

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE. Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, March 5.

Dry Goods—Dry goods were active and sales much larger than last year. Payments on paper maturing yesterday very satisfactory. The mills have reduced cotton flannels five to ten per cent, pillow cottons ten to twelve per cent, and bleached cottons 1-2 to 3-4c. Unbleached sheetings have been reduced twelve and half to fifteen per cent. Rubber cloth goods are ten per cent. higher. Woolen knitted goods are 5 to 8 per cent. higher. Credits have been reduced one month and discounts reduced from 12 to 9 per cent. The millinery openings were a big success. There was heavy buying. Among the visitors were a number of Manitoba buyers.

Groceries—Groceries are active and prices advancing. Gelatine is 2 and canned beef 10 cents higher. Considerable shipments of canned vegetables are being made to Manitoba and the west.

Hardware—This branch is improving, large shipments of guns, knives, and ammunition are reported for British Columbia.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE. Special to The Commercial.

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The grain trade is dull. Feed barley has advanced. Eggs have been declining. Butter is firm owing to limited offerings, amounting to an actual scarcity. Flour 5c up.

Flour—Manitoba patent, \$5.55; bakers, \$5.05, Ontario straight roller, \$4.20 to \$4.30.

Wheat—Ontario wheat, 86 to 87c.

Oats—White 30 to 30 1-2c, mixed 29 1-2c.

Barley—Quite at 41c for No. 2; 38 for No. 3 extra, and 36 to 37c for feed.

Millfeed—Shorts, \$13.50 to \$14 per ton; bran \$12 per ton.

Oatmeal—\$3.70 to \$3.80 per barrel for car lots.

Eggs—New laid, 15 to 16c; lined, 12 to 13c.

Butter, dairy—Tubs, choice 17 to 18c, medium, 13 to 14c. Creamery, tubs, 20 to 21c.

Hides—No. 1 green, 9c, the latter for steers; cured, 9 1-4c; sheepskins, \$1.00 to \$1.25 for fresh killed; tallow, 23 1-4 to 31 1-2c.

Dried apples—Firm at 4 to 4 1-2c; evaporated, 9c.

Honey—6 1-2 to 7c per lb. in bulk. Beans—70 to 80c per bushel.

Dressed hogs—\$6 to \$6.25 per 100 lbs for choice.

Wool—Fleece 20 1-2c. Pulled, 19 1-2 to 21 1-2c; extras, 22 to 23c.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET. Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, March 1.

Offerings today were 28 carloads. These include 275 sheep and lambs, 900 hogs.

Export Cattle—Prices were steady at 33 1-4c to 41 1-4c per lb. for good steers, and \$3.30 to \$3.60 for fat bulls.

Butchers' Cattle—Offerings light and prices firm, ruling from \$3.40 to \$3.80 per cwt. for good to choice; common to medium, 3c to 3 1-4c per lb. All offerings sold.

Stockers and Feeders—Some good feeding bulls bring 2 1-2c to 2 3-4c. Few are coming forward; they sell at 3 1-2c to 3 3-4c for distillery men and feeding bulls bring 2 1-2c to 2 3-4c.

Sheep and Lambs—Lambs were

firm; demand export active at 5c to 5 1-4c per lb; sheep 31 1-2c; bucks 3c.

Hogs—The market was firmer at 5c to 5 1-8c for the best bacon, weighed off cars; thick fat \$1.50 to \$1.65 per cwt., and light \$1.70 to \$1.75; sows, \$3 to \$3.25; stags, \$2. Choice hogs are wanted.

FRIDAY'S MARKETS.

Toronto, March 4.

Receipts of live stock of all kinds at the semi-weekly market today were 66 carloads, including 3,500 hogs. Owing to large receipts, cattle were weaker. Sheep were 1-1c lower. Others unchanged. Prices per 100 pounds were as follows:

Butchers' choice cattle	3.50 to 3.75
Export cattle	\$3.75 to 4.25
good	2.75 to 3.30
Butchers, common to medium	2.75 to 3.30
Bulls	2.75 to 3.00
Feeders	3.50 to 3.75
Stockers	3.00 to 3.25
Export sheep	3.00 to 3.25
Butchers' sheep	2.75 to 3.00
Lambs	5.00 to 5.25
Choice bacon hogs	5.00 to 5.10
Light hogs	4.70 to 4.75
Thick fat hogs	4.55 to 4.65
Stores	4.40 to 4.60
Sows	3.00 to 3.25
Stags	2.00 to 2.25

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET. Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, March 5.

Turpentine has advanced 1c. United States coal oil has been advanced 1c. Trade is fairly active.

White lead, government standard, \$5.37 1-2c; No. 1, \$5; dry white lead in kegs, 5c, red lead in kegs, 43 1-4c; linseed oil raw, 45 to 46c; boiled 48 to 49c; turpentine 51 to 52c; bar iron \$1.40 to \$1.50, tin plates, cokes, \$2.75 to \$2.90, I. C. charcoal, \$3.25 to \$3.75, Canada plates, \$2.10 to \$2.15, tern plates, \$5.95 to \$6.25; galvanized iron, 4 1-4 to 4 3-4c; lead, \$3.75 to \$4; iron pipe, \$3.90 to \$4; spout in bulk, \$1.65; in bladders, 80; ingot tin, 15 1-2 to 16c.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET. Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, March 5.

Granulated sugar has been reduced 1-16c to 4 3-8c at the refineries. Other lines unchanged. Spices are advancing.

Quotations are: Granulated sugar, standard, 43 1-8c at the refineries; Canadian-German granulated, 41 1-8c; yellows, 3 11-16 to 3 7-8c; imported best granulated, 41 1-8c. Molasses, 29 to 30c; syrups, 2 to 2 1-2c as to quality; Valencia raisins from 4 3-4 to 5 1-2c; Valencia layers, 6 1-2c; currants, 5 1-8 to 6 1-2c, as to brand; coffee, Rio, 81 1-2 to 10c; Mocha, 18 to 20c; Java, 17 to 20; rice, Crystal Japan, 5c, B. 31 1-2c.

Canned goods—Tomatoes, \$1.25; corn, 90c to \$1; peas, 90c to \$1.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE. Special to The Commercial.

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Millfeed is in active demand and higher. Oatmeal has been irregular in price. It is quoted 5 to 10c higher. Butter is firm at 1c higher for dairy and 1-2c to 1c higher for creamery. Cheese quiet.

Oats—Steady at 34 to 34 1-2c per bushel for No. 2 white.

Flour—Manitoba strong bakers, \$4.90 to \$4.95; Manitoba patents, \$5.35 to \$5.40.

Millfeed—Bran \$15 per ton; shorts, \$17, including sacks.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$1.90 to \$1.95 per bag.

Hides—9 to 9 1-2c for No. 1.

Eggs—Pickled, 14 to 15c per dozen; new laid, 19 to 20c.

Butter—Dairy, 16 to 18c.

Butter—Creamery, 19 to 20 1-2c.

Cheese—7 3-4 to 8c.

Dressed hogs—\$6.25 to \$6.75 per 100 pounds.

Dressed beef—Front quarters, 31 1-2 to 41 1-2c; hinds, 51 1-2 to 71 1-2c.

Dressed mutton—Lamb, 7 to 8c; mutton, 6 to 7c.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES. Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Feb. 29.

Receipts at the East End abattoir yesterday were 500 cattle, 500 calves, and fifty sheep and lambs. Cattle were easier, owing to liberal supplies, and the recent advance of 1-3 to 1-4c was lost. All offered, however, were taken at the decline. Choice cattle sold at 4 to 4 1-4c; good at 3 1-4 to 3 3-4c, and lower grades at 2c to 3c per lb. Offerings of sheep and lambs were small. Sheep sold at 3 1-4 to 3 1-2c per lb., and lambs at 4 1-2 to 5c per lb., live weight. About 500 hogs were offered at the Point St. Charles stockyards and all were taken at 5 to 5 1-4c. It is stated that exporters are losing \$5 per head on cattle recently sent forward.

THURSDAY'S MARKETS.

Montreal, March 4.

At yesterday's market prices were steady for cattle. Sheep, however, were firm and advanced 1-4 to 1-2c. Hogs were in good demand and 1-4c higher.

Cattle—Choice 41 1-4; fair to good, 31 1-4 to 4c.

Sheep—3 1-2 to 4c per lb.; lambs 4 1-2c to 5c.

Hogs—5 1-4 to 5 1-2c.

CROW'S NEST LABORERS.

Mr. Alex. Calder, the C. P. R. employment agent, arrived in the city Thursday night from Toronto with a party of 130 laborers for the Crow's Nest Pass railway construction work. Mr. Calder returns Saturday to London and Toronto and expects to get at least 500 more men from these cities. Between three and four thousand more men will be required to complete the building of this railway by August. There are 1,000 men working in the wood camps between here and Fort William, and 2,000 between Port Arthur and Sault Ste. Marie. These laborers will be available in a short time. Several parties from Newfoundland are on the way up, and one party went through a few days ago. About 3,000 men will be required on the Teslin Lake railway by April, but Contractor Munn says he can secure any number of laborers in Vancouver and the coast cities. The question of getting Canadians for work on the Crow's Nest Pass railway is a very difficult one. Mr. Calder now has four or five agents in Ontario employing all available laborers.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

New York, March 4.—3 p.m.—Money on call firm, 2 to 2 1-2. Last loan 2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4 to 4 1-2 per cent. Sterling exchange weak, at \$1.94 1-8 for demand and \$1.81 1-2 to \$1.81 3-4 for sixty days. Posted rates, \$1.83 and \$1.85 1-2. Commercial bills, \$1.80 3-4. Silver certificates, 54 1-8 to 54 5-8. Bar silver, 54 1-4. Mexican dollars, 45. Government bonds weak.