

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, May 14.
Dry Goods—Wholesale dry goods trade is very active, as usual on approach of Queen's birthday. Local jobbers expect that the trade will be the largest ever experienced here. Values are generally firm. Considerable buying of fall goods.

Hardware—This branch shows increased activity. Values are advancing. There is no weakness anywhere. European markets are firmer again but no advance. Demand for harvest tools less brisk. Canada plates firmer. Shot is dearer. The discount has been reduced to 10 per cent. Antimony is 1-2c up, an advance on glass is likely. Castor oil is 1-2 cent higher.

Groceries—Good distributive demand. California prunes are 1-2c higher. Sugars firm; foreign refined is coming in again. A big lot of Japan tea was shipped from here to Chicago yesterday. Teas are very firm. Canned lobsters, rice and molasses are firmer. Hog products are active and Lard and bacon 1-4c up.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.
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Toronto, May 10.
Offerings to-day were 96 carloads including 200 sheep and lambs and 2,500 hogs.

Export cattle—There was a firmer market. Prices ruled from \$4 to \$4.10 per cwt. for the best shippers. Some poorer loads sold at about \$3.90 per cwt., and some extra choice at \$4.40.

Butchers' Cattle—Choice brought up to 4c but the general range was 3 3-8 to 3 3-4c.

Feeding bulls 2 3-4 to 3c.

Stockers and Feeders—Demand good for stockers for Buffalo, 3 1-4 to 3 3-4. Half-fat feeders 3 1-2 to 3 3-4c.

Sheep—Choice yearlings 5 1-2 to 5 7-8c; butchers and export sheep 3 to 3 3-4c bucks 3c, and spring lambs \$3 to \$4.75 each.

Hogs—Receipts heavy, demand good prices advanced 10c, to \$5 to \$5.10, weighed off the ears for choice bacon hogs. Light and thick fat, \$4.60 to \$4.75; sows \$3 to \$3.25, stags and rough \$2.

FRIDAY'S MARKETS.

Special to The Commercial.
Toronto, May 13.

Receipts of live stock of all kinds at the semi-weekly market to-day were 100 carloads including 3,000 hogs. Receipts recently have been the heaviest in the history of the market. Export cattle were weaker. United States buyers are picking up some cattle in Ontario. Prices are about the same as Tuesday, but outside prices on exporters were not so easily obtained.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.
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Toronto, May 14.
The grain markets are not as active as early in the week. The price of Ontario wheat, in country markets to farmers, was reduced 6c yesterday to \$1.02. Ontario flour is 25 to 30c per barrel lower. New cheese is offering at 9c. Butter is easier. Dairy rolls are 1c lower than a week ago. Eggs 1-2c lower. Oatmeal 20c higher. Hides 1-2c higher.

Flour—Manitoba patent, \$7; bakers, \$6.50; Ontario straight roller, \$5.25 in barrel.

Wheat—Ontario wheat, \$1.02 for

cars at country points; No. 1 hard Owen Sound, \$1.45.

Oats—White, 35c for cars at country points.

Peas—62c per bushel.

Millfeed—Shorts, \$12 to \$13 per ton; at country points. Bran, \$10.50.

Oatmeal—\$4.30 per barrel for car lots and \$4.20 in bags.

Eggs—10c.

Butter, dairy—Large rolls, 12c; creamery, tub, 17c.

Hides—No. 1 green, 8c; cured 8 1-2c; sheepskins, 60c to \$1.35 for fresh killed; calfskins, 8 to 9c; tallow 2 3-4 to 3 1-2c.

Dried apples—Easier, 3 to 4c; 9 to 10c.

Honey—6 1-2 to 7c per lb in bulk.

Beans—85 to 90c per bushel.

Wool—New wash 1 16c, unwashed 11c.

Seed—Timothy, \$1.60 to \$2.25 per bushel. Red clover, \$3 to \$4 per bush.

Maple syrup—65 per gallon.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.
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Montreal, May 14.

Oats close easier. They sold up to 41 1-2; but buyers yesterday were only offering 40 1-2c, with holders asking 41c. Flour is irregular. Ogilvies are asking the outside price, but other brands are offering at the inside range. The grain markets are generally easier. Oatmeal is also irregular and is held 10 to 20c higher. Potatoes, 5c higher per bag. Butter is steady. Cheese is quiet on spot, but active at the country boards. Receipts for the week were: Wheat, 266,762 bushels; oats, 297,226 bushels; flour, 25,261 barrels; meal 1,050 barrels; butter 4,319 pkgs.; cheese, 3,386 boxes.

Oats—10 1-2c per bushel for No. 2 white delivery afloat.

Flour—Manitoba strong bakers, \$6.50 to \$7; Manitoba patents, \$6.90 to \$7.40.

Millfeed—Bran, \$14 per ton; shorts, \$16, including sacks.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$2.10 to \$2.20 per bag.

Hides—No. 1 green hides, 8c; calfskins 10c; sheepskins \$1; tallow 3 to 3 1-4c.

Eggs—Fresh 9 1-2 to 10c per dozen.

Butter—Choice dairy 15 to 16c.

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Cheese—3 to 8 1-4c. At the country boards this week 7 3-4 to 7 15-16c was paid for first week May cheese.

Potatoes—70 to 75c per bag.

Maple syrup—Barrels, 4 3-4 to 5c lb.; tins, 45 to 50c; in wood, 4 1-2 to 5c lb.; sugar 6 to 6 1-4c.

Freights—Grain freights 3d to 6d lower.

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.
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Turpentine has scored a decline of 2c this week to 48c. Ingot tin is 1c higher. White lead is firm. Imports of cement are coming to hand.

White lead, government standard, \$5.62 1-2; No. 1, \$5.25; dry white lead in kegs, 5c; red lead in kegs, 4 3-4c; linseed oil, raw, 49c; boiled, 52c; turpentine, 48c; 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; putty in bulk, \$1.65; in bladders, \$1.80; ingot tin, 16 1-2 to 17 1-2.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.

To the Editor of The Commercial.
Montreal, May 10.

Receipts at the East End abattoir market yesterday were 500 cattle, 125 sheep and lambs, 75 store hogs and 200 calves. The tendency was upward for choice cattle and in a few instances 1-8c higher. Prime beefs sold at 45-5c; choice at 4 1-4c to 4 1-2c; good at 3 3-4c to 4c; fair at 3c to 3 1-2c, and common at 2 1-2 to 2 3-4c. The supply of sheep was small and sales were made at 3 1-2 to 4 1-2c per lb. Spring lambs at \$2 to \$4 each. Store hogs \$5 to \$8 each.

THURSDAY'S MARKETS.

Montreal, May 13.

At the semi-weekly market yesterday prices were easier for cattle, 4 1-4c being the ruling price for choice. Lambs were 50c lower. Hogs firm at 5c. Heavy draft horses are in demand and sell readily at good prices. Shipments for export this week were: Cattle, 3,360 head; horses, 277. Offerings yesterday were 650 cattle, 800 calves, 225 sheep and lambs.

Cattle—Choice, 4 1-4c; fair to good, 3 to 4c.

Sheep—3 1-2 to 4 1-2c. Spring lambs \$2 to \$4 each.

Hogs—\$5 per 100 lbs.

Molasses has made a further sharp advance this week, being quoted 3c higher at 30 to 31c and is very firm on account of the war in the West Indies. Other lines are steady and the market is generally firm.

Quotations are: Granulated sugar, standard, 4 1-2c; the refineries; Canadian-German granulated, 4 3-16c; yellows, 3 1-2 to 4 1-8c; molasses 30 to 31; syrups, 2 to 2 1-2 as to quality; Valencia raisins from 4 3-4 to 5 1-2; Valencia layers, 6 1-2c; currants, 5 1-8 to 6 1-2c, as to brand; coffee, Rio, 10 to 11c; Mocha, 22 to 24c; Java, 22 to 24c; rice, Crystal Japan, 5c, B. 3 1-2c.

Canned goods—Tomatoes, \$1.25; corn, 35 to 95c; peas, 90c to \$1.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.
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