

Toronto Markets.

Wheat—Prices were firmer. Red and white wheats, middle freights west, were quoted at 57c. A bid of 57c for 10 cars of red wheat, middle freights, was reported. Manitobas were steady to firm. No. 1 hard was wanted east at 72c to-day, but holders were asking more. No. 1 west was quoted at 71c and No. 2 east at 70½c. No. 1 grinding in transit is quoted at 76c.

Flour—Quiet and unchanged. Manitoba grades are the most active line. There is a fair demand for them at previous quotations.

Millfeed—Bran is steady. Sales were made middle freights west at \$11. Shorts are quoted at \$12.50 to 13.00 west.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats quiet; quoted at \$3.85 in bags for car lots on track and \$3.95 for broken lots.

Oats—Unsettled. Five cars of mixed oats, C.P.R. west, sold at 28½c. White oats west were quoted at 29½c.

Barley—Steady. Demand is inactive, but holders are firm at 41c for No. 1. Feed is selling in moderate quantities at 35 to 36c.

Grain and Flour—Car lot prices are: Flour (Toronto freights)—Manitoba patents, \$3.65 to 3.75; Manitoba strong bakers', \$3.50 to 3.60; Ontario patents, \$3.10 to 3.20; straight roller, \$2.80; extra, \$2.50 to 2.75; low grades, per bag 90c to \$1. Bran, \$12.00. Shorts, \$14.00 to \$14.50. Wheat (west and north points)—White, 57c; spring, 58c; red winter, 57c; goose, 56c; spring, Midland, 59c; No. 1 hard, 71c; 2 hard, 69c; No. 3 hard, 66c. Peas (outside)—51 to 52c. Barley (out-side)—No. 1 41c; feed, 35 to 36c. Oats—28½ to 29½c. Buckwheat, 48 to 50c. Rye, 43c.

Eggs—Fresh sold from 17½ to 18c to-day, and lined at 15½ to 16c. Strictly new laid are quoted at 20c.

Apples—Offerings are light and prices firm. Selected apples are quoted at \$3.25 to \$3.50, and cooking apples at \$2.25 to \$2.50. Dried stock is quoted at 5c and evaporated is held at 10 to 10½c.

Bears—Quiet at \$1.25 to 1.50 per bushel. Jobbers are plying \$1.25 and are selling at \$1.50 for white and 5 to 5½c for Limas.

Onions—Demand fair and prices easy. Commission houses are now getting 1 to 1½c per lb for prime yellow Danvers and silver skins.

Honey—Receipts are moderate. The demand is active and prices are steady at 8c for extracted and \$1.50 to \$1.75 per doz for sections.

Poultry—Supplies continue heavy. Commission houses have about all they can handle and prices are easy. Turkeys are easy at 7½ to 8½c; chickens sold at 20 to 40c; geese, sold at 5 to 6c, and ducks 35 to 70c.

Dressed Meats—Quiet. Beef fores are quoted at 4½ to 5½c, and hinds at 6 to 8c; carcass pork, \$6.25; carcass lamb, 5½ to 6½c; and veal, 6 to 7½c.

Dressed Hogs—Packers were buying a few lots on the street at \$6 to \$6.25, and were talking the same figures for rail lots, with only a small business doing. On the street prices ranged from \$6 to \$6.50. Four or five lots were sold at \$6 and most of the offerings at \$6.25. A few prime lots brought \$6.50. Provisions were dull and easy.

Cured Meats—Quotations as follows: Mess pork, Canadian, \$18.50 to \$19; short cut \$20; shoulder mess, \$17.50; bacon, thin clear, new, per pound, 10c; lard, Canadian tierces, 11c; tubs 11½c, and pails, 12c; in tins, from 3 to 10 pounds, 12½c; compound, do, 9 to 9½c. Smoked meats—Hams, per lb, 12½c; bellies, 13½c; rolls, per pound, to 9½c; backs, per pound, 12c. Packing salt, in car lots, 60c per sack for coarse and 62c for fine.

Butter—Unchanged. There is a good sale for creamery and choice dairy grades at steady prices. Choice dairy tub sell at 20 to 21½c,

with an odd lot of extra fine at 22c. Rolls sell at 19 to 19½c. Bakers' butter is in moderate demand at 15 to 16c. Creamery refrigerator pounds sell at 26½ to 27½c and creamery tubs at 24 to 24½c.

Cheese—The local jobbing trade is steady and prices are firm. Some old cheese is being jobbed out at 10 to 10½c; August makes sell at 11c, and September make at 11½c. To-day's cable quotations are 5½s for white and 5½s for colored September make.

Cattle—Everything was taken in sales of small lots to local butchers and the regular buyers. One load of butchers' cattle, averaging 1,020 lbs., sold at \$32 a head; 15 head, averaging 1,190 lbs, sold at \$40 a head. Odd one's and two's, picked, sold at 3½ to 3¾c. Some buyers were here looking for stockers, but there were only a few head in, not sufficient to start on. There is a limited demand for stockers at 2½ to 2¾c for light feeders, and 3 to 3½c for cattle weighing 1,100 lbs and up.

Hogs—The run was fair again to-day; 780 here. Prices were 12½c lower. Straight fats, weighed off car, sold at \$5, and fed and watered at \$4.75. Stores and half fats sold at \$4.50, styg at \$2.50 to \$3. The buying was active, all offering being bought.

Sheep and Lambs—Prices were easy, ranging from \$1.50 for culls up to \$2.70 for choice 85 lb lambs. A bunch of 286, averaging 85 lbs, sold at \$2.70; a bunch of 57, averaging 70 lbs, sold at \$2.19, and a bunch of 72, averaging 75 lbs, sold at \$2.17. Sheep were in slow demand. A bunch of 17 head, averaging 130 lbs, sold at \$3 a head.

Milk Cows and Springers—About 15 were on the market to-day. Prices were easier, good cows bringing rather less than \$50. A pair, one of which was a Jersey, sold at \$95. Inferiors sold down as low as \$25.—*Empire*, Dec. 2

London Fur Sales.

Phillips, Poltzer & Co. have made the following report on the November fur sales in London:—

The excessive heat lasting well into the autumn, the deadlock in America, the great strikes nearer home, and consequent general depression, have all had their share in unfavorably affecting the fur trade this season. Notwithstanding these circumstances the sales were fairly well supported, and, under the influence of an active demand in Russia and more encouraging reports from America, the offerings were quickly disposed of, though prices, as a rule, disclosed a downward tendency.

Bears—3,163 skins (last year 4,098). All kinds continue in demand, and although the extreme price of last June for the highest grade was not reached, the lower and medium have done better.

Raccoon—60,033 skins (last year 13,500). Met with some inquiry for Russia, and prices for the medium and lower sorts were fully maintained. The rough skins were a little easier, but on the whole there is no essential change.

Musquash, brown—279,786 skins. Sold steadily at last June prices.

Musquash, black—6,155 skins. Could not be disposed of at the previous high rates and have declined twenty-five per cent.

American Opossum—8,031 skins (last year 1,809). Were too small in quantity to attract any attention.

Fox, gray—1,002 skins (last year 227). Ditto, ditto.

Beaver—1,544 skins. Ditto, ditto.

Otter—577 skins. Ditto, ditto.

Lynx—597 skins. Ditto, ditto.

Wolf—3,052 skins (last year 460). Ditto, ditto.

Australian Opossum—532,525 skins (last year 630,000). Notwithstanding the large sup-

ply was readily disposed of, the seconds and thirds being in fair request for Germany and Russia. The firsts were in less demand and declined fifteen per cent., while seconds and thirds have fully maintained former values.

Wombat—34,066 skins (last year 34,448). The collection consisted mainly of very poor red skins which realized very low prices; good silvery were scarce and sold at last sale prices.

Wallaby—32,595 skins (last year 56,000). Were in good demand and have advanced ten per cent.

Japanese Fox—16,676 skins (last year 14,978). Remain unaltered at last sale prices.

Raw Persians—12,000 skins. The quantity offered was more important and attracted some attention. Prices were moderate, the quality of the skins being unsuitable for the demand.

Bastard Chinchilla—32,016 skins (last year 3,444). Met with more inquiry and were bought for America. The best skins advanced ten per cent. and the pale and small thirty-five per cent.

Nutria—39,946 skins (last year 8,860). A poor collection which sold at about last sale prices.

Fox, red—6,652 skins (last year 4,930). Remain unaltered at former prices. The Asiatic were withdrawn for want of competition, and the European sold at extremely low figures.

Russian Sable—1,851 skins (last year 8,150). Were mainly skins of the lowest possible grade, which were very much neglected. A few Yakutsky skins met with better competition at a decline of fifteen per cent. to twenty per cent.

Marten—3,808 skins (last year 10,100). Were in less demand, and, while the low Canadian skins maintained previous prices, the higher grades realized somewhat less.

Wolverine—135 skins. The quantity being very small met with no attention.

Mink—24,000 skins (last year 52,600). Did not sell well at the high prices current at the early part of the year, and have now declined fifteen per cent., several strings being withdrawn.

Skunk—11,859 skins (last year 20,000). Realized June prices.

In the smaller sales held previously:—

Monkeys were actively competed for at former values, the entire collection being purchased for America. 48 041 (last year 25,105).

Australian Opossum—The firsts were somewhat neglected and declined fifteen per cent. Seconds and thirds sold steadily at last sale prices. 1,190,197 (last year 435,810).

Thibets—Coats, crosses and skins were nearly all withdrawn, the collection consisting mainly of common woolly skins which could not be disposed of. The fine silky goods are scarce and in better request. 1,191 coats, 3,972 crosses, 29,923 skins.

FUR SEAL SALES.

Sales of salted fur seals were held in London on November 29, when the following quantities were offered:—C. M. Lampson & Co. offered: Alaska, salted, 7,500 skins; Alaskas, dressed and dyed, large sizes, 1,200 skins; Northwest coast, dressed and dyed, small and medium sizes, 800 skins; Northwest coast, salted, 70,000 skins; Copper Islands, salted, 32,800.

The Hudson's Bay Company offered:—Northwest coast, salted, 8,000 skins. Culverwell, Brooks & Co. offered:—Northwest coast, salted, 15,000 skins. Goad, Rogers & Co. offered:—Lobos Island, Cape Hope, etc., salted, 10,300 skins.

Following is the cable report of the result:—Alaskas, 13 to 15 per cent. lower; Copper Islands, 17½ per cent. lower; Northwest coast, 20 to 30 per cent. lower.

Prices of Copper Islands:—Middlings, 74 shillings; smalls, 80 shillings; middling and smalls, 83.6 shillings; large pups, 76.3 shillings; middling pups, 68.9 shillings; small pups, 61.6 shillings.