

Montreal Markets.

Flour—There is great competition in the lower provinces between Ontario millers and Boston houses. It is stated that there were about fifteen to twenty travellers in Halifax same time ago, representing Ontario millers and Boston flour firms, and the merchants there invited them to supper in recognition of their valuable services in cutting prices among themselves and thus bringing down the price of flour to a very profitable basis for the merchants there. In this market straight rollers have been offered freely at \$1.70, and it is understood that sales have been made as low as \$1.65. Extras have sold at \$1.35 to \$1.50, superfine at \$1.00 to \$1.25 and fine at \$1.25 to \$1.75. Ontario bags are quoted at \$2.10 to \$2.20, and straight rollers in bags at \$2.30. Superfine in bags have sold at \$2.00 and fine at \$1.50 to \$1.75. There is a better feeling in strong bakers, with steadier prices. A fair export enquiry is experienced. We quote: Patent, winter, \$5.05 to \$5.25; patent, spring, \$5.10 to \$5.35; straight roller, \$4.70 to \$4.85; extra, \$4.35 to \$4.50; superfine, \$4.00 to \$4.25; fine, \$3.50 to \$3.75; city strong bakers, \$4.85 to \$5.00; Manitoba bakers, \$4.50 to \$4.75; Ontario bags—extra, \$2.10 to \$2.20; superfine, \$2 to \$2.10.

Mill Feed—Several cars of Ontario bran have been sold at \$14 per ton on track; shorts, \$16 to \$17; middlings, \$19 to \$20.

Oatmeal, etc.—The market continues very quiet and prices for round lots are very irregular, owing to there being no settled basis of prices among millers. We quote: Granulated and rolled oats, \$4.15 to \$4.25 per barrel, and \$2.10 to \$2.15 per bag; standard and fine oatmeal, \$4.10 to \$4.15 per barrel, and bags, \$1.95 to \$2.05.

Wheat—The market is steady with some export enquiry, but shippers say prices here are too high to admit of much business. No. 2 hard Manitoba has been sold in Ontario at \$1.06, and we quote \$1.05 to \$1.06 here. No. 3 is quoted at 95 to 96c. In Ontario wheat there has been some trading at \$1.02 to \$1.03 for spring and winter grades which are running very fine this year.

Oats—The improved feeling has been emphasized by a further advance in prices with sales at 35c per 34 pounds for white oats and even higher prices for large quantities have been paid. We quote 35 to 36c per 34 pounds.

Barley—There is a fair export demand for Great Britain, at 50 to 55c. Choice malting grades are quoted at higher figures.

Provisions—Canada short cut mess pork, per barrel, \$17.50 to \$18; mess pork, American, per bbl., \$14 to \$15; extra mess beef, per bbl., \$14.50 to \$15.00; hams, city cured, per lb., 11 to 11½c; lard, pure in pails, per lb., 9½ to 10c; lard, compound, in pail, per lb., 7½ to 7¾c; bacon, per lb., 10½ to 11c; shoulders, per lb., 9 to 10c.

Dressed Hogs—A car load of dressed hogs was offered yesterday at a point in the west at \$5.85 per 100 lbs, which is equal to \$6.20 here. A few small lots have been sold during the week at \$6.50 to \$6.75, but \$6.25 was the best bid on a lot of good stock this morning. There is evidently a large quantity of hogs to come forward of much heavier weight than those of last year, and as the price of hog products continues to decline in the United States buyers are not at all anxious to anticipate their wants.

Eggs—The market remains fairly steady with sales reported at 15 to 16c per dozen for candled. Choice fresh gathered stock is scarce, and in good demand for both the home and English market, at higher prices. There is a steady export movement to England. In limed eggs several lots have been received which have sold at 13 to 14c.

Dressed Poultry—Sales of geese and chickens have been made at 7½ to 8c in cases. A case of very nice turkeys was sold at 11½c, but as soon as receipts increase prices are expected to rule lower.

Butter—A remarkable feature in the butter market is the continued export demand, no less than 8,200 packages going out by this week's steamers. Regarding creamery, sales have been made of September at 22½ to 23½c, a few fancy lots having fetched 24c, but 23½c is considered a fair average top price for choice October, holders, however, are asking more money. Eastern Townships dairy is very scarce and choice fall ends are selling at 19 to 20c, a straight lot of fine bringing 18½c. Western remains steady at 14 to 16c as to quality, holders of closely selected lots asking more money. A lot of 300 tubs of Kamourska was bought at equal to 16c laid down here.

Cheese—The cheese market is exceedingly quiet. This will afford an opportunity for our shippers to pick up the odd lots seeking a market at lower prices. Fair quotations for finest Septembers are 9½ to 10c and 9 to 9½c for under-graded.

Apples—Quite a number of car lots of winter apples have been received during the week, and sales have been made at \$1.87½, \$1.90, \$2.00, \$2.05, \$2.10 and \$2.12½; but a fair average price for good varieties is \$2.00 to \$2.10. Fameuse has sold at \$1.25 to \$2.00 per barrel. Dried apples quiet and prices are 5½ to 6½c. Evaporated apples steady at from 7½ to 9c per pound.

Hides—No. 1, 5c; No. 2, 4c; No. 3, 3c; tanners pay 1c more; lambskins, 70c; calfskins, 7c.

Groceries—There is little or no change in sugars, although it is said that sales of granulated have been made at ½c under 4½c at refineries; yellows range from 3½ to 4½c. The market for Japan tea is dull and easy, with prices fully 2c per pound lower. The arrival of the Hecla with over 1,000,000 pounds, chiefly for Canada, has upset the calculations of some in the trade, who had given her up as lost. The sale of a lot of good drawing Japans was made at 14c, and we quote 11½ to 20c for common to fine, finest to choicest ranging from 23 to 32c. In blacks and greens there is no particular change.

Coffee—There is a healthier feeling in coffee, and it is supposed that bottom figures have been touched. The sale of a lot of Jamaica was made at 17½c and a lot of Maracaibo was reported sold at 19½c; Java and Mocha at 24 to 26c. **Dried fruits**—There is more doing in Valencia raisins, sales of 6,000 boxes being reported at 5 to 5½c for good ordinary fruit, and at 5½c for firsts. There is a reported advance in Denia. Currants are firmer with sales at 5½ to 5¾c.

Sundries—Beans, \$1.76 to \$1.75 per bushel; honey, 8 to 15c per pound; Hops, new, 15 to 17c, and old, 5 to 13c per pound; sweet potatoes, \$2.50 to \$3 per barrel; potatoes, 40 to 45c per bag.—Trade Bulletin, October 31.

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