

Montreal Markets.

Flour—There is some enquiry, with sales of Manitoba patents reported for Liverpool and Glasgow. It is very difficult to obtain an advance in prices, although some assert that they have been able to get a little more money for well known and attractive brands. In the market sales of Ontario straight rollers have been made at \$2.85 to \$2.90 on track. Considerable Ohio straight rollers have been purchased for Newfoundland account at \$2.50 to \$2.60 laid down here in bond, which, of course, Ontario millers cannot compete with. Low grade flours, such as red dog are very scarce.

Oatmeal—The easier feeling has been emphasized, but there is no great change in prices and we quote jobbing prices as follows:—Rolled and granulated \$1.35 to \$1.50; Standard, \$1.25 to \$1.35. In bags, granulated and rolled are quoted at \$2.15 to \$2.20, and standard at 2.10 to \$1.15. Fancy brands of both granulated and rolled are selling at higher prices. Pot barley is quoted at \$3.75 in bbls, and \$1.75 in bags, and split peas \$3.40 to \$3.60.

Bran, etc.—The market remains firm under a good enquiry for bran, sales of which are reported at \$15.25 and \$15.50 for car lots. It is difficult to get, however, owing to scarcity, the Western mills being able to dispose of most of their bran at the mills.

Wheat—No. 1 Manitoba hard is quoted here at 69c to 70c.

Oats—New No. 2 Ontario oats are offered at 26c in the west, which is equal to 32c laid down here, on the export rate, and about 33c on the regular rate. Old oats have been sold at 30c for the local trade.

Barley—Feed barley is firm and higher 43c being now asked. Malt barley is quiet but firm at 50c to 55c.

Pork, Lard, &c.—We quote: Canada short cut pork, per bbl. \$18.00 to \$20.00; Canada short cut light, per bbl. \$18.00 to \$18.50; Chicago short cut light, per bbl. \$18.50 to \$19.00; Extra mess beef, per bbl. \$12.25 to \$12.50; Plate beef, per bbl. \$16.25 to \$16.50; Hams, per lb. 9c to 10c; Lard, pure, in pails, per lb. 9c to 10c; Lard, compound, in pails, per lb. 7c to 7c; Bacon, per lb. 10 to 11c; Shoulders, per lb. 9c to 9c.

Butter—The demand is chiefly for late made August creamery, sales of which have been made on the basis of 19c in the country at nearby points costing about 19c laid down here. Sales of round lots of fine Eastern Townships have been made at 16c but buyers complain of this class of dairy butter running very uneven now that some of the best dairies have gone into cheese making or the manufacture of creamery butter. Western is quiet with a few sales reported at 15 to 16c, the latter figure for selections. A large fall make is said to be in progress and there is no prospect of any falling off in production, we quote prices as follows: Creamery, fresh per lb. 18 to 19c; Eastern Townships dairy 16 to 17c; Western 14 to 16c; Add 1c to above for single packages of selected.

Cheese—The market is firm and higher, cheese amounting to about 5,000 boxes by boat, and rail being disposed of at 9c to 9c which is 1c to 1c higher than the week previous; but the cheese were August make and a better class of goods. Prices, however still show an advance.

Eggs—Further shipments of eggs have been made to England both from the city and Western points. Here the market is quiet but fairly steady at 9c to 10c sales having been made at both figures for good to choice stock. Culls have sold down as low as 7c.

Apples—We quote prices as follows:—Astricans \$1.25 to \$1.75 per barrel, and baskets 20c to 30c. Duchess \$1.50 to \$1.75 baskets 20c to 30c.

Hides—The fight between dealers is still on and, prices are of course going up irrespective

of legitimate supply and demand. This is good for the butchers of course, if it only lasts. Although deliveries have been made this week at 4c by regular customers, some dealers have paid 4c to 4c for No. 1 light; but this it is claimed, was done to get their rival's customers. Still, the regular price after this will no doubt be 4c. Then again the regular price of heavy steers was 4c, but the buyers above referred to, in trying to get each other's customers, have paid 5c to 5c, although the out side figure is the top rate that can be had from tanners. Then there is another fight over lambskins, the regular price of which was 35c; but some dealers are paying 42c to 45c, although they cannot be sold to tanners at these figures at profit; and thus the fight goes on. We quote prices as follows:—Light hides at 4c for No. 1, 3c for No. 2, and 2c for No. 3 to dealers, and 3c more to tanners. Heavy hides are quoted at 4c to 5c; calf, 5c to 6c; lamb skins, 35 to 40c.

Wool—There is some improvement in this line this week; although sales are not very large, there seems to be a great deal more inquiry and prices have advanced fully 3c for Cape wools in this market, while on the other side there has been an advance of fully 5 per cent. to 7c per cent on all fine wools. We quote prices as follows: Greasy Cape 14c to 16c; Washed Canadian fleeces 17c to 20c; B.A. scoured 28c to 32c. In pulled wool, 20c to 21c is quoted for suppers, extra 23c to 26c; Northwest wool 11c to 12c.—Trade Bulletin August, 24.

Montreal Grocery Market.

The demand for sugar on spot has improved to some extent during the past week, and refiners report business more active. On the whole the market is firm and values are well maintained at 4c for granulated, and 3c to 3c for yellows as to quality. The New York market for refined sugar was strong, and a further advance of 3c took place to day.

Since our last the demand for syrups has improved and a fair amount of business is reported, sales of some round lots having taken place at 2 to 2c for bright grades, and 1 to 1c per lb. for dark.

The demand for molasses has been slow and the market rules quiet and steady. The stock on spot is estimated to be about 1,500 puncheons larger than this time last year. All the cargoes for this season have arrived. The Runnymede cargo which went into store last week is now held at 27c. For car lots, the combine price is 29c, and 30c for single puncheons.

A fair amount of business is reported in rice, and the market rules moderately active and steady. We quote standard \$3.45 to \$3.70; Japan, \$3.95 to \$4.25, and Patna \$4.25 to \$4.75.

There was no important feature in the tea market to note. The demand has continued good from both local and country dealers, consequently the market has ruled active with a large volume of business doing at firm prices.

There has been no important change in the situation of the canned goods market since our last. We quote: Lobsters at \$3.00 to \$3.50 per case; sardines at \$3.50 to \$3.60; salmon at \$1.15 to \$1.30 per dozen; tomatoes at 80 to 85c per dozen; peaches at \$2 to \$2.10 per dozen; corn at 85 to 90c per dozen; and marrowfat peas at 85 to 90c per dozen.—Gazette, Aug. 24.

Montreal Hardware and Paint Prices.

There is no special feature in the pig iron market to note. The demand is slow and outside of a few fair sized lots which have changed hands, business has been principally of a jobbing character. Tin plates have changed hands at \$2.75 to \$2.90. Bar iron has sold in fair sized lots at \$1.70 to \$1.75. A good business is reported in general shelf hardware. We quote:—Summit, pig iron, \$19.50 to 20.00; Eglington, \$18.50; Cambridge,

\$18.50; Ferrons, \$16.50 to 17.00; Siemen's, No. 1, \$16.50 to 16.75; wrought scrap No. 1, \$15.00 to 16.00; bar iron, \$1.70 to 1.75. Tin plates, cokes, \$2.75 to 3.00; I.C. charcoal, \$3.25 to 3.50; Canada plates, \$2.10 to 2.15; terra plates \$0 to 0.25; galvanized iron 4c to 5c as to brand. Orford copper, 9c to 10c; ingot tin, 10c to 18c; lead at \$2.00 to 2.05, and spelter a \$ 50 to 4.75; out nails, \$1.80 to \$1.85.

PAINTS, OILS AND LEADS.

There has been no improvement in business during the past week, but a better feeling pervails in sympathy with stronger primary markets and values on glass; lead and zinc are firmer, but no actual change has taken place here yet. The general impression among the trade is that values will advance and trade improve in the near future, as travellers are now preparing to go out. 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, 4c; red lead, pure, 4c; do. No. 1, 4c; zinc, white, pure, \$7.25; No. 1, \$8.25; No. 2, 5.25; glass, \$1.25, first break; \$1.35 second break per 50 feet; \$2.90 for first break per 100 feet; linseed oil, round lots, raw, 54 to 55c; boiled, 58 to 58c; putty in bulk, \$1.85.

The demand for cement has been good. The stock on spot is light and there is a disposition on the part of importers to advance prices in sympathy with the recent advance already made by makers on the other side. There is not sufficient stock on spot at present to fill the requirements of the trade, but as there are some large lots on the way, which will arrive early, next week, importers will be in a position to fill all orders on hand. We quote spot prices at \$1.95 to 2.05 for English brands, and \$1.85 to 1.90 for Belgian, and to arrive, English brands, \$1.90 and Belgian, \$1.80 to 1.90. The market for fire-bricks is very firm and the advance in prices noted last week has been well maintained. Sales are being made freely at \$15.50 to \$22 per 1,000 as to brand.

The feature in the market for naval stores has been the weakness in turpentine, prices have declined 1c per gallon, sales of round lots having taken place at 4c and smaller quantities at 4c per gallon. In other lines a fair amount of business has been done for the season, and values show no change. We quote: Turpentine, 45 to 46c; rosin, \$2.75 to \$3.25, as to brand; coal tar, \$3.25 to \$3.75; cotton waste, 5 to 7c for colored and 7 to 10c for white; oakum, 5c to 7c, and cotton oakum, 10 to 12c. Cordage, sisal, at 7 to 7c for 7-16 and upwards, and 14c for deep sea line. Pure manilla, 9c for 7-16 and upwards, and 9c for smaller sizes.

The market for petroleum shows no important change during the past week. We quote: Canadian refined at 11c in shed in Montreal for round lots, and 12c for small quantities. United States petroleum, 14 to 15c in car lots, 15c in 10-barrel lots, 15c in 5 barrel lots, and 16c for single barrels, net cash; United States benzine, 23 to 25c; Canadian benzine, 10c; Petrolia; 12c Montreal.—Gazette, August 24.

Cheese Markets Advance.

Brookville, Aug. 23.—About 2,600 boxes of cheese were boarded here to-day. Sales were: 931 boxes of colored at 10c, 59 white at 10c.

Kingston, Aug. 23.—Cheese board report: Offerings, 150 white and 225 colored; sales, 145 at 10 3/4, and 30 at 10 1/8.

Liatowell, Aug. 23.—At the cheese fair here to-day 19 factories boarded 3,982 boxes, mostly July cheese. The sales were confined to four lots of July, or which were part of July and August; 200 boxes selling at 9c, 185 at 9c, and 120 at 9c. The factorymen showed no disposition to put a price on their August make, and refused bids of 10c and 10c for first half. One lot was offered at 10c; but not taken.