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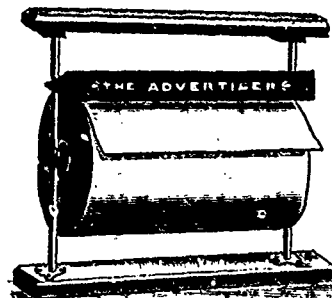
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Montreal Markets.

Flour—The flour market has made very little progress during the past week either in volume of business or in the disposition to effect sales. Ontario straight rollers are unchanged although the advance in the price of wheat in Chicago on Tuesday last was sufficient to cause some western millers to advance their prices. A lot of choice rollers was offered to a shipper here at \$3.10 f.o.b. at a western mill, and although a through rate of 22c per 100 lbs could have been obtained to Liverpool, it was too high for that market. Here straight rollers have been laid down at \$3.30 on track and retold \$3.40 to \$3.45. Choice rollers are quoted at \$3.45 to \$3.60 as to quantity. In strong bakers there is no activity, and what few sales are reported range from \$4.00 to 4.10 for city brands, a few small sales having been made of fancy brands at above the outside figure. Manitoba ground strong bakers has sold at \$3.75 to 4.00, the commoner grades selling at \$3.25 to 3.50.

Oatmeal—The easier feeling noticed by us a week ago has become more pronounced, and car loads are offered from the west at \$1.05 on the track here for rolled oats. Some millers, however, refuse to take less than \$1.10. In jobbing lots we quote:—Rolled and granulated, \$1.10 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—The demand has considerably subsided both here and in the west, sales of car lots west of Toronto having been made at \$14 and \$14.50 f.o.b. Here prices are easier and lower, car lots being quoted at \$16.50 for bran. Shorts are quoted at \$17 to 18, and moullie \$19 to 22.50.

Wheat—Car lots of No. 2 hard Manitoba for county millers are quoted at 81c, but export 78 to 79c are the rates quoted. At Port Arthur No. 2 hard is quoted at 70c May. Ontario white and red winter wheat is quoted in this market at 69 to 70c.

Oats—The sale of a lot of 10,000 bushels of No. 2 white oats was made at 34c per 34 lbs free storage till May 15th. No. 3 is quoted at 33 to 33½c.

Barley—The sale of 2 cars of malting barley was reported to arrive at 52c, said to be of very good quality, and we quote 50 to 55c. Feed barley is quoted at 40 to 42c.

Butter—The market is quiet, and prices continue to lean towards the easy side. A lot of over 100 tubs of creamery returned from Glasgow was sold at 19½c, and a portion of the lot from Liverpool is offered at 19c. A few tubs of new milk creamery have arrived and sold at 24 to 26c according to quality. Fresh made eastern townships dairy has been sold in single tubs at 21 to 23c according to quality.

Cheese—The new fodder cheese reported by us has offered on the Brockville market last

week were sold at 11c, and since then sales are reported in the same market at 10½c. It is believed that more April cheese will be made this year than last; but it is to be hoped that very few of this class of goods will be shipped to England, as it is by no means desirable as a rule. The Liverpool cable has remained at 47s 6d during the week, and here prices of old cheese are nominally quoted at 11½ to 11¾ for finest.

Cured Meats—Good sized lots of Canada short cut have been sold at \$21.75, and we quote \$21.75 to 22.25, smaller lots having brought the outside figure. Western regular mess pork is quoted nominally at \$21.50 to 22. Lard continues to sell at a wide range of prices, compound having changed hands at \$2.10, 2.20 and 2.30 per pail of 20 lbs. Pure Canadian lard is quiet at \$2.50 to 2.65 per pail as to quantity. There is a good enquiry for smoked meats, a lot of 100 hams selling at 13c, and we quote 12½ to 14c as to quantity and quality. Bacon meats with very good demand, and we quote 12 to 13c.

Eggs—There is a good demand for Easter, and prices are firmer at 16c to-day. For the past few days sales have been made at 15½c, which was the lowest price this season.

Dressed Hog—The market is easier and lower, an occasional car lot being offered at \$8 in the west, and we quote \$8.25 to 8.35 here. One party says he can buy at \$7.50 in the west.

Maple Syrup—The weather has been too cold to admit of liberal supplies of syrup. The first few lots received sold at \$1 per imperial gallon tins, but 90c is now quoted. Small tins 60 to 75c. Sales of new maple sugar in 1-pound bricks have been made at 8 to 8½c per pound.

Dried Fruit—Steady at the following quotations: Dried apples 5½ to 6c, evaporated 8 to 9½c, peaches and apricots 19 to 21c.

Hides and Tallow—There is another disturbance in the hide trade, owing to a bid for new business being made by certain dealers paying as high prices as tanners will give for them. Consequently, business is being done at a loss. Some dealers have paid as high as 5½ to 5¾c for No. 1, and 7c for No. 1 heavy steers. Still, the regular customers of other dealers have been willing to sell at 5 to 5½c, one lot of 120 hides selling at 5c and another round lot at 5½c. Prices in the United States are weak and lower with sales at 4½c in Chicago, and are offered at 4 to 4½c in Boston. Calfskins are firmer and higher at 8 to 9c, the supply being limited, but by the end of the week it is expected that offerings will be larger. A few lambskins have arrived and have sold at 10c each. Sheepskins have changed hands all the way from 90c to \$1.25 per skin. We quote: Nos. 1, 2 and 3 hides to tanners 5½, 4½ and 3½c, and to dealers 5 to 5½c, 4 to 4½c and 3 to 3½c for Nos. 1, 2 and 3. Calfskins 8 to 9c; sheepskins, 90c to \$1.25, and lambskins 10c. Sales of tallow have been

made in this market at 6 to 6½c, a large quantity being sold at 5½c. It is not long since it was selling at 8 to 9c per pound. Advances just received from the States report tallow down to 4½ to 5c, the latter figure for prime.—*Trade Bulletin*, April 1.

Winnipeg Board of Trade.

A meeting of the council of the Winnipeg board of trade was held Monday afternoon. A deputation from the legal profession consisting of Messrs. Munson, Wade, Haggart, Archibald, Martin and Davis waited on the council and asked the co-operation of the board in urging upon the Government the necessity of having the new court house located in the central portion of the business part in the city. A committee was appointed to act with law society in representing the views of the board.

A letter from President VanHorne, in continuance of the correspondence re lower freight rates for grain was read. Mr. VanHorne states that he will consult with the other roads interested at their first meeting and communicate the result at the earliest opportunity.

It was decided to represent to the Dominion Government the inconvenience experienced by the business community in having the customs house located so far from the business centre, and it was agreed to ask that arrangements be made for the removal of the edifice to a more central location.

Coyotes.

Chasing coyotes, which do great havoc in the sheep ranches, is the latest, and is said to be the greatest winter sport in Montana. It is much like fox hunting in its use of swift greyhounds and fast, hardy horses, but for hunting is said to be very tame compared with coyote chasing. The coyote has more size, speed and grit than the fox. He is now too well educated to be taken by traps or poisoned meat, or to stay in the vicinity of a gun. An able-bodied wolf will fight like a wild cat, and a single dog usually gets the worst of an encounter. Two ranchers in the Deer Lodge Valley have a pack of hounds trained to the sport, which affords them great fun during the winter, and as wolves are now very plentiful coyote chasing is in full swing. Occasionally a pack of wolves is started in the foot hills and then the fun is not all on one side. The hunting is not only great sport, but good business, for the State pays \$2.50 for every wolf's scalp, and every coyote the less is a gain to the ranchers.—*Fur Trade Review*.

The Beaver Line Steamship Co. has secured a contract from the Manitoba Government to bring out 1,600 Icelandic immigrants during the coming summer who are to settle in Manitoba.