

Prices at Montreal.

Flour—In spring wheat flour there has been a fair amount of business on local account, with sales of strong bakers at \$5. Quoted: Patent, winter, \$5.15 to \$5.25; patent, spring, \$5.25 to \$5.50; straight roller, \$4.70 to \$4.85; extra, \$4.30 to \$4.50; superfine, \$3.80 to \$4.20; fine, \$3.20 to \$3.75; city strong bakers', \$5; medium bakers', \$4.75; Ontario bags, extra, \$2.05 to \$2.15.

Bran, etc.—The bran market is quiet at \$17 to \$17.50 on track, the sale of a lot of Manitoba being quoted at the inside rate. Broken lots delivered have sold at \$18. Moullie is steady at \$22 to \$27 per ton. Shorts have been placed at \$19 to \$20 and middlings \$20 to \$21 per ton.

Wheat—In Manitoba wheat the feeling is quite strong, No. 2 hard being quoted at \$1.07 to \$1.08, but in the absence of business to any extent prices are nominal, No. 3 hard is quoted at 96 to 97c, and No. 1 frosted 93 to 86c, but these figures are more or less nominal.

Barley—Malting grades are quoted all the way from 60 to 70c. Sales of No. 3 have been made in the West at 50 to 52c f.o.b. Feed barley is quoted at 49 to 51c with sales at both figures.

Oats—The market keeps very strong, holders of Ontario white oats asking 54c or 2c more than last week. Manitoba white are quoted at 51 to 52c, and mixed at 50c, sales having been made at that, 50c per 34 lbs.

Oatmeal—The advance previously referred has been maintained ordinary standard being quoted at \$2.50 to \$2.60 per bag, and rolled at \$2.65 to \$2.85 as to quantity. Standard in barrels is quoted at \$5.40 to \$5.50, and rolled oats \$5.60 to \$5.75 with granulated at same figure.

Eggs—A car from the States was sold at 18c to 19c, but the market is firm at 19c, and some dealers look for better prices. The colder weather has started prices in an upward direction.

Dressed poultry—Realized 10 to 11c for turkeys, and 6½ to 8c for chickens.

Potatoes—The sale was reported of 2 cars at 70c per bag of 90 lbs., and several round lots of choice Rose were sold at 80c. Sales of Canadian Rose have been made in New York within the past week at \$3 and \$3.12½ per 180 lbs.

Apples—Choice varieties such as Spies command high prices. Fair to good qualities have sold at \$3.50 to \$4.50 per bbl.; fancy selections of Spies have sold in a jobbing way at \$6 to \$6.50 per bbl.

Butter—The local demand is taking all offerings of finest creamery and dairy for table use at full prices, but medium and inferior grades are difficult to move. Several lots of creamery have been taken for the local trade at 23 to 24c for finest. Eastern Townships is selling at 20 to 21c. In Western there has been some enquiry at 12 to 15c, and inferior 6 to 8c. Rolls 13 to 15c.

Cheese—The strong position of the market has received no check. Sales have been made of finest August at 10½ to 11c, and medium goods have realized 10 to 10½c.

Provisions—Sales of Canada short cut have taken place at \$15 to \$16. The lard deal partook of a new feature this week in a further cut of 2½c per pail, the present price being \$1.40 per pail of 20 lbs. or 7c per lb. Smoked meats—Hams, 11 to 12c, bacon, 10 to 11c.

Dressed hogs—Dealers claim that \$5.75 to \$5.85 is a fair range of quotations. Smaller lots have sold at \$5.90.

Evaporated apples—Business appears to be confined to jobbing lots at 13 to 13½c per lb. Dried apples—Changing hands upon a basis of 8 to 9c.

Gallon apples—A fair enquiry is experienced at \$3.25 per dozen tins.

Onions—The market is steady with sales reported of Spanish at 90c to \$1 per crate, and \$3.50 per case. In Canadian onions there is a fair local demand with business at \$3.50 per bbl.

Hides—A few hides taken from butchers at 6 to 6½c per lb. for No. 1, but Quebec tanners are kicking against paying over 6½c for No. 1. Calfskins are steady at 7c.

Groceries—A good demand for refined sugar has been experienced during the week at steadily maintained prices, 6½c having been paid for granulated which is ½c lower than the same grade is selling at in New York. Yellow range from 5¼ to 5½c for low grades to fair, and 5½ to 5¾ for brights. In syrups, both in wood and tins, sales reported at from 3¼ to 3½c, choice amber being quoted at 3¾ to 4c as to quantity. In molasses there have been a few sales of a jobbing character at 33c for Barbadoes and 28 to 30c for Antigua. In coffee a large business has transpired in this market during the past week, mainly in Rio, several good sized lots having changed hands at 20c sixty days, and 21c four months.

Dried fruits—At the close of last week a good demand sprang up for Valencia raisins, several good sized lots being placed at 6c for common and 6½c for good brands. A good demand has been experienced for currants and under light stocks prices remain firm at 5½ to 6½c.

Hardware—The pig iron market is in a very unsatisfactory state, now that the demand from Ontario is supplied almost exclusively by United States iron. Pig iron is quoted here at \$22.50 to \$23, Camboro at \$21.50 and Eglinton at \$21. Bar iron is unchanged at \$2.20, although that figure is well known to have been shaded. Tin plates are extremely quiet at \$4.50 for coke and \$4.75 to \$5.25 for charcoal. In Canada plates the market is unchanged at \$3 to \$3.10. Terne plates are steady at \$9.25 to \$8.50. In retorts there is an easier feeling in copper, as sales have been made of Orford brand at 13½ to 14c per lb. during the past few days. Tin has been placed at 22½ to 23c. The card prices of nails is quoted at \$2.40 for iron and \$2.50 for steel.

Money—Money is abundant and loans on call have been negotiated at 4 and 4½ per cent., one amount of \$50,000 being placed at the inside figure, notwithstanding the reported general dullness of trade. Regarding discounts the ruling rates are still 6 to 7 per cent., although some weak concerns have to pay as high as 8 per cent. at a pinch. A leading banker of this city stated a few days ago that there were plenty of calls for funds but lenders were as particular as ever in demanding undoubted collateral, and that quite a number of applicants have to be refused on account of inability to furnish the required security.—Summarized from *Trade Bulletin*.

The Coffee Market.

The New York Commercial Advertiser says: "Over the condition of the market for Rio and Santos grades opinions differ to some extent very naturally, but hardly to a radical tone, and on the whole the feeling may be considered as conservatively cheerful. Cost is pretty full, and deliveries have been free for some time past, but the general statistical position improves if anything, and the visible supply is considered small enough to warrant carrying against any depressing efforts that may be put forth. Even jobbers are not adverse to giving the market some assistance, as they are owners of considerable stock in one position or another at a cost that requires the realization of at least present or better figures to let them out whole. Some also argue that consumption promises well enough at current cost, and that a large proportion of dependent territory has not yet been heard from. The speculative element has not been particularly demonstrative of late, either for ordinary regular form of trading or in a manipulative way, but the general tendency has appeared favorable for standing under the near-by options, and they have shown the greater strength on all fluctuations. Europe, too, has appeared slowish and hesitating, and many of the trade hold to the opinion that the old and most powerful bulls are a trifle opposed to any further advance just at the moment, not through any special change of sentiment, but because such course would interfere with their plans. To-day the deal in options was not very large, but there was a strong upish market, and the close found an irregular addition of 15 to 30 points to the line of valuations prevailing. So far as the position of Brasils themselves were concerned no positively new features came out; but a material reduction in the Government estimate of the Java crop induced very light offering, and buyers trying to cover pushed the market as noted. On the street, the feeling seemed to be even stronger than upon Change, quite liberal trading taking place, and at the highest rates yet reached in some cases, especially when the class of coffee handled is considered; and, while the demand seemed to be fairly well met, the close found a retention of strong, confident feeling throughout."

DURING one week recently the number of cattle exported from Chicago direct to British markets reached 8,000 head. The exports were fully one hundred carloads greater than for the corresponding week last year.

President James J. Hill, of the Great Northern railway, arrived from Europe recently. During a few weeks in London he completed financial arrangements that will enable him to push his road through to the Pacific ocean in very short order. His trip, his friends say, was in every way successful.

An unrevised statement of internal revenue of Canada for the month of January last shows a revenue of \$535,293, compared with \$528,735 for the same month last year. The value of the goods entered for consumption in the Dominion for January last was \$8,317,877, as against \$7,416,166 for January, 1890. The duty collected was \$1,616,459, as against \$1,625,622 for January, 1890. The goods exported were \$4,294,959, or an increase of \$1,053,689 over the same period for 1890.