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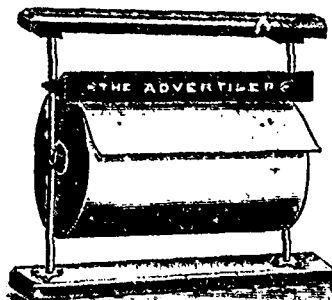
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Toronto Markets.

Millfeed—Quiet, but fairly steady. The supply is rather better, but the demand continues active. Bran is worth \$14 west and shorts \$16 Toronto freights.

Wheat—Some little dickering was reported on round lots, and the sale of 15,000 bush. No. 2 hard float Port Arthur last half May at 70c was reported. There was also a bid of 68c middle freights for 20,000 bush. white, with sellers at 63c. Odd cars white sold north and west at 65. Good one was bought on the Midland at 61c. No. 1 hard sold North Bay, last half May at 82c, and No. 2 at 81c. For No. 3 hard 75c was bid.

Barley—Steady, with a fair demand for No. 2 at 40c outside. Other grades dull and nominally unchanged.

Oats—Quiet and easier at 33 to 34c here. Bids of 31c were made for white and 30c for mixed on the Midland; sellers were a cent over these figures.

Grain and Flour—Bar prices are. Flour (Toronto freights), Manitoba patents, \$4.30 to 4.50; Manitoba strong bakers, \$3.90 to 4.25; Ontario patents, \$3.25 to 3.50; straight roller, \$3.00 to 3.20; extra, \$2.90 to 3.00; low grades per bag, \$1.00 to 1.25. Bran—\$15.50 to 17. Shorts—\$17 to 18. Wheat—west and north points)—White, 65 to 67c; spring, 61 to 62c; red winter, 65 to 66c; goose, 60 to 61c; spring Midland, 63 to 64c, No. 1 hard, North Bay, 82 to 82½c; No. 2 hard, 80 to 81c; No. 3 hard, 75 to 76c; No. 1 frosted, 70 to 72c; peas (outside) 56 to 57c. Barley (outside)—No. 1, 44 to 45c; No. 2, 40c; No. 3 extra, 35 to 36c; No. 3, 32 to 34c; two rowed, 54 pounds, averaging about No. 3 extra in color (outside), 35 to 40c. Rye (outside) 53 to 55c. Buckwheat (outside) 43 to 50c. Oats, 34 to 34½c.

Eggs—Receipts of eggs were large again to day, and prices declined 2c to 13c per dozen. Most commission houses were selling at this figure to day and the demand was reported so active that most of the stock accumulated during the week was moved out.

Potatoes—Moving slowly at 85c for cars on track and 95c per bag for job lots. A car of nice stock sold here to-day at 85c and more could no doubt have been obtained at this price.

Beans—Beans are in good demand in a jobbing way at \$1.45 to 1.55 per bushel for choice hand-picked stock and \$1.30 to 1.40 for common to good. There is nothing doing in large lots and farmers' deliveries are very light.

Dressed hogs and provisions—The demand for dressed hogs was only moderate to day, and values were easy. Weights suitable for packers were taken at \$7.75 to \$8. A couple of cars were bought to arrive at that figure. Products easy, but with a fair demand. A car of mixed meats sold at 13c for hams, 10½c for rolls and 10½c for long clear. Quotations are:—Meat pork, Canadian, \$20 to 21; short cut, \$21 to 22;

bacon, long clear, per lb, 10½ to 11c; lard, Canadian, tierces, 12½ to 13c; tubs and pails, 13½ to 13¾c; compound do, 10½ to 11c. Smoked meats—Hams, per lb, 13 to 13½c; bellies, 13½ to 14c; rolls, per lb, 10½ to 10¾c; backs, per lb, 13c.

Butter—There has been little or no accumulation of stock during the week and prices have been firmly held. Receipts to day were only fair, and every thing was apparently wanted. Choice dairy tubs sold at 20 to 21c and medium to good at 16 to 18c. Bakers butter was scarce and inquired for. Orders were generally filled with large large rolls at 17 to 18c. Very choice grades of this butter sell readily at 19 to 20c. The demand for creamery butter is active; best tubs sell at 24 to 25c and common for 20c upwards or about a pair with best dairy tubs.

Cheese—Steady and unchanged. Choice full cheese is jobbing at 11½ to 12c. There is no movement in round lots.

Cattle—The local demand for choice Easter cattle was active, but had the market depended on this alone a very demoralized state of affairs would have resulted, as the offerings were unusually heavy even for this period of the year. As it was, however, one-half the cattle here were taken by outside dealers, and this kept trade on a steady basis. Some exceptionally fine cattle were placed on the market, and for small lots these prices were paid on par with those of a year ago; one shipper received 5½c per pound for a bunch of six choice cattle, averaging 1,400 pounds and a number of small lots of the best Easter stock changed hands at 4½ to 5½c. Ordinary butchers' cattle were unchanged and steady at the prices which ruled at the beginning of the week. The demand for these was only fair. Prices ranged from 2½ to 3½c per pound usually, with the best stock occasionally bringing 4c per lb. There were a good many bulls on the market to day, most of which were taken for Montreal. One exceptionally fine animal weighing 2,340 lbs sold at 4½c per lb.

Sheep and Lambs—The market was over supplied, and, of course, easier. The local demand was fair, but very little was taken by outside dealers. Sheep sold at \$5 to \$7 per head, and lambs at \$5.50 to \$6 per cwt, for choice grain fed animals.

Hogs—The market was in better shape and a shade firmer than on Tuesday, due to the moderate offerings. Receipts were 300, all of which sold. For the best straight fat hogs \$6 to \$6.25 per cwt, was paid weighed off car. Scores sold at \$5.75 to \$5.85 per cwt., and roughs, etc., at from \$5.50 to \$5.65 per cwt.—*Empire*, March 24.

Montreal Markets.

Flour—Another dull week has followed a dull predecessor, but there has been no material change in prices, as it is claimed that millers will not grind to sell at lower values than have ruled during the past few weeks. In Ontario straight rollers there has been sales for Quebec

and the Maritime Provinces at very low prices, but the sales were made direct from the mills, that being the only way business can be done now from points west to points east of Montreal, the railways having so fixed their rates that Montreal has been given the complete go-by. There is great diversity of opinion regarding the lowest prices that straight roller flour can be laid down at on track here, some stating that \$3.45 is the lowest figure, and others maintain that they can buy it at \$3.35 to 3.40 on track here. We have seen letters from Ontario millers west of Ontario offering it at \$2.93 f.o.b., which with a 35c freight would cost \$3.30 here, and a profit is to be made on that figure. We quote it at \$3.40 to 3.45 with re-sales in broken lots at \$3.50 to 3.65, delivered—the latter figure for choice. A cargo of flour, mostly Canadian, was shipped from Portland this week for St. John's, Newfoundland. There was some American among it, costing lower prices than the Ontario flour. In spring wheat flour best brands of city bakers have been sold at \$4.10 to 4.25, as to quantity. Manitoba ground strong bakers have changed hands at \$4.00 to 4.10 for best qualities, and away down to \$3.50 and \$3.25 for common grades. There is very little to be said on the bull side of flour.

Oatmeal—The market for rolled oats remains steady, a car being offered yesterday at \$4.15; but to day the same car was offered at \$4.10, but was not sold. Dealers look for easier prices. In jobbing lots there have been sales of rolled and granulated at \$4.15 to 4.25 as to quantity. We quote prices for jobbing lots as follows:—Rolled and granulated, \$4.15 to \$4.20; standard \$3.95 to 4.05. In bags, granulated and rolled, \$2.00 to 2.10, and standard \$1.90 to 2.05.

Mill feed—There is good demand for bran in Ontario as farmers are feeding their cows on it for milk. The top prices obtained last week however, cannot be got to-day. A car load of Ontario bran in bags was sold a week ago in warehouse at \$18, but to-day 17.00 is all that could be had for it. We quote car lots \$17 to 17.50 with an easier feeling, owing to less scarcity. United States buyers have taken quite a lot out of Ontario, and this along with the home demand has caused the late advance in values. Prices are quoted 50c to \$1 lower in the west. Shorts are quiet but steady at \$18 to 19.50.

Wheat—A few cars of No. 2 hard have been sold at 81c for shipment to the eastern townships; but exporters will only bid 78 to 79c. No. 2 hard is quoted at 67 to 69c for export. White and red winter wheat at points west of Toronto are quoted at 66 to 67c f.o.b.

Oats—Stocks are ample both here and in the country, a letter from the west stating that the crop was larger than estimated. Sales of car lots of No. 2 white have been made at 34½c, a lot of about 5,000 bushels selling at that figure. A buyer to-day, however, stated that he was offered No. 2 white at 34c, but could not place them. A car of No. 3 was sold at 33½c.