

## Hides, Wool, Etc.

Prices of hides at Toronto were advanced recently 50c per 100 lbs., and quotation now are 8½ to 9c for green and 8½ to 8¾ for cured. Sheepskins were firm at \$1 to \$1.25, the latter for good long wool skins.

Toronto dealers are paying 2½ to 3c for tallow.

Toronto dealers are offering 22c for washed fleece.

A Montreal report says: hides are firm at 9c for No. 1 light, and a fraction higher has been paid. Tanners have paid 9½ to 10c. Sheepskins are in demand for the United States, dealers pay 9 to 9½ for No. 1.

The Chicago market is reported by Hilde & Lecher as follows:—"No. 1 buff, free of brands and grubs, 40 to 60 lbs., have been moved to the extent of three or four cars at 8½ to 8¾. Some dealers are endeavoring to secure an advance on these prices and hold out for 8¾, and in some cases 8½. One car was sold Saturday at 8½ and 8c. The two's had been thrown out of the No. 1's and only amounted to about 20 per cent. Two cars of early hides, all No. 1's, and averaging 40 to 50 lbs., which brought 8½ last week, were shipped a few days ago."

Bradstreet says of the United States wool market:—"The market continues active and buyers are absorbing supplies readily at full prices, while values are being gradually higher. Boston's wool sales for week were over 10,000,000 pounds, about 5,500,000 pound domestic and the balance foreign. Territory wools are considerably reduced in stock, and are firmer at 85 and 86c, scoured for fine medium and fine, with choice staple lines at 88 to 89c. Medium grades are firm on the secured basis of 82 and 83c. Fleece wools are in short supply and scarce, with prices largely nominal in the absence of sales. Australian wool is quick in demand on spot, while considerable lines are being sold to arrive. The same can be said of South American and Cape wools. The London sale closed April 3. It is estimated that up to April 1 United States parties have bought about 70,000 bales at the sale. Carpet wools are firm and quoted higher."

## Freight Rates and Traffic Matters

The Montreal Trade Bulletin says: "Shippers contend that freights are altogether too high from this port, as will be seen by the following from a New York broker dated March 31st:—"The rate on oats to Leith is 23½, to Glasgow 1s 7½d, although I think 1s 6d would be accepted if you could make an offer. I can now offer London at 2s 3d, and perhaps at 2s for May." Now let us compare the above with our own rates. Oats from Montreal to Leith 2s 6½ to 2s 9d; to Liverpool 2s, to Glasgow 2s to 2s 3d; to London 2s 6d; and Bristol 2s 6d. Owing to the lower rates of freight from the American seaboard, a large amount of Canadian grain shippers to this route is directed to New York and Boston. The experience of Montreal ocean freight agents in the past through plying for rates higher than from United States ports has not led to satisfactory results and unless due precaution is observed repetition of former experiences may obtain."

In the Duluth harbor says the Commercial Record of April 6 tugs have been moving only for a couple of days past, and last May whaleback Bargo No. 107 was moved byerator D and loaded with wheat.

Toronto telegram says: There is likely a war in lake and rail rates to Winnipeg at the opening of navigation between the Great Trunk and Canadian Pacific. To shut out opposition the C. P. R. boats announce that they will take fifth-class freight

for Winnipeg at the reduction of 10 cents if sent by their vessels. The opposition, to meet this, will make a 10 cent cut on lake rates on all classes of freight—[NOTE: A later report throws doubt upon the truth of this item.]

## Toronto Grain and Produce Market.

Wheat.—The demand is slow, and prices are easier. Red is quoted at 71c to 72c, and white at 78c north and west. Goose wheat is quoted at 62c outside. Manitoba wheat is easier; No. 1 hard is quoted at 81c Midland and No. 2 hard at 79c; No. 1 hard sold Owen Sound at 80c.

Flour.—There is a limited demand for export and exporters say they can buy straight roller west at less than \$3.60.

Millfeed.—Shorts are quoted at \$9 and bran at \$3.50 west.

Barley.—No. 2 sold outside to-day at 26c; No. 1 is quoted at 31c; No. 1 extra, 32c to 33c; No. 3 extra, 23c to 21c, and feed at 20½ to 21c outside.

Oats.—Are steady at 18c asked for No. 2 mixed and 19c for white west, with exporters bidding ½c less.

Oatmeal.—Is slow at \$2.75 for cars of bags here and \$2.85 for cars of bris, and broken lots are quoted 10c less.

Peas.—Are steady at 38c north and west and 39c middle freights.

Butter.—Dairy is in good demand. Large rolls 11c to 15c; dairy pounds, 15c to 16c; dairy tubs, 8c to 12c; creamery prints, 19c to 21c; cream-ry tubs, 18c to 19c.

Eggs.—Deliveries of new laid are large and prices weak. New laid, 9c to 9½c; lined 6c to 7c; held, 4c to 5c.

Dressed Hogs.—Choice light, \$5.50 to \$6.00, heavy quoted at \$5.50 to \$5.60.—Globe, April 7.

## Montreal Grain and Produce Market.

Grain.—Business on spot was quiet, but prices show no change. No. 2 white oats 23½ to 24c, peas, 48½ to 49c; rye 39 to 40c in store.

Flour.—In Ontario grades business was quiet. We quote—Winter wheat patents at \$1.80 to \$1.50; straight rollers at \$3.90 to \$4.10, and in bags, at \$1.90 to \$1.95. Manitoba spring wheat patents at \$1.60 to \$1.80; and strong bakers' at \$1.25 to \$1.50.

Bran.—Manitoba bran sold at \$12, and shorts at \$13 per ton, including bags. Ontario bran brought \$12, and shorts \$13 to \$13.50 per ton in bulk.

Oatmeal.—The demand for oatmeal continues slow. Rolled oats are offering at \$2.70 to \$2.80 per barrel, and at \$1.35 to \$1.40 per bag.

Cheese.—A small lot of new fodder goods was sold to-day at 10c, but there were instances where 10½ to 10¾c was refused.

Butter.—Butter continues steady on the whole with business on local account in now made creamery at 20 to 22½c, but in a general way we quote 19½ to 20¾c as to range.

Eggs.—steady at 9½c for round lots and at 10c per dozen for single cases.

Maple Syrup.—Business in maple syrup was moderate at 50 to 55c per small tin, and at 5 to 5½c per lb. in wood. Sugar sold fairly well at 7 to 7½c per lb.

Potatoes.—The market for potatoes was unchanged at 35 to 40c per bag in car lots, and at 45 to 50c in a jobbing way.—Gazette, April 7.

## The Live Stock Trade.

At London on April 5 there were shorter supplies of cattle and an improved demand. The market was stronger and prices advanced ½c to ¾c. Best United States cattle sold at 12½c and Argentines at 1 ½c. In sheep the feeling was stronger and prices were 1c to 1½c per lb. higher than last week, choice selling at 13c.

A cable from Liverpool on Monday quoted choice Canadian steers firm at 11½c, and noted an advance of ½c per lb. for middling stock at 1 ½c to 11c.

The Montreal Gazette says: "There has been considerable enquiry from shippers for early shipments and some large engagements of freight have been made to Liverpool at 42s 6d, and 45s without insurance. The demand for Glasgow freight has also been good, but the opening rates to this port have not been decided upon yet. For London freight the demand is only fair. Locally a fair trade was done in export stock to-day on the basis of 4c to 4½c per lb for choice steers, and at 3½c to 3¾c for good."

At the East End Abattoir Market, Montreal, on April 5, the supply of cattle was in excess of requirements, but the quality of the stock was generally good. Sellers showed no disposition to make concessions, and values were fairly well maintained. A few fancy steers and heifers for the Easter trade were offered, including one pair of steers weighing 4,500 lbs., for which the holder was asking 6c per lb. Choice butchers' cattle sold at 3½ to 4c; good at 3½ to 3¾c; fair at 2½ to 3c, and common at 2½c per lb., live weight. Sheep and lambs were in demand, and the supply was light. Sheep sold at 4c to 4½c, and yearlings at 4½c to 5½c per lb., live weight. Spring lambs were scarce, at from \$2.50 to \$3.50 each as to size. At the Point St. Charles cattle market, Montreal, April 5, the receipts of hogs were 300, for which the demand was good, and prices ruled firm at \$5.25 to \$5.40 per 100 lbs., live weight.

At Chicago on April 9 hogs ranged from \$3.70 to \$4.10 as to quality. Cattle sold at \$3.45 to \$5.30 per 100 lbs.

At the semi weekly market at Toronto on April 6, export cattle ranged from 4 to 4½c. Butchers cattle 2½ to 3c for the general run and up to 4½c for fancy Easter cattle. Stockers were taken for Buffalo at 2½ to 3c, and feeders at 1½ to 1¾c. Sheep, \$3 to \$3.50 each, lambs, firm at 5½ to 5¾c for yearlings and \$1 to \$5 each for spring lambs. Hogs were 4c lower at 17½ to 18c for best bacon, heavy fat 4½ to 1½c, sows, 3 to 3½c.

## Ontario Mines Report

The sixth report of the Ontario bureau of mines is out. It points out that the mining industry in Ontario has made a distinct advance during the past year. There was an increase in the number of mining locations sold and leased, of 218 acres of lands sold and leased, 18,035 acres, and an increase in receipts from sales and rentals \$22,614. During the year 22 charters were granted under the Ontario Joint Stock Companies act, the aggregates of their authorized capital being \$12,775,000. In the first quarter of the present year, however, 83 mining Companies have been chartered with a total authorized capital of \$22,665,000. With regard to the production of gold the remark is made that the encouragement lies mainly in the extent and promise of development work going on. Nickel and copper productions was about the same as last year.