

The feature of the oil market during the past week has been the weakness in seal oil, and a further sale of 200 barrels to arrive on Western account is reported at 35c, and a small lot of 50 barrels on local account at the same figure, with other lots offering at 35½c. There has been a stronger feeling in the home markets on linseed oil, and it would cost 2c per gallon more to lay it down to day, but the trade have not yet advanced prices. The cutting in leads and colors still continues, consequently there are no prospects for any improvement in business as long as it lasts. We quote: Choice brands white lead Government standard, \$4 75; No 1, \$4 50; No 2, \$4 25; No 3 \$4; No 4, \$3 75; dry white lead, 4½; red lead, pure, 4½; do No 1, 4c; zinc white pure, \$7.25; No 1, \$6 25; No 2, \$5 25; glass, \$1.25 first break; \$1.35 second break, per 50 feet; \$3.25 for first break per 100 feet; linseed oil, round lots, raw, 54c; boiled 56c; putty in bulk, \$1 85; seal oil, 42 to 44c.

Business in cement has maintained its average activity. These small arrivals have interfered with business to a great extent, owing to the fact that in ports in some cases have large orders on hand and cannot make deliveries for want of stock, consequently there is a very dissatisfied feeling among the trade, and the shipments to the west have been delayed greatly. The stock on spot has been reduced to almost nothing, dealers being compelled to deliver some of it on their contracts. We quote spot prices at \$2 to 2 10 for English brands, and \$1.85 to 1 95 for Belgian, and to arrive, English brands \$2 and Belgian \$1.80 to 1 90. A fair amount of business has transpired in firebricks at \$18.50 to 22 50 per 1,000 as to brand.

The demand for turpentine continues good which is scarce, and in consequence the feeling is stronger. In other lines a fair business is reported for this season at steady prices. We quote: Turpentine, 46 to 48; resins, \$2 50 to 5 00, as to brand; coal tar, \$3.25 to 3 75; cotton waste, 5 to 7c for colored and 7 to 10c for white; oakum, 5½ to 7½, and cotton oakum, 10 to 12c. Cordage, sisal, at 6½ for 7 16 and upwards, and 14c for deep sea line. Pure manilla, 9c for 7 16 and upwards, and 9½ for smaller sizes.

Since the decline in the price for United States oil the demand has increased considerably. In Canadian the feeling has been easier, and values are ½c off for round lots. We quote: Canadian refined at 11c in shed in Montreal, for round lots, and 12c for small quantities. United States petroleum, 14 45c in car lots, 15½c in 10 barrel lots, 15½c in 5 barrel lots, and 16c for single barrels, net cash; United States benzene 23 to 25c; Canadian benzene, 10½c Petroleum; 12½c Montreal. —Gazette, May 18.

### Toronto Markets.

Wheat—Holders are not disposed to give much concession, and buyers do not care to purchase at anything like previous prices. Red and white are quoted west at nominally 57 to 58c. Spring and goose nominal. Manitobas are easier. No. 2 hard sold east at 70c, and No. 1 hard sold G. T. R. west at 70c.

Flour—Very slow. Straight roller, Toronto freights, offer at \$2.65 to 2.70. Buying is light.

Mill Feed—Car lots of bran, middle freights west, are quoted at \$14. City mills quote prices unchanged at \$16 for ton lots of bran and \$17 for ton lots of shorts.

Oats—Rather easier. Offerings fair and demand slow. Car lots of mixed and white sold west to day at 33½c. Car lots on track here are quoted at 36½ 37c.

Barley—No demand for malting and slow demand for feeding. Feed is quoted at 39c west and 40c east.

Grain and Flour—Car lot prices as follows: Flour (Toronto freights)—Manitoba patents, \$3.70 to \$3.75; Manitoba strong bakers,

\$3.45 to 3 50; Ontario patents, \$2.90 to \$3 00; straight roller, \$2.60 to 2 75; extra \$2 40 to \$2 50; low grades, per bag, 85c to \$1. Bran, \$15.00. Shorts—\$16 00. Wheat (west and north points)—White, 57 to 58c; spring, 59 to 60c; red winter, 57 to 58c; goose, 56 to 56½; No 1 hard, 70c; No 2 hard, 69½c. Pear, 55c. Barley (outside)—No. 1, 10 to 41c; feed, 39 to 40c. Oats, 33½c. Buckwheat (east)—42c. Rye (east)—46c. Corn, on track, 50 to 51c.

Eggs—Receipts continue ample and prices easy. Five and ten case lots sold to day at 9½ to 9¾ and single cases at 10c. Quotations are: Fresh, 9½ to 10c; checked, 7 to 7½, and lined, 6 to 6½c.

Onions—Commission houses are quoting 1½ to 1¾ per lb for choice yellow Danvers and silver skins.

Honey and Maple Syrup—Extracted, 7 to 8c according to quantity; sections, \$1.50 to 1.75 per dozen. Maple syrup is slow and prices easier. Quotations are: Gallon tins, 75 to 80c; five gallon tins, 70 to 75; bbls at 60 to 65c. Old syrup, 60c.

Dressed Meats—Quotations are: Beef, fore, 4 to 5½, and hinds, 6 to 8c; mutton, carcass, 6 to 7c; yearling lamb, carcass, 7 to 9c; spring lamb, carcass, each, \$3 to \$8; veal, 6 to 8c; pork, \$6.25 to 6.50 per cwt. Demand for all lines is quiet.

Dressed Hogs—Rough heavy are quoted at \$5 50 to 5 75. Loads of farmers run, medium weights, \$6.25, and single carcasses of choice to butchers, \$6 50.

Cured Meats—Quotations are as follows: Mess pork, Canadian, \$15.00; short cut \$16 50; shoulder, mess, \$14.50; clear mess, \$14.50; bacon, long clear, case lots 7½c; ton lots 7½c; lard, Canadian tierces, 8½c; tubs, 9c; lard, 9½, and compounds in pails, 7½c, and tubs, 7½c; smoked hams, 10½ to 11c; bellies, 11 to 11½, rolls, 8½ to 9c and backs, 10 to 10½c, picnic hams, 8½c; green hams, 9½c.

Butter—Large dairy rolls sold freely at 14 to 15; p under, at 15 to 16c, and tubs at 14 to 16 for good to choice; creamery is steady owing to there being an export demand for choice tubs at 20c.

Cheese—Quotations are: Factory made full creams, September and October, 11½ to 12c April make, 11 to 11½; and private dairy full creams, 10½ to 11½. To day a Liverpool quotations for new cheese, 56c.—Empire, May 19.

### Toronto Live Stock Market.

Export Cattle—Demand was active, competition keen, and all offerings were taken by noon. Prices ranged from \$4 to 4 30 for straight shipping steers and heifers. One or two mixed lots, including a few bulls, sold under 4c. Should rates of ocean freights advance, there would doubtless be a sharp drop in prices here. Some of to day's sales were: 20 head, averaging 1,280 lbs, 4c a lb and \$20 back; 19 head, averaging 1,330 lbs, \$3.90 a cwt; 19 head, averaging 1,285 lbs, \$4 12½ a cwt; 19 head, averaging 1,300 lbs, 4c a lb; 19 head, averaging 1,300 lbs, 4c a lb and \$10 over.

Butchers' Cattle—Supplies light and demand active. All offerings were cleaned up. There were only some 15 or 16 loads of butchers' stuff here, and half a dozen loads of these went to Montreal. Odd loads also went to Sudbury and other points, leaving supplies for local account rather short. Some of to-day's sales were: 31 head, averaging 1,100 lbs, \$37 a head; 18 head, averaging 1,100 lbs, \$3 60 a cwt; 22 head, averaging 1,050 lbs, \$3 70 a cwt; 15 head, averaging 1,060 lbs, 3½ a lb and \$5 over; 19 head (mixed), averaging 1,030 lbs, \$3.15 a cwt; 21 head, averaging 960 lbs, 3½ a lb.

Sheep and Lambs—Demand was slow and odd bunches were left unsold at the close of the market. Choice grain fed yearlings with wool on are quoted at 4½c, and with wool off at 4c. Butchers' sheep are quoted at \$4 to 4.50, and choice straight heavy fats at \$5 to 5.50. Spring lambs are slow at \$3 to 4.50 each.

Hogs—Under a heavy supply and slow demand, thick fat hogs declined about 15c a cwt. Other sorts were steady. Long lean hogs of from 160 to 220 lbs for bacon purchases, were firm and rather higher, at from \$5 to \$5 10 weighed off ear. Thick fats sold at \$4 75; stores at \$4 70 to 4 75; sows and rough heavy hogs at \$4 25 to 4 40; stags at \$2.50 to 2 75. The demand for stores was active.

Milch Cows and Springers.—About 25 head here. The range was from \$25 to \$50.—Empire, May 18.

### The Prices for Cattle.

The demand for different weights of live stock varies considerably as the seasons change. Of course, influences are brought to bear which cut some figure, but usually certain weights command a premium at certain times of the year. There is always more or less demand for all kinds, but sometimes heavy weights are wanted and again light weights are in the lead. At present in the cattle market there is an unusual demand for light weights, while heavy grades are sadly neglected. Probably never have the extreme weights been so close together. Handy little 1,000 lb. steers are selling in the same notch with the big 1,500 pounders, and not only that, but they meet with a ready outlet, while big fat steers have to be sold under difficulties. It is very discouraging to the raiser when he has to sell steers which he has fed for a hundred days at the same price 900 pound feeders bring. It is a circumstance which does not happen often, but is happening now in a way which farmers don't like to think about. The depression in foreign markets has curtailed the export demand considerably and has been no small factor in bringing about this result, though it is generally the case in the the spring of the year that demand shifts from the heavy to the light weights. From all indications light cattle will continue to sell best for some time.—Chicago Drovers' Journal, May 16.

New regulations relating to fishing in Manitoba and the Territories are published in the last Canada Gazette. They provide that no license shall be granted to any person or company unless each member of the firm is a British subject, resident in Canada, and the licenses must be to actual owners of boats, nets and gear for which the licenses are granted.

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