

Montreal Markets.

Flour—There has been a firmer feeling in flour, although it is difficult to establish higher prices. Offerings on the part of Ontario and Manitoba millers are considerably less. Most of the Manitoba millers have notified their agents here not to sell unless at an advance in prices. In this market, choice Manitoba hard wheat flour has been sold at \$3.50, same holders refusing to sell fancy grades under \$3.60. In straight roller flour, some firms west of Toronto have instructed firms here not to sell under \$3.10, although sales have been made at \$3.05 here on track. Choice 90 per cents have sold at \$3.10 and \$3.15. A car lot of 95 per cent., however, was sold at \$3.00 on track. The market at the moment is very irregular, as some holders are taking advantage of the action of those who are holding off by letting the stuff slide at old prices. The sale of 2 cars of straight roller in bags is reported at \$1.55. We quote:—Patent spring, \$3.60 to 3.75; patent winter, \$3.60 to 3.80; straight roller, \$3.00 to 3.20; extra, \$2.70 to 2.90; superfine, \$2.45 to 2.65; fine, \$2.15 to 2.30; city strong bakers, \$3.40 to 3.55; Manitoba bakers, \$3.25 to 3.55; Ontario bags—extra, \$1.35 to 1.40; straight rollers, \$1.50 to 1.55; superfine, \$1.15 to 1.30; fine, \$1 to 1.10.

Feed—Bran is very firm—Manitoba bran in car lots quoted at \$16 to 16.25, and Ontario at \$17 to 17.50. The fact is, buyers will pay as much for bran as for shorts. We quote shorts \$17 to 18, and moullie at \$21 to 22.

Oatmeal—There is rather a quieter feeling in this market, and car lots are offered freely at \$4.05 per bbl on track for well known brands of rolled and granulated:—Rolled and granulated, \$4.20 to 4.30; standard, \$3.85 to 4.10. In bags, granulated and rolled are quoted at \$2.05 to 2.10, and standard at \$1.85 to 1.95.

Wheat—Manitoba No 1 hard is still quoted nominally 72 to 73c. Very little wheat is coming out in Ontario or Manitoba, and what few sales were made recently in Ontario were on the basis of 58c f.o.b.

Oats—Considerable oats have been shipped from the West to Great Britain on very low through rates. In this market sales of No 2 have been made for local purposes at 33 to 33½c, but they are slow sale; but they have slackened since, and we now quote 37 to 38c per 34 lbs.

Barley—Feed barley is quiet at 42 to 43c, although in the west there has been a more active business, about 50,000 bushels being reported sold west of Toronto at 37 to 37½c f.o.b. and on the Midland about 30,000 bushels are said to have been secured at about 39½ to 40c. In malting barley the market is steady at 50 to 53c.

Cured Meats—In Canada short cut there have been sales at \$17 and \$18 per bbl, but at the present price of hogs pork could not be sold at present quotations at a profit. Compound lard has been placed in car lots at \$1.50 to 1.55. **Hams**—Sales of round lots of 12 to 14 lb hams at 12½c, and at 12 to 12½c for 16 to 18 lbs.

Dressed Hogs—The market is weak, with sales on car lots reported at \$6.75 per 100 lbs. Holders in the west are asking \$6.50 and 6.55, which means \$6.85 and 6.90 laid down here, which figures however cannot be got.

Butter—This market remains firm, receipts liberal. It is said that most of the winter creamery from the government experimental factories for January has been sold at 24½c for British Columbia. Sales of creamery are reported here at 23 to 24c in a jobbing way. A few jobbing lots of 6 to 20 pkgs of eastern townships, by no means finest, have been sold at 21 and 21½c, and fine fall make at 22. Fine western has sold in a jobbing way at 20 to 21c. Kamouraska is quoted at 19½ to 20c.

Cheese—Finest cheese in this market is quoted firm at 11½ to 11½c.

Eggs—Western stock are interfering with the sale of Montreal pickled stock, as the former are selling at 14 to 15c, while Montreal pickled bring 16 to 17c, and held fresh about the same figures. Strictly fresh boiling stock sells at 20 to 22c.

Dressed Poultry—Sales of dry picked turkeys at 10c for fine stock, but 9 to 9½c for scalded. Nice chickens have sold at 7½ to 8c, and scalded at 6 to 7c. Geese, slow at 6 to 7c, and ducks 9 to 10c.

Hides—The principal feature in the market is the liberal supply of light hides. Sales are reported of about 2,500 hides to dealers at 4½ for No. 1, tanners are paying ½ more; calfskins are quiet at 7c; sheepskins 75c, some holders ask 80c. We quote as follows:—Nos 1, 2 and 3 light hides to tanners 4½, 3½ and 2½ and to dealers 4, 3 and 2c. Heavy steers 8 to 6½c. Calfskins 7c, lambskins, 75c.

Apples—There is a good stock of apples on hand, and prices are still high and firm, but buyers are very limited. We quote No. 1 from \$4 to \$5; No. 2 not being quotable, there being no stock in the market.—*Trade Bulletin*, January 12.

Toronto Grocery Market.

The reduction in tobaccos of from 3 to 3½c per pound for blacks and from 4 to 8c for brights was the prominent feature of the week. This is the first change in prices for about six and a half years. Increasing competition is assigned as the cause of the sharp break.

Sugars, Syrups and Molasses.—Sugars—Granulated, 4½ to 4½c; Paris lumps, boxes, 5½ to 5½c; extra ground, bbls, 5½c; powdered, bbls, 5 to 5½c; refined, dark to bright, 3½ to 3½c; and brights, 3½ to 4½c. Syrups, per imperial gal. of 14 lbs—Dark, 22 to 26c; medium, 25 to 32c; bright, 32 to 35c; extra bright, 36 to 38c; extra, very bright, 40 to 43c; special brights, 45 to 48c. Molasses—West India, bbls, 23 to 35c; New Orleans, open kettle, 45 to 55c; centrifugal, 30 to 40c; inferior low grades, 23 to 25c per gallon.

Teas and Coffees—Teas have been moving freely, especially medium and low grade Japans, Indias and Ceylons. There is no feature in prices. Coffees are steady and unchanged. Local prices are: Green Rios, 23 to 25c. Roasted coffees—Rio, 25c; choice, 26; fancy, 26½c; extras, 27c; Maricaoibos, 60c; Jamaicas, 28c; Javas 31½c for imperial; Java, old Government, 32½ to 34½c; private growth standard Java, 36c; Mochas, pure, 33c; genuine Arabian Mochas, 36c.

Dried Fruit—Prunes, off-stalk Valencia raisins and currants are the principal lines of dried fruits at present in demand. The market is now practically sold out of old fruit and the offerings now are of the 1893 crop. Quotations are:—Raisins—Valencia, 4 to 4½c for off-stalk; 4½ to 5c for fine off-stalk; 5½ to 6c for selected; layers, new crop, 5½c to 6c Sultanas, old, 4½ to 5½c, new 6 to 8½c, London layers, old \$1.25 per 22-lb box, and new, \$2.25 per 22-lb box; black baskets, new, \$3.25 to 3.40; blue baskets, new, \$4.00 a box; extra desserts, \$1 per box; quarter flats, \$1.25 per box; extra dessert quarter flats, \$1.50; prunes, fine new Bordeaux, 5 to 6c. Figs—Comarc, 30 lb taps, 3½ to 4½c; Elemen figs 12-lb boxes, 9 to 14c; tiberts, 9 to 10c. Shelled Jordan almonds, 45 to 50c per pound; shelled Valencia almonds 25 to 28c per pound; Tarragona almonds, 13 to 14c per pound walnuts, 11 to 14c. Peel—Orange, 16½ to 18c per pound; citron 20 to 24c; and lemon, 13 to 16c. Marbot walnuts, 11 to 12c; Bordeaux walnuts 8 to 9c; Hallowee dates 5½ to 5½c; evaporated California nectarines, 13c; peaches, 13½c; apricots, 17c and pears, 13c. Pantura currants, 9c.

Canned Goods—Vegetables are no higher, but the feeling is in favor of a rise. Packers are not pressing sales, which looks as if they expected to see better figures before the season is out. Quotations are: Fish—Sal-

mon, 1's tall, \$1.20 to 1.40; and flats, horse-shoe, \$1.50; lob-ter, imparial crown flats, \$2.50, mackerel, \$1.00; finnan haddie, \$1.35 to 1.50; sardines, French ½s, 9½ to 13c; sardines, French ¾s, 16 to 23c; sardines, American ½s, 5½ to 8c; sardines, American ¾s, 9 to 12c. Fruit and vegetables—Tomatoes, 3's, 85 to 90c; corn, 3's, 80 to 90c; peas, 2's, 85c to \$1.45; beans 85 to 95c; pumpkins, 80 to 95c; strawberries and raspberries 2's, \$1.75 to 2.10; apples, gala, \$2.25; 3's 95c to \$1; peaches, 2's, \$1.80 to 2; peaches, 3's, \$2.90 to 3; plums, 2's, \$1.65 to 1.75; 3's, \$2.60 to 2.85; pears, 2's, \$1.40 to 1.80; 3's, \$2.60 to 2.75.

Rice and Spices—Rice—Bags, 3½ to 3½c; do., off grades, \$3.15 to 3.25; do, Patna, 4½ to 5½; do., Japan, 4½ to 5½c; sago, 4½ to 5c; tapioca, 4½ to 5½c; whole pepper, black, 11½ to 16c; do., white, 18 to 25c; ginger, Jamaica, 20 to 25c; cloves, 15 to 20c; allspice, 10 to 13c; nutmeg, 80c to \$1.10; cream of tartar, 28 to 35c; domestic vermicelli and macaroni, 7½ to 9c; French 10 to 12½c, and Italian, 13 to 15c.—*Empire*, Jan. 12.

Toronto Leather Prices.

Sole, slaughtered, medium heavy, per lb, 23 to 25c; Spanish No 1, per lb, 20 to 25c; Spanish, No 2, per lb, 22 to 24c; Spanish, No 3, per lb, 18 to 20c; calfskin, Canadian, light, 65 to 75c; calfskin, Canadian, medium, 70 to 73c; calfskin, Canadian, heavy, 65 to 70; calfskin, French, \$1.05 to 1.30; upper, light, medium, 30 to 32c; split, 15 to 23c; harness, prime, per lb, 24 to 26c; harness, light, per lb, 22 to 24c; buff, 14 to 16c; pebble, 14 to 15c; oak harness, American, 45 to 50c; oak harness, English, 75 to 80c; cordovan vamps, No 1, \$5.50 to 6½; cordovan vamps, No 2, \$5 to 5.50; cordovan goshes, 11 to 12c; cordovan sides, No 1, 16c; cordovan sides, No 2, 13c; cordovan sides, No 3, 11 to 12c; oak cup soles, \$1.50 to \$3; hemlock taps, \$3 to 3.75; cod oil, per gal, 40 to 45; degreas, per lb, 3½ to 4c; hemlock extract, 3½c; lampblack, 20 to 25c; sumac, per ton, 75c; roundings, white oak, 18c; roundings, black, 18c; roundings, hemlock, 13c.

Toronto Live Stock Market.

Butcher's Cattle—At Toronto on January 12 business was fairly active. Prices ranged from 2½ to 3c for inferior to medium; 3 to 3½c for medium to good; 3½ to 3½c for good to choice, and 3½ to 4c for choice to extra choice.

Stockers—There were a few bought to fill orders placed here by western Ontario feeders, and more are wanted. Six steers, averaging 1,000 lbs, sold at 3½c per lb; 1, weighing 1,050, sold at \$32, and 1, weighing 1,000 lbs, at \$30.

Sheep and Lambs—Demand active at higher prices. Sales were made at all the way from \$3 to 4 a head. Some of today's sales were:—A bunch of 360, averaging 92 lbs, at 4c a lb, a bunch of 35, averaging 85 lbs, at \$3.80 per cwt; a bunch of 25, averaging 95 lbs, at 4½c a lb; and a bunch of 65, averaging 82 lbs, at 4c a lb. A few sheep were in, and sold at \$1.50 to 4.50 a head.

Hogs—The demand was active, and everything was sold early in the day. Light, half fat hogs are now commanding highest prices. For medium fat hogs to dress, from 130 to 170 lbs, from \$5.25 to 5.40 was paid to-day, weighed off car. Heavy fat hogs and stores are quoted at \$4.75 to 5.00, weighed off car. Stags are quoted at \$2.50 to 3.00.

Milch Cows and Springers—There are too many springers offering, and prices have dropped. Three very fair ones sold to day for \$100, or \$33 3¾ each. Milkers are in fair demand at \$30 up to 50; but to bring top prices they will have to be prime.—*Empire*.

The Wilkinson plow works, Toronto Junction, have assigned. The works have closed down and fifty men are idle.