRKWOOD, LIVINGSTONE & CO.

AKIN & KIRKPATRICK'S MONTREAL PRICE CURRENT.

Thursday Evening, Feb. 23, 1865.

FLOUR—Superior Extra.....	\$4 75 to \$5 00
Extra.....	4 60 to 4 70
Fancy.....	4 40 to 4 50
Superfine.....	4 30 to 4 45
Superfine No. 2.....	4 00 to 4 20
Fine.....	3 70 to 3 80
BAG FLOUR—per 112 lbs. Medium	2 35 to 2 40
Choice and Strong.....	2 40 to 2 45
OATMEAL—per bbl. of 200 lbs.....	4 75 to 5 00
WHEAT—per 60 lbs. U. C. Spring.....	0 95 to 0 98
U. C. White Winter.....	0 00 to 0 00
PRASE—per 60 lbs.....	0 65 to 0 70
BARLEY—per 48 lbs.....	0 70 to 0 75
OATS—per 32 lbs.....	0 00 to 0 00
PORK—Mess.....	19 50 to 20 00
Prime Mess.....	15 00 to 00 00
Prime.....	14 50 to 00 00
DRESSED HOGS—Per 100 lbs.....	7 00 to 7 75
LARD, per lb.....	0 10 to 0 11½
TALLOW—per lb.....	0 08 to 0 08½
BUTTER—Inferior.....	0 15 to 0 16
Medium.....	0 16 to 0 17
Choice.....	0 18 to 0 19
CHEESE—per lb.....	0 08 to 0 10
ASHES—per 100 lbs. Pots—1st sorts.....	5 35 to 5 37½
" Inferiors.....	5 60 to 5 65
Pearls, 1st sort.....	5 50 to 5 55
" Inferiors.....	5 50 to 5 55

FLOUR.—Continued scarcity of cars, and consequent deficiency in receipts, have resulted in a further improvement in most descriptions: the range for ordinary Superfine is \$4.30 to \$4.40, and of Choice \$4.40 to \$4.45; while broken lots of the more favorite brands command even a trifle more. Fancy and Extra, though only enquired for to a limited extent, fully maintain their value, owing to scarcity. The lower grades participate in the general improvement.

Bag Flour.—Of the total receipts of Flour by rail, there has been a fair proportion of Bags; but the general supply has been deficient, owing to low water in the canal preventing the working of some local mills; there has, therefore, been much eagerness on the part of buyers to secure the few parcels offered, and relatively high prices have ruled. We quote ordinary \$2.35 to \$2.40, and Choice \$2.40 to \$2.45. Arrivals are narrowly watched by the dealers, and present prices only paid to supply actual wants, the opinion being general that even moderate receipts would cause an immediate reaction.

WHEAT.—We have no sales to note, there being only a few cars direct to sellers.

Coarse grains.—In the absence of wholesale transactions, prices are nominal.

PORK.—Mess—The demand continues of a retail character, and prices as last quoted. We note some limited transactions of Prime Mess at \$15.00, and of Prime at \$14.50. The stock is light and prices firm.

HOGS.—Since the cessation of the American demand receipts have been rather in excess of market requirements, and there being a surplus of light and medium carcasses most low averages have been sold at some decline. Heavy weights, from scarcity alone, maintain their value. We quote averages of 200 lbs. and under \$7, and above \$7.25 to \$7.50, according to quality.

LARD.—Is scarce and readily saleable, from 10½c to 11½c.

TALLOW.—Is in deficient supply, and readily sold at 8c. to 8½c., according to purity, &c.

BUTTER.—We are still without export demand, except for the choicest descriptions, of which, however, there is so small a proportion as barely to be worth

looking after. Some forced sales of ordinary continue reported at 15c. to 16c.; but with the exception of occasional parcels squeezed through to Boston or New York, it only passes from hand to hand to come on the market again somewhat later. Those principally interested are content to hold for a while, at least; and but for continued heavy receipts, the large local consumption during Lent would probably absorb the present stock; but as unlooked for parcels are constantly arriving, any decided improvement is very indefinite.

ASHES.—Pots arrive sparingly. Firsts are slow of sale, at \$5.35 to \$5.37½; and inferiors \$5.60 to \$5.65, less deductions. Pearls are unchanged.

AKIN & KIRKPATRICK.
Commission Merchants.

THOS. HOBSON & CO.'S PRODUCE CIRCULAR.

PRICE CURRENT.

THURSDAY EVENING, Feb. 23, 1865.

Flour, Superior extra.....	\$4 80 to \$5 00
Extra.....	4 60 to 4 75
Fancy.....	4 40 to 4 50
Superfine.....	4 25 to 4 35
Do. No. 2.....	4 10 to 4 15
Fine.....	3 80 to 3 70
Bag Flour, per 112 lbs.....	2 40 to 2 45
Oatmeal, per bbl. of 200 lbs.....	4 80 to 5 00
Barley, per 50 lbs.....	0 60 to 0 70
Pork—Mess.....	19 75 to 20 00
Thin Mess.....	17 50 to 18 00
Prime Mess.....	15 00 to 15 50
Prime.....	14 50 to 15 00
Bacon.....	0 8 to 0 9
Hams.....	0 10½ to 0 12
Butter—Ordinary per lb.....	0 15 to 0 16
Medium.....	0 16½ to 0 18
Dairy.....	0 18½ to 0 20
Lard.....	0 11 to 0 11½
City rendered.....	0 10 to 0 10½
Tallow.....	0 8 to 0 8½
Dressed Hogs, per 100 lbs.....	7 25 to 7 50
Ashes, Pots, 1st.....	5 37½ to 5 40
Inferiors.....	5 60 to 5 65
Pearls.....	5 45 to 5 50
Petroleum, per gallon.....	0 90 to 0 95

FLOUR.—The arrivals have been somewhat larger than last week; but as there has been a better demand, prices have improved. Sales have been made during the week at \$4.75 for Extra; strong brands of Superfine at \$4.35 to \$4.40, and in some cases \$4.42½ has been paid. Bag Flour is enquired for at \$2.40 to \$2.45.

PORK.—We have no change to note in this article. Sales of Mess at \$20; other kinds are nominal at our quotations.

BUTTER.—The market has again relapsed to its former inactivity, and sales cannot be made at any reasonable price, except for fine Dairy. The demand is confined exclusively to the Retail trade; the quantity on the market, however, is not large, and there is no disposition on the part of holders to accept much lower prices.

ASHES.—No change to report; prices about the same as last week.

TALLOW.—There is very little on the market; demand good.

LARD.—City rendered sells at 10c. to 10½c.; Western 11c. to 11½c.; prices firmer.

BACON.—Is in demand at 8c. to 9c., according to quality. Uncovered Hams at 10½c. to 11½c.

DRESSED HOGS.—Sales have been made at from \$7.25 to \$7.50—heavy weights held for more money.

SEEDS.—There is a demand for seeds, but there is very little offering, and we do not hear of any large transactions—it is difficult to give correct quotations—12½c. is spoken of for Clover, and Timothy at about \$2.50.

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