

## Montreal Markets.

**Flour**—Beyond the local demand there is very little doing, although there is no particular change in values. The price of straight rollers laid down here on track is \$3 50, Ontario millers offering at that price. Wheat can be bought at 65c at the mill for red and white winter, which is a decline of several cents from top prices about two weeks ago. Very little is said to be going forward for export, and some of those millers who were sending their flour to England are sending it to this market instead. In spring wheat flour there is very little change, strong bakers being quoted at \$4 15 to 4 25 for choice city brands, as to quality. Manitoba ground strong bakers is unchanged, and quoted at \$3 50 to 4 15 as to quality. Newfoundland buyers do not seem very anxious to buy. Prices are quoted as follows:—Patent, spring, \$4 25 to 4 35; patent, winter, \$4 10 to 4 25; straight roller, \$3 50 to 3 75; extra, \$3 18 to 3 25; superfine, \$2 70 to 2 90; fine \$2 35 to 2 50; city strong bakers, \$4 to 4 25; Manitoba bakers, \$3 50 to 4 15; Ontario bags, extra, \$1 40 to 1 50; straight rollers \$1 80 to \$1 85; superfine, \$1 30 to \$1 45; fine, \$1 10 to 1 20.

**Oatmeal**—A very fair jobbing demand is reported with an upward tendency in values, sales having been made of rolled oats in the city trade in broken lots at \$4 05 to 4 10 per bushel and in bags at \$2 to 2 05. The prices of car lots are very irregular, ranging from \$3 80 to 3 95 for rolled oats. Jobbing prices are quoted as follows:—Rolled and granulated, \$4 00 to \$4 10; standard \$3 90 to 4 00. In bags granulated, \$2 00 to 2 05, and standard \$1 90 to 1 95.

**Mill feed**—A further advance has taken place in bran, which has sold at \$15 50 in car lots, and to-day \$17 could be got for a car on track. Ontario mills are getting \$15 in the west. Shorts are also very scarce and wanted, but they seem to be all wanted in the west, where the mills are getting \$16 f.o.b., and prices here may be quoted at \$17 to 18. Meal is quoted at \$21 to 23.

**Wheat**—The price of winter wheat at points west of Toronto has declined 2 to 3c per bushel, as millers write to the effect that they are now getting it delivered at their mills at 65 to 66c for red and white. Manitoba wheat is also easier and quoted at 82 to 84c, No. 2 hard is offered at 84c, North Bay with 83c bid, which is 1c lower than last week.

**Oats**—Considerable business has been done in the West, sales of mixed for May delivery at G. I. R. and C. P. R. stations having been made at 32c f.o.b. In this market prices are steady, 33 to 34c for 34 lb., sales of 8 to 10 carloads being reported at within that for No. 2.

**Barley**—There has been more activity at western points, with sales at 45 to 46c f.o.b. for No. 1 and at 40 to 41c for No. 2. Here the market is quiet at 50 to 56c for malting, and 40 to 42c for feed qualities.

**Seeds**—Canadian timothy is quoted at \$3 00 per bus of 45 lbs., and western timothy is quoted at \$2 75 to 2 80 per bus. Red clover is steady at \$7 50 to 8 00 per bus. of 60 lbs., alsike \$3 40 to 8 50 per bus. Flax seed steady at \$1 00 to 1 25 per bus.

**Pork, Lard, etc.**—The market is firm for mess pork, further sales of Canada short cut being reported at \$23 00 for good sized lots, and at \$23 50 to 24 00 for smaller lots. Even at the recent decline in Chicago, new regular mess pork cannot be laid down here and sold at less than \$23 50, while old Chicago mess is quoted at \$22 00 to 22 50. Lard is steady, with sales of compound at \$2 10 to 2 40 per pail of 20 lbs., as to quality. Canada short cut pork, \$23 00 to 24 00 per bbl.; Canada clear mess, \$20 00 to 22 50 per bbl.; extra mess beef, \$13 00 to 14 00 per bbl.; hams, city cured, 1c to 14c per lb.; lard, pure, in pails, 13c to

14c per lb.; lard, compound, in pail, 10c to 12c per lb.; bacon, 12c to 13c per lb.; shoulders, 11 to 11 1/2c per lb.

**Dressed Hogs**—The market is about over for the season as regards car lots, which are nominally quoted at \$8 60 to 8 70.

**Butter**—Sales have been made during the past week of creamery in round lots at 22 1/2 to 23c for the Toronto market, and Newfoundland buyers have taken several lots of western at 20c. A good jobbing business is being done at within range of our quotations, which are as follows: Creamery choice late made, 22c to 23c; creamery, good to fine, 21c to 22c; Eastern Townships dairy, choice fall, 21c to 22c; Eastern Townships, good, 20c to 20c; Morrisburgh and Brackville, 20c to 22c; western, 18c to 20c. About 1c to 2c may be added to above prices for choice selections of single tubs. The demand for rolls continues good, Western having sold all the way from 19c to 21c and Morrisburg at 21 1/2 to 22c. A lot of 5 tubs of very fine western was sold at 20c.

**Cheese**—Last sales were made at 11 1/2c for choice white, and colored is quoted at 11 1/2 to 11 3/4c. It will not be long before some of the western factories will have their fodder goods on the market, especially as prices are likely to invite an early make. There will undoubtedly be a heavy make during the coming summer and fall, as farmers have had everything to encourage them during the past season to increase their production.

**Eggs**—The decreased supplies owing to the recent severely cold weather, combined with a good luteal demand, has sent prices up 6 to 7c per dozen since our last report; but we are entering a period when a sudden break would cause no surprise. Fresh stock has sold at 32 to 33c, while Montreal limed, which are getting low down in stock, are firm at 28c.

**Leather**—The market is characterized by firmness both as regards sole and black leather. Prices are as follows: Manufacturer's sole No. 1, 18 to 19c; No. 2, 16 to 17c; waxed uppers, 20 to 25c; and splits, 11 to 17c.

**Hides**—Hides are in light supply, and all native lots are picked up readily at 5 1/2c, 4 1/2c and 3 1/2c for No. 1, 2 and 3 by tanners, dealers paying 1/2c less. Heavy steer are selling at 7 1/2 and 6 1/2c. Lambskins are selling all the way from 90c to \$1 05 as to the amount of wool. Calfskins are coming in slowly and are sold readily at 6c per lb. We quote:—Nos. 1, 2 and 3 at 5 1/2, 4 1/2 and 3 1/2c respectively to tanners, dealers paying 5c, 4c and 3c. Calfskins, 6c to 7c; and lambskins 90c to \$1 05.

**Boots and Shoes**—Manufacturers are still very busy on spring orders, although several say they have not been so full of orders as to be compelled to refuse a portion of them, as was the case with one firm last week, although leather men say the boot and shoe houses are so busy that they have not been able to lay in their leather for the fall goods, which the tanner did about this time. Business on the whole is good and manufacturers say that prospects are as bright as ever for a good year's business. Remittances have slackened off somewhat.—*Trade Bulletin*, Feb. 24.

## Toronto Grocery Market.

Trade seems in pretty healthy condition, but the volume of business is somewhat lighter than a week ago. To define the cause is mere guess work, but the heavy snow storm and the consequent blockade of the country roads has probably brought it about. But while the market is quieter, values generally are firmer. Canned vegetables continue to gather strength, although no change in prices have been made during the week. Chocolates have advanced 1c a pound and cocoas are dearer. The soap market is firm and a further advance of 3c a pound would not create any surprise. Surrogate soap is quoted 55c a box higher than a week ago. Imported sperm candles have ad-

vanced 20 per cent in sympathy with the advances in hog products. Coffees remain much about the same. Currants are in rather better demand, and with prunes are dearer for importation. Outside these the dried fruit market is much about the same as before. Sugar continues quiet, firm and featureless. Syrups are a little higher. The tea market is getting stronger as stocks grow less. Payments are as a rule reported to be fairly good.

**Coffees**—Demand here is just ordinary, largely on account of high prices. The local market has not advanced anything like what is seemingly warranted by the prevailing conditions outside. Rios are scarce and firm, and the foreign markets are quiet and firm.

**Dried Fruits**—A fair seasonable trade is being done. The principal demand at the moment is for currants, which are selling well from 5 1/2 up; they are dearer for importations and stocks at Patras are exhausted. There is a firmer feeling in Valencia outside, but the movement here is light; fine off stalk are selling at 5 to 5 1/2c and layers at 7 to 7 1/2c a pound. Prunes, like currants, are dearer for importation, and on the spot are scarcer at 7 1/2 to 8 1/2c a pound. Dates are in fair demand at unchanged prices.

**Rice and Spices**—There is still only a light enquiry for rice at 3 1/2 to 5 1/2c a pound. Spices are in active demand but without any actual change in price. The hardening tendency in the price of pepper and cloves has induced a little more buying in these lines.

**Sugars**—The sugar market seems to be holding steady, but the demand continues light. Refiners are very stiff in their views and won't take anything under the regular combination price.

**Syrups and Molasses**—Syrups are in active demand, the medium and better grades being more called for, and prices are a little higher. Refiners have worked off their surplus stocks and are now asking at least 3c more than three weeks ago. There is also an improved demand for molasses.

**Teas**—The demand for teas continues good. Stocks of practically all lines in first hands are becoming smaller and the position is stronger than a week ago. Low grade teas are in small compass. And it is the general opinion that the men who buy to-day will get better value than those who defer till May or June because low grade Japans are not expected to arrive here till August. Locally the principal demand at the moment is for low grade and medium Japans, and medium Assams and Ceylons. Low price Ceylons are also getting scarce, and there seems to be none offering in London at the moment.—*Grocer*.

## Montreal Dry Goods Trade.

The weather has continued highly favorable for the clearance of all descriptions of winter wear, and retailers will commence the spring trade with shelves pretty bare of last fall's purchases. Orders for spring goods are coming in very satisfactorily both from travellers and customers direct, comprising gingham and cotton dress goods, black and colored cashmeres, alpaca, serges, muslin delaines, satens, prints, etc., all of which have been sold pretty largely ahead. In woollen goods some large orders have been placed for Canadian and English makes, and in a number of instances western have asked for prompt shipment of goods. Altogether, the spring and summer trade promises to rival the past winter's business, which has been exceptionally good. The retail city trade has been quiet during the week, and both city collections and remittances have been somewhat slow.—*Trade Bulletin*.

"Why, Maria, how could you bring yourself to marry a man in such a vulgar business? He sells lard." Maybe he does; but I want you to understand that there is no thing vulgar about his business. It's refined lard."—*Buffalo Express*.