

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE. Special to The Commercial:

Toronto, March 10.
Dry Goods—Trade is less active but the season's sales are still ahead of last year. Canadian mills have issued their fall prices. Bleached and grey cottons, flannels, sheetings, sheetings, etc., are showing no change. Ladies underwear for fall the high grades are easier; low lines are firmer.

Hardware—Trade continues to improve and the market tone is firmer. Staple lines are all strong and advancing. High prices for bolts are expected. There is a firmer feeling in screws. Sisal and manilla rope is 1/2c lower. Staples are lower. Metals have active. Iron and steel are particularly strong. United States advices report \$1 advance on Bessemer iron. Bar iron 5c higher. Pig tin is firmer. Lead 5c lower. The discount having been increased to 25. Jobbers have been agreed on a uniform price for iron pipe, advancing prices in some cases five cents.

Groceries—Trade is more active. Sugar steady at the decline of 20c. Canned vegetables are in better demand and prices steadier as a result of the Packers' association's efforts to restrict output. Tomatoes, 75 to 85c; peas, 75 to 85c; corn, 70 to 80c. Demand for canned fruits is better, and is principally for strawberries, which are scarce.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE. Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, March 10.
The grain markets are active and higher on a better export demand. Ontario winter grades are fully 1c higher. Manitoba grades are slow owing to high quotations. Patent flour is dearer. Coarse grains firmer. Eggs weak on increased receipts. Poultry receipts small and the demand for fresh killed good. Grain, but is weak on liberal offerings. Cheese is weak and lower. Hides are 1/2c easier.

Flour—Manitoba Patent, \$4.25; Manitoba bakers, \$4.00 for carlots at Toronto; Ontario patent, \$2.55 per barrel for 90 per cent. patents, middle freight.

Wheat—Ontario winter wheat 60 1/2c to 67c, middle freight, for red and white; Ontario spring, 58c; No. 1 hard, 59 1/2c to 60c; No. 2 hard, 59c to 59 1/2c; No. 3, 58c to 59c, grinding in train.

Oats—No. 1 white, 28 1/2c east; 2 white, 28c, middle freight.

Barley—4c for No. 3 extra at country points west.

Millfeed—Shorts, \$15 to \$15.50 per ton for cars west; bran, \$14 to \$14.50.

Oatmeal—\$12.50 for cars at bags, and \$13.50 in wood for carlots, Toronto.

Hay—Carlots on track \$9 to \$10.50 per ton.

Eggs—14 to 14 1/2c for fresh, in case lots.

Poultry—Large rols, 16 to 16 1/2c; poulters, 14c; low ducks, 14 to 15c; creamery packages, 20 to 21c; prints, 23 to 24c.

Cheese—3c to 10c for job lots of full cheese.

Hides—7c for No. 1 cows; No. 1 heavy steers, 7 1/2c; country hides, 5c under these prices; freshkins, 9c for No. 1, and 8c for No. 2; sheepskins, 90c to \$1.10 each; tallow, 5c to 5 1/2c.

Wool—Washed fleece, 15 to 16c; unwashed, 9c.

Beans—\$1.65 to \$1.75 per bushel for handpicked, job lots.

Apples—10 to 14c for round lots; evaporated, 8 1/2c.

Honey—10 to 10 1/2c per pound.

Poultry—Chickens, 60 to 70c per pair; turkeys, 1 1/2 to 1 3/4c per pound; ducks, 75 to 80c per pair; geese 7c to 8c per pound.

Potatoes—30 to 35c per bushel for carlots.

Seeds—Alfalfa at \$5.50 to \$6.50, according to sample, and fancy lots are quoted a trifle higher; red clover is steady at \$6 to \$6.75, according to sample; timothy is nominal at \$1.75 to \$2.25, all these prices being per bushel at outside points.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Toronto, March 10.
Receipts at the stock yards yesterday were 32 carloads, including 540 cattle, 452 sheep and lambs, and 800 hogs.

Export cattle—Prices were lower as the quality of the offerings was not as good. The highest sale reported was at \$4.75, but one dealer said he would pay \$5 for several loads of exporters if he could get weight and quality. Medium exporters, including the light weights, are unchanged at \$4 to \$4.50 and cows are steady at \$3.25 to \$3.75. Butcher's cattle, the volume of business was limited, owing to the small offerings. Prices ruled steady and unchanged at \$4.00 to \$4.40 for picked, \$3.80 to \$4.00 for choice and \$3.25 to \$3.75 for good qualities.

Export Hogs—Market quiet with small offerings. Quotations are unchanged at \$3.75 to \$4.25 for heavy and \$3 to \$3.75 for light.

Feeders and Stockers—Prices unchanged at \$2.75 to \$3.25 for best stockers. The demand was steady, but market was quiet with small receipts.

Sheep and Lambs—The market for sheep was only moderately active, there was a steady demand and everything was unsold. Sheep unchanged and lambs advanced. Grain-fed are quoted at \$4.25 to \$4.75, and barnyard at \$3.75 to \$4.25. One buyer paid \$5 to \$5.25 for 600 extra choice lambs, but this was an outside offer. It was also paid for a small bunch of fancy lambs, which was included in the day's receipts, but the range of the ordinary market is not above \$4.75. Sheep sold at \$3.00 to \$3.50 for export and \$2.50 and \$2.50 to \$3.50 for butchers' cash.

Hogs—Prices are 25c lower all around. Select weights of 100 to 200 lbs. natural weight are quoted at \$1.25 and lights and fats at \$1.75. Receipts were not large and market is steady.

FRIDAY'S MARKETS.

Toronto, March 10.
Receipts at the stock yards yesterday were 37 cars, including 230 sheep and lambs, 1,100 hogs.

Export cattle were of a better class and firmer. The bulk sold at \$4.75 to \$5.05. Butcher's cattle were in better demand owing to the presence of outside buyers. Bidding for choice was keen. There were a number of sales at \$4.50 which was the top price paid. All offerings sold. Export bulls were firm. Stockers were in active demand and firmer. Sheep were steady and grain fed lamb 10c dearer than on Tuesday. Hogs were 1/2c lower and the prospects are for lower prices next week.

HOGS AND HOG PRODUCTS.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, March 10.
Dressed hogs rule steady on the street at \$7.75 to \$8.25. Receipts are light and car lots scarce. Prices for these nominal at \$7.50 to \$8.00 bid. Hog products are in good demand and prices for everything are very firm.

MONTREAL GROCERY TRADE.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, March 10.
Sugars are active and 20c lower. Russian granulated sugar is offering here. Barbadoes molasses is weak and the first cost price at the island is now 11c. It is offering here at 7 1/2c in cargo lots. Dried fruit is quiet. Canned vegetables are in good demand. London cables are strong on Ceylon tea and prices have advanced 1 to 2c. Medium Japan has sold at 10 1/2c.

Sugar, granulated, \$1.45 per 100 lbs.; yellow, \$1.60 to \$1.65; molasses, 10c; jobbing at 34 to 35c. Valencia raisins of stalk, 6 to 6 1/2c; fine, 7c; selected, 7 1/2c; layers, 8c; currants, 8 1/2c to 9c; canned goods, tomatoes, 8 1/2c to 8 3/4c; peas, 8c to 8 1/2c; corn, 35 to 36c; corn, \$4.25 per case; Japan tea, old crop 14 1/2c to 16 1/2c; new crop, 16 to 22c; Ceylon, 11 1/2c to 12c for good to choice; Congou, 11 to 12c; greens, 15 to 15c.

MONTREAL CURED MEAT PRICES.

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Montreal, March 10.
Provisions—The market for provisions has been quiet. Pure lard has advanced 1c. Quotations are: Pork, \$19 to \$21; lard, pure, 11 1/2 to 12 1/2c; hams, 13 to 14c; bacon, 14 to 15c.

MONTREAL GRAIN & PRODUCE.

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Montreal, March 10.
Grain is more active. Wheat is in good demand for prompt shipment and large sales have been made at country points at firm prices. Oats are

quieter. Manitoba flour has declined and prices have advanced \$1 per ton. Hay is fairly active. Demand for cheese is improving. Prices are 1/2c lower. Butter is weak and lower. Hides and skins are increasing and the demand is limited. The volume of the market is weak. Lined and cold storage stock is cleaned off the market. Potatoes are weaker. Onions firm. Poultry quiet. Dressed beef active and firm. Hides quiet.

Wheat—No. 1 spring wheat, 70 1/2c for May delivery afloat.

Barley—Sales No. 2 afloat May at 45c.

Oats—No. 1 oats are offering at 31 1/2c; No. 2 33 1/2c afloat, May, and 32 1/2c for spot car lots.

Flour—In fair demand and firm. Manitoba patent, \$4.30; Manitoba Strong Bakers, \$4.00; straight rollers, \$4.10 to \$4.20.

Rolls—Oatmeal—\$3.35 to \$3.40 per barrel, and \$1.05 to \$1.70 for bags.

Feed—Market firm, good demand. Manitoba bran, \$4.18, shorts, \$3.11; buttermilk, \$1.10; cheese, \$10.50 to \$11; No. 2, \$9.50 to \$10.

Cheese—9 1/2 to 9 3/4c for such as is offering.

Butter—Finest creamery, 22c; second, 19 to 20 1/2c; dairy, 16c; Manitoba dairy, 15 to 16 1/2c.

Eggs—Fresh, 15 to 16c; choice cold storage stock, 13 1/2 to 15c; culs, 10 1/2 to 11 1/2c; Montreal limed, 14 to 15c; western limed, 13 to 13 1/2c.

Syrup—6 1/2 to 7c in wood; tins, 50 to 75c sugar, 7 to 8c.

Honey—White clover, comb, 13 1/2 to 14 1/2c; buckwheat comb, 10 to 12c; extracted, 7 to 8c.

Hides—No. 1, 7c; No. 2, 6 cents; No. 3, 5 cents; calfskin, 8 and 6c; lambing, 30c for good skins.

Vegetables—Potatoes, carlots, 38 to 40c; onions, \$3.25 to \$3.50 per barrel.

Poultry—Turkeys, 8c to 10c; chickens, 8 to 10c; fowls, 4 to 6c; ducks, 7 to 8c; geese, 7 to 7 1/2c.

Meats—Beef hides, 5c to 8c; fores, 3 to 5c; veal, 4 to 8 1/2c; lamb, 3 1/2 to 6c; mutton, 7 to 8c; dressed hogs sold in small lots in a jobbing way at \$8.25 to \$8.75.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK MARKET.

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Montreal, March 12.
At the East End abattoir yesterday receipts were 400 cattle and 50 sheep and lambs.

There was no important change in the situation of the market. The trade in cattle was slow, the demand being chiefly for small lots to fill actual wants, as an impression prevails that the quality of stock will improve in the near future. The trade in sheep was about steady as the offerings were just about equal to the requirements. Choice steers sold at 4 1/4 to 4 3/4c; good at 3 3/4 to 4c; fair at 2 3/4 to 3 1/4c, and common at 2c to 2 1/2c per lb. The supply of sheep and lambs was small, and prices ruled firm under a good demand. Sheep sold at 3 1/2c to 4c; and lambs at 4 1/4 to 5c per lb. Live hogs were scarce; in consequence the feeling was firmer. Receipts at the Grand Central yards, were 40, and at the Canadian Pacific, one car load. The demand was good and they all sold at \$6.90 per 100 lbs.

The feature during the week has been the improved demand from both western and local shippers for ocean freight and also the space in Liverpool from this port for May and June. There has been let at 4 1/2c bid per head. There was also rumors to-day that freight to London had been engaged at 4 1/2c, but that agents now were asking 50s. The rate to Glasgow has not been heard of, but that to Manchester is said to be 50s, but no business is reported at this figure yet.

THURSDAY'S MARKETS.

Montreal, March 10.
Receipts of live stock at the East End abattoir on Thursday were 350 cattle and 100 sheep and lambs.

The small run of cattle and improved demand produced a stronger feeling and prices advanced 1/2c. The supply of really choice animals was limited, and these were firmly held at 4 1/2c, which figure buyers paid willingly. Choice stock sold at 4 1/4c. Good cattle were in demand at 3 3/4 to 4 1/4c. Fair sold at 3c to 3 1/2c. The demand from canners was good and these took 1 1/2c head at 2 1/2 to 3 1/4c. The latter figure being for bulk. Demand for sheep and lambs was good and prices ruled firm at 4 1/4 to 5c for lambs and 3 1/2 to 4c for sheep. Receipts of live hogs at the Grand Trunk stock yards for the two

days were 500 head. Sales on Wednesday were made at \$6.00, but at the close prices declined to \$6.35 to \$6.40. The market on Thursday was still weak and sales were made at \$6.00 to \$6.25, which shows a decline of 10c Monday of 55 to 80c per 100 pounds.

LONDON WOOL SALES.

London, March 12.—The second sales of the 1901 wool auction sales opened to-day with a good attendance. The offerings numbered 11,000 bales. There was a strong demand from the home trade. The continent took in moderate quantities and American operators were quiet. A large selection of Cape of Good Hope and Natal wools were withdrawn. A fair selection of merino met with a good demand and sold freely at unchanged prices. Cross-breeds were 5 to 7 1/2 per cent. lower. Following are the sales: New South Wales, 1,200 bales—Scoured, 9d to 1s 3d; greasy, 4 1/2d to 1s 1s. Queensland, 2,400 bales—Scoured, 8d to 1s 1s; greasy, 1 1/2d to 9 1/2d. South Australia, 1,100 bales—Scoured, 9d to 1s 1s; greasy, 3 1/2d to 8 1/2d. West Australia—600 bales—Scoured, 7 1/2d; greasy, 1 1/2d to 8 1/2d. 200 bales—Greasy, 1 1/2d to 1 1/2d. New Zealand, 4,700 bales—Scoured, 4 1/2d to 10d; greasy, 3 1/2d to 7 1/2d. Cape of Good Hope and Natal, 1,400 bales—Scoured, 1 1/2d to 1s 1 1/2d; greasy, 4d to 7 1/2d.

DISCUSSING THE CONTRACT.

A mass meeting of citizens was held in the Winnipeg opera house last evening to discuss the situation regarding the railway contracts. The house was crowded. The following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, at a mass meeting of the citizens of Winnipeg, the 23rd day of February, 1901, a resolution was almost unanimously adopted, protesting against the carrying out of the proposed contracts between the government of Manitoba and the Northern Pacific Railway Company;

And, whereas, the said contracts have also been condemned by the board of trade of Winnipeg by a vote of 36 to 12, and also by the city council of the city of Winnipeg;

And, whereas, in spite of such protests and without sufficient cause, the said contracts have been ratified by the legislature of Manitoba;

And, whereas, in order to carry into effect the provisions of the said contracts, it is necessary that confirmatory legislation be obtained from the parliament of Canada;

And, whereas, an application is being made to the parliament of Canada for such legislation as aforesaid;

And, whereas, it is the opinion of this mass meeting assembled in the Winnipeg theatre this 15th day of March, that the said contracts are not in the interest of the province of Manitoba, inasmuch as they are said contracts do not secure the building of any new additional railroads, and there is no positive assurance that they will bring about any reduction of rates and charges on freight and passenger traffic in the province of Manitoba in the future, which, if called upon to pay, would seriously embarrass the financial position of the province; and that the contracts should not be ratified unless and until the electors of the province of Manitoba have had an opportunity of signifying their wishes at the polls with reference to the same;

It is therefore resolved:—

1. That the Dominion government and the Dominion parliament be memorialized, asking them to refuse to pass the proposed legislation ratifying the said contracts until the people of Manitoba have pronounced upon the said contracts as aforesaid.

2. It is recommended that delegations be sent to Ottawa to urge upon the Dominion parliament to accede to the wishes of the people of Manitoba, and to withhold their consent to the said bargains as aforesaid.

3. That for the purpose of defraying the necessary expenses in connection with the petition and deputations, subscriptions be asked from the citizens who are opposed to the contract and that His Worship the Mayor of the city of Winnipeg, be asked to act as treasurer of the said fund.

4. That notice of this resolution may be forwarded to all the mayors, clerks and boards of trade and other organized bodies throughout the province of Manitoba with a request that similar resolutions be passed by their councils and other bodies, and that they be requested to co-operate in sending delegations to Ottawa, as aforesaid.