

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, April 7.
Dry goods trade shows some improvement. Values are very firm. Bad country roads check business. The Jackward spring and Easter coming later than usual have made business a little slow. The wholesale summer millinery openings will be held the end of this month.

Hardware trade is opening up well this month. Shipments are larger owing to lower freights. Prices generally firm. Cotton twine is 1-2 to 1c higher. Barb wire is \$1 per ton dearer, now \$3.77 1-2 here per 100 pounds. Manila rope is 1-2c dearer at 16c. Pig skin is higher at 37 to 38c. Some cutting on low price scales by manufacturers is reported. Cement and fire bricks are firm and advancing. Lead pipe is firmer for Maritime provinces trade, but unchanged here.

Groceries—There is further improvement in trade. Coffees are a shade easier, but no lower. Canned corn beef and roast beef are dearer. Valencia raisins are firmer. It is reported here that canned salmon will open 50c per case higher than a year ago. Canadian heavy mess barrel pork and lard are firmer in sympathy with higher prices for hogs. Refined bright corn syrup is 10c dearer for 2 and 3 gallon pails, and 1-8c on bulk.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.
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Toronto, April 7.
Owing to the spring break up of the roads, grain deliveries have been light. Wheat is firm. Manitoba wheat 1-2c higher. Oats firm and unchanged. Flour dull and firm. The butter market is weak, on large receipts of new spring goods. Eggs will likely hold firm until after Easter.

Flour—Manitoba patent, \$3.90 to \$4.00, Manitoba bakers, \$3.60, car lots, Ontario roller, \$2.55 to \$2.80 per barrel for car lots at country mills.

Wheat—Ontario winter wheat 65 1-2 to 66c for carlots at country points; Ontario spring, 66c at eastern Ontario points; No. 1 hard, 80 1-2c, North Bay.

Oats—26 1-2 to 28c at country points for carlots, as to quality and freights.

Barley—No. 2, 42 to 43c country points.

Milfeed—Shorts, \$17 to \$18 per ton; bran, \$16 to \$17 per ton for cars at country mills.

Oatmeal—\$3.20 in bags per barrel, and \$3.30 in wood for carlots, Toronto.

Eggs—New laid, 13 1-2c; fresh held, 11c.

Butter—Large dairy rolls, 14 to 16c; creamery, tubs, 21c.

Cheese—13 to 13 1-2c for job lots to the local trade.

Hides—9c for No. 1 cows; No. 1 heavy steers, 9 1-2c; country hides 1 1-2c under these prices; sheepskins and lambskins, \$1.25 to \$1.40; calfskins, 11c for No. 1; and 10c for No. 2; tallow, 5 3-4 to 6c.

Wool—Washed fleeces, 19c; unwashed, 11c.

Beans—\$1.85 per bushel for hand-picked.

Dried Apples—5 1-2c for round lots; evaporated, 7 to 7 1-2c.

Honey—Sold at 9 to 10c in bulk.

Poultry—Chickens, 50 to 55c per pair; turkeys, 12c per lb.; geese, 7 to 8c; ducks, 60 to 80c per pair.

Potatoes—Steady at 38 to 39c per bag for car lots.

Hogs—Dressed hogs, \$6.50 to \$7.00 per 100 pounds for car lots on track, as to grade.

Seeds—Timothy, \$2.50 to \$3.50 per 100 lbs.; red clover, \$3 to \$6; alsike, \$1.20 to \$7.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.
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Toronto, April 4.
Receipts at the semi-weekly market yesterday were 1,200 cattle, 200 sheep and lambs, and 2,000 hogs.

Export cattle—Ordinary to good cattle were almost unsaleable. Average heavy shippers sold at \$4.50 to \$4.75 per cwt. and lighter stock at \$4.25 to \$4.40 per cwt.

Butchers' cattle—A few odd cattle sold at high as \$4.50 per cwt. Loads of good heifers and steers sold at \$4 to \$4.25 per cwt. Many of the good butchers' cattle sold at \$3.50 to \$3.80 per cwt.

Export hulls—Weaker at \$3.65 to \$3.90 per cwt for heavy stock and \$3.40 to \$3.60 for lighter cattle.

Stockers—3 to 3 1-2c per lb.

Sheep—Slightly better trade at \$3 50 to \$4 per cwt. for export ewes and \$3 to \$4 a head for butchers' sheep. Lambs, \$4.50 to \$5.50 per cwt and \$5 50 to \$5.80 for picked ewes and wethers.

Hogs—Advanced 25c per cwt. to \$6 25 per cwt. for selections of 160 to 200 lbs. natural weight, and \$5.75 per cwt for thick and light fats.

FRIDAY'S MARKET.

Toronto, April 7.

At the semi-weekly market yesterday receipts were 35 carloads including 600 cattle, 300 sheep and lambs and 1,000 hogs.

Export cattle were dull and weak on discouraging cables and high ocean freights. The top paid was \$4.80 per 100 lbs. Butchers' cattle in good demand and firm at Tuesday's prices. Sheep steady. Lambs firmer at \$4.50 to \$4.75 and up to \$5.75 to \$6.12 1-2 for picked lots. Hogs unchanged at Tuesday's prices.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.
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Montreal, April 7.

Oats are stronger and there is a good enquiry for May at 3-4 to 1c advance. In store, oats are 1 1-2 to 1 3-4c higher. Flour is firmer at 10c advance on the inside quotation. Feed is \$1 higher. Hides steady. Lambskins are 5c higher. Eggs active and steady. Butter easier at 1s decline on creamery and 4c on dairy. Dressed poultry are in very light supply. Quotations are:

Oats—31 1-2 to 32c in store, 33 to 33 1-2c afloat, May.

Barley—No. 1, afloat, May, 51c; No. 2 afloat, May, 49c.

Flour—Prices to the trade delivered are: Manitoba strong bakers, \$3.45 to \$3.60; Manitoba patents, \$3.80 to \$4.00.

Milfeed—Bran, \$18 per ton; shorts \$19, including sacks.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$3.40 per barrel on track and \$1.65 per sack.

Hides—No. 1 green city hides, 9c; No. 2, 8c; No. 3, 7c; No. 1 buffs, 9 1-2 to 10c; calfskins, No. 1, 11c; No. 2, 9c; lambskins, 10 to 15c; tallow, 4 to 4 1-2c.

Eggs—Strictly fresh, 15 1-2 to 16c.

Butter—Choice fresh dairy, 14 to 15c.

Butter—Choice creamery, 19 to 20c per lb.

Cheese—Finest, 12 to 13c. Fodder cheese, 11 to 11 1-2c per lb.

Beans—\$1.70 to \$1.85 per bushel, as to quality.

Potatoes—35 to 40c per bag on track.
Dressed Hogs—\$7.25 to \$7.50 per 100 lbs.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.
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Montreal, April 3.

Receipt of live stock at the East End Abattoir market yesterday were 400 cattle and 75 sheep and lambs.

The tone was a trifle firmer, but prices showed no actual advance. A moderately active trade was done. Choice steers sold at 43-4 to 5c; good at 41-4 to 41-2c; fair at 31-2 to 4c; and common at 21-2 to 31-1c per pound live weight. Trade in sheep was slow owing to the continued small offerings and prices ruled firm at 4 to 43-4c per pound. Yearling lambs met with a ready sale at 5 to 53-4c per pound.

At the Grand Trunk stock yards at Point St Charles, there was a good supply of hogs, for which the demand was good, and the tone of the market was steady, with all offerings taken at 51-2 to 53-4c per pound, live weight, weighed off cars.

THURSDAY'S MARKET.

Montreal, April 6.

At the East End Abattoir yesterday receipts were 450 cattle and 150 sheep and lambs, and 250 hogs.

The cattle market was more active. More choice offering for Easter. Choice cattle sold at 5 to 51-2c; good at 41-2 to 43-4c; fair at 31-2 to 4c, and others at 21-2 to 3c per pound. Sheep sold at 4 to 43-4c per pound. Yearling lambs at 5 to 51-4c per pound. Hogs, \$5.60 to \$5.75 per 100 pounds.

LONDON SUGAR MARKET.

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London, April 5.

Beet steady, April 10s 2 1-4d.

BRITISH LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

London, April 2.—The market for cattle was stronger, prices advancing 1-4c. Choice United States sold at 13 1-4c, and Argentines at 12 1-4c. The market for sheep was weaker, prices declined 1 1-2c with Argentines selling at 14 1-2c to 15c.

Liverpool, April 2.—Trade in cattle was firm, choice Canadians sold at 12c.

LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET.

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Liverpool, April 6.

Cheese is now quoted at 59s 6d for white, and 62c 6d for colored.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.

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Liverpool, April 5.

The cattle market was weaker at 11 to 11 1-2c per pound; estimated dressed weight.

Shoe and Leather Trade Notes.

There has been an advance of 1c per lb. in the price of sole leather at New York and Boston as the result of a more active demand.

The market for leather at Montreal continues steady at old prices. Boot and shoe manufacturers are reported to be purchasing sparingly owing to belief that prices cannot go higher and may decline.

Many local labor strikes are reported from the United States, largely in the building trades.