

**KIRKWOOD, LIVINGSTONE & CO.'S PRODUCE AND LEATHER PRICES CURRENT.**

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Another week has passed without any improvement, and a general dullness still prevails in every branch of business. Our latest advices from Europe, per "City of London," indicate no material change; and the many reverses that have been so numerous amongst our neighbors across the lines, through the sudden fall in gold during the past few days, has seriously unsettled business there.

**FLOUR.**—Owing to continually increasing receipts and the breaking up of the country roads, our market has shown less activity, and lower rates have necessarily been submitted to. Both Fancy and Extras are scarce and in fair demand. The lower grades also continue scarce and nominal. The main enquiry is however for choice grades of Superfine and Bag Flour, the ruling prices of which during the week for the former were from \$4.50 to \$4.65, (latter rates for choice grades from Canada wheat), and \$2.50 to \$2.55 per 112 lbs. for Bag Flour.

Superior extra.....	\$5 00 to \$5 25 per brl.
Extra.....	4 80 to 5 00 "
Fancy.....	4 05 to 4 75 "
Superfine No. 1.....	4 45 to 4 55 "
Superfine No. 2.....	4 20 to 4 25 "
Fine.....	3 80 to 4 00 "
Middlings.....	3 65 to 3 75 "
Pollards.....	3 15 to 3 25 "

**OATMEAL.**—Demand limited; sales at \$4.65 to \$5.00. **WHEAT.**—Receipts continue mainly for City Millers. Sales of Milwaukee Spring reported Ex Store on private terms. Upper Canada Spring nominal at \$1.00 to \$1.05.

**FEAR.**—The demand considerably in excess of the supply; the crop generally has been a failure to a greater or less extent throughout Canada, and prices are now rating proportionately high. The prices being paid the farmers in the county districts are now ranging from 92½ to 97½c per minimot; but this does not suffice to bring forward the little that is still in their hands. Bad roads may be one cause for this, but we fear the country is now almost entirely depleted of this cereal.

**OATS.**—Are in good supply but without any disposition towards improvement in price, offering for Spring delivery at 33 to 34c. per 32 lbs.

**BARLEY.**—The demand is now less, and prices are not firm; we still quote at 70 to 75 cts per 60 lbs.

**SEEDS.**—Both Clover and Timothy are scarce and wanted. Sales reported of the former at 12 and 12½ cts. per lb., and the latter at \$2.85 to \$3.00 per 45 lbs.

**ASHES.**—The market remains unchanged and inactive. Pots, 1st Sort, we quote at \$5.20 to \$5.22½ per 100 lbs. Inferiors continue scarce; sales reported at \$5.50 to \$5.60 per 100 lbs. Pearls, nominal at \$5.40 to \$5.50 per 100 lbs.

**BUTTER.**—Owing to the excessive stocks and the rapid decline in the Boston and New York markets, as well as the British, prices may be quoted lower and still more unreliable; as to effect sales a further deduction might necessarily be required. We quote:

Choice Dairy.....	15 c. to 17 c. per lb.
Medium.....	14 c. to 16 c. "
Storepacked.....	12½c. to 13c. "

**CHEESE.** Good Dairy nominal at 9 to 10 cts.

**PORK.**—The stocks, as stated in a former number, being in the hands of few well able to hold, transactions are small and unimportant. We notice sales at for Mess \$20.50 to \$21.00. Prime Mess and Prime \$14.50 to \$16.00.

**TALLOW.**—Market unchanged, worth 8 to 8½ cents per lb.

**LARD.**—Without change, 10½ to 11 cts. per lb.

**CUTMEATS.**—Hams, Canned and Sugar Cured, 12 to 12½ cts.; Plain Uncanned 11 to 12 cts. Bacon 8 to 9 cts.

**LEATHER.**—The market continues depressed; and with heavy stocks continually increasing, and poor prospects for the Spring business of the boot and shoe trade, we do not anticipate any improvement for months to come. We forbear quoting, as we cannot advise shipments to this market at present, it being almost impossible to effect sales.

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**AKIN & KIRKPATRICK'S MONTREAL PRICE CURRENT.**

Thursday Evening, March 23, 1865.

<b>FLOUR</b> —Superior Extra.....	\$5 00 to \$5 25
Extra.....	4 85 to 4 95
Fancy.....	4 70 to 4 80
Superfine.....	4 45 to 4 60
Superfine No. 2.....	4 20 to 4 30
Fine.....	3 80 to 3 75
<b>BAG FLOUR</b> —per 112 lbs. Medium	2 45 to 2 50
Choice and Strong.....	2 50 to 2 55
<b>OATMEAL</b> —per bbl. of 200 lbs.....	4 75 to 5 00
<b>WHEAT</b> —per 60 lbs. U. C. Spring.....	1 00 to 1 03
U. C. White Winter.....	0 00 to 0 00
<b>PEASE</b> —per 60 lbs.....	0 00 to 0 00
<b>BARLEY</b> —per 48 lbs.....	0 00 to 0 00
<b>OATS</b> —per 32 lbs.....	0 00 to 0 00
<b>PORK</b> —Mess.....	20 50 to 21 00
Prime Mess.....	15 00 to 15 50
Prime.....	14 50 to 15 00
Hams per lb.....	0 10 to 0 12
Shoulders per lb.....	0 7 to 0 9
<b>LARD</b> , per lb.....	0 10 to 0 11½
<b>TALLOW</b> , per lb.....	0 05 to 0 08½
<b>BUTTER</b> —Inferior.....	0 12 to 0 14
Medium.....	0 14 to 0 15
Choice.....	0 16 to 0 17
<b>CHEESE</b> , per lb.....	0 09 to 0 10½
<b>ASHES</b> —per 100 lbs. Pots—1st sorts.....	5 20 to 5 22½
Inferiors.....	5 50 to 0 00
Pearls, 1st sorts.....	5 40 to 5 45
Inferiors.....	0 00 to 0 00

**FLOUR.**—The active demand noted for some weeks past has greatly fallen off, owing to the rapid thaw having broken up the country roads and impaired the ice; and with increased arrivals from the various points of accumulation some reaction has been experienced. Fancy and the higher grades have been in small supply, and maintain their value. Superfine is in excess, and the better samples may be quoted ten cents lower. The lower grades are still in deficient supply, and find buyers at quotations.

**Bag Flour.**—We note larger receipts by rail; and although from previous scarcity, all has been taken thus far at former rates, there is much less activity, and the probability of some decline. The general receipts promise to be in excess of the demand for a time, and lower rates are likely to rule; but it is believed there will be little surplus for export, and that prices can only suffer temporarily.

**WHEAT.**—We are still without arrivals except to millers, and prices continue nominal at \$1.00 to \$1.03 for U. C. Spring.

**PORK.**—Remains firm at our quotations, and without material change.

**BUTTER.**—We have to report another very dull week. Notwithstanding the increasing anxiety of holders to realize, no inducement in price appears able to tempt either dealers or shippers. The quality of most of what is in stock is so mediocre that even in an active market it would be taken by shippers with difficulty; but in an overstocked market like the present, it is utterly unsaleable, and likely to continue so for some time to come, without some at present unforeseen event occurring.

**ASHES.**—Both Pots and Pearls are dull and drooping. Stocks of both are considerable, and the British advices do not justify speculation.

AKIN & KIRKPATRICK.

**LEEMING & BUCHANAN'S WEEKLY COMMERCIAL REPORT.**

FRIDAY MORNING, March 24, 1865.

<b>FLOUR</b> —Superior Extra.....	\$5 00 to 5 20
Extra.....	4 85 to 4 90
Fancy.....	4 90 to 4 70
Superfine.....	4 50 to 4 60
Superfine No. 2.....	4 20 to 4 30
Fine.....	3 60 to 3 75
<b>BAG FLOUR</b> —per 112 lbs. Medium.....	2 45 to 2 50
Choice and Strong.....	2 50 to 2 55
<b>OATMEAL</b> —per bbl. of 200 lbs.....	4 75 to 5 00
<b>WHEAT</b> —per 60 lbs. U. C. Spring.....	0 98 to 1 00
<b>PEASE</b> —per 60 lbs.....	0 75 to 0 80
<b>BARLEY</b> —per 48 lbs.....	0 70 to 0 75
<b>OATS</b> —per 32 lbs.....	0 34 to 0 36
<b>PORK</b> —Mess.....	20 00 to 21 50
Prime Mess.....	15 00 to 15 00
Prime.....	14 50 to 0 00
<b>LARD</b> —per lb.....	0 11 to 0 12
<b>TALLOW</b> —per lb.....	0 08 to 0 08½
<b>BUTTER</b> —Inferior.....	0 12 to 0 13
Medium.....	0 14 to 0 16
Choice.....	0 16 to 0 19
<b>CHEESE</b> —per lb.....	0 08 to 0 10
<b>ASHES</b> —per 100 lbs. Pots—1st sorts.....	5 20 to 5 22½
Inferiors.....	5 50 to 5 50
Pearls, 1st sort.....	5 40 to 5 45
Inferiors.....	0 00 to 0 00
<b>SEEDS</b> —Timothy, per bush. 45 lbs.....	2 75 to 3 00
Flax, 56 lbs.....	1 40 to 1 50
Clover, per 100 lbs.....	12 00 to 13 00
<b>LEAF TOBACCO</b> —Canadian.....	0 3½ to 0 04½
Missouri lugs.....	0 05 to 0 06
leaf.....	0 07 to 0 15

A week of thoroughly March weather has altered the appearance of the city and the condition of the roads very decidedly. The country demand for Flour and Provisions, mentioned in our last, has increased, and bids fair to continue as long as the roads are passable. The heavy freshets usual in spring, are more than ordinarily destructive this season, especially to the American railways connecting with Canada. The G. T. R. seems to have escaped much damage thus far, from this cause.

English letters to the 4th instant continue to report the same inactivity in Breadstuffs that has characterized British markets for the past six months.

**FLOUR.**—Receipts have increased during the week, and comprise a better assortment than we have had for some days. Superfine has been almost the only grade received, and meets with fair demand. Strong Supers from Canada Wheat command a trifle over our quotations. Ordinary brands close rather heavy, with an evident disposition to sell at present prices. No 2 and grades below are scarce and wanted. Bag Flour continues scarce, though there is a large quantity on the way. Buyers are aware of this, and buy lightly, expecting a well-stocked market soon.

**WHEAT.**—Nothing to report in Canada Spring. A sale of Milwaukee has transpired at \$1, ex-store. There is some enquiry for Canada Spring for May delivery; but holders' views are quite apart from those of buyers, \$1 per bushel is asked and 95c offered.

**OATMEAL.**—Choice Meal is scarce at \$5; Ordinary is offering freely at from \$4.50 to \$4.70, with unsatisfactory results.

**PEASE.**—Are in active demand for speculative account.

**BARLEY AND OATS.**—Nothing doing here. The demand is for American account, and the railways are so disabled that transactions cannot be carried through at present.

**PORK.**—The stock of all descriptions is light; Mess sells easily at \$20.50 to \$21; Prime Mess \$16.25; Prime \$14 to \$15.

**BUTTER.**—Is the *hardest* item a commission merchant can write to his constituents upon just now. The receipts in this market foot up to 8,920 packages since 1st January; against 6,077 for same period last year; of this ninety per cent. is poor to fair, store collecting and packing, and perhaps the refuse that buyers re-

jected in the fall. Farmers are bringing in a good deal, and supplying the city trade; while New York and Boston are full of cheaper Butter than we can offer at present. Sales are difficult to make at quotations, and when under, are generally in small quantities to jobbers. We have a prospect of an early opening of lower ports, from whence we look for a demand that will give some relief. If the stock held now was only good, well made Butter, it might be ten times its size, and yet be the most saleable item in the market.

**ASHES.**—Remain quiet. English advices report a further decline in Pots; owing to large stocks. Buyers here have been holding back for the past two or three days, and the market closes heavy for both Pots and Pearls.

**FLAX.**—Fibre continues quiet with small sales; the decline in Gold continues to operate unfavorably on the market. To force sales at present a reduction of 2c to 3c. per lb. would have to be submitted to. The supply is by no means large, and as soon as values become at all settled in the United States, the consumption will commence with increased rapidity.

**SEEDS.**—Timothy and Clover continue to be much enquired for, but we hear of no lots offering on the spot. Holders are keeping back, expecting better prices, which are not likely to be realized. Flax Seed brings our quotations readily. We have some pure Riga, imported by ourselves, for sowing, price \$6.25 per bushel.

**LEAF TOBACCO.**—We have several sales of small lots of Canadian during the week, at 4c. to 4½c. The demand for Missouri and Kentucky is very limited. We have sales of a few hds. of bright Missouri Wrappers at 12½c. to 19c. The trade is extremely depressed, and no disposition to speculate.

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