

**LIVESTOCK.**

**MONTREAL.**—The receipts of livestock for the week ending May 11th, at Montreal's two yards, amounted to 1,925 cattle, 215 sheep and lambs, 3,000 hogs, and 5,500 calves. Supplies of cattle were larger last week, but as the demand was active prices remained firm and in the case of some grades showed an increase. Butchers' cows increased 25c per 100 lbs. The quality of the stock was much above the average and this coupled with the fact that butchers and packers had in most cases allowed their stocks to run very low accounted for an active trade.

The offerings of hogs were larger than they have been of late, but the tone of the market became very firm in sympathy with the firmness displayed at other centres and prices scored an advance of 50c per 100 lbs. A weaker feeling developed in the market for yearling lambs and old sheep, and prices scored a decline of \$1.00 per 100 lbs. The fairly large supply of calves met with a steady demand at unchanged prices.

We quote the following Montreal prices:

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| Steers, per 100 lbs.— |         |         |
| Choice                | \$15.50 | \$14.00 |
| Good                  | 13.00   | 12.25   |
| Fairly good           | 12.50   | 12.75   |
| Fair                  | 12.00   | 12.25   |
| Light steers          | 11.50   | 11.75   |
| Common                | 10.00   | 11.00   |
| Butchers' bulls—      |         |         |
| Choice                | 11.50   | 12.00   |
| Good                  | 11.00   | 11.25   |
| Medium                | 10.50   | 10.75   |
| Common                | 9.00    | 10.00   |
| Butchers' cows—       |         |         |
| Choice heavy          | 11.50   | 11.75   |
| Good                  | 11.00   | 11.25   |
| Medium                | 10.50   | 10.75   |
| Common                | 9.00    | 10.00   |
| Sheep, per 100 lbs.—  |         |         |
| Ewes                  | 12.00   | 13.00   |
| Bucks and culls       | 10.00   | 11.00   |
| Ontario lambs         |         | 16.00   |
| Quebec lambs          |         | 15.00   |
| Calves, per 100 lbs.— |         |         |
| Good milk-fed stock   | 11.00   | 12.00   |
| Good                  | 9.00    | 10.00   |
| Fair                  | 8.00    | 9.00    |
| Common                | 5.00    | 7.00    |
| Hogs, per 100 lbs.—   |         |         |
| Selected lots         | 21.75   | 22.00   |
| Sows                  | 19.75   | 20.00   |
| Stags                 | 17.75   | 18.00   |

**TORONTO.**—The receipts of livestock at Toronto's two yards, for the week ending May 11th, amounted to 6,852 cattle, 3,112 calves, 10,054 hogs, 261 sheep and lambs, and 1,109 horses. Cattle prices held at high figures the market remaining strong throughout last week although prices did not show the spectacular increases of the previous week. Monday's prices were considerably above those of the previous close, despite the fact that there was an extra heavy "run." Throughout the balance of the week prices held steady, and a good market was maintained. The feeling in the small meats department was firm. Choice veal calves were sold from \$14 to \$16, and medium calves from \$12 to \$13.50. Sheep ranged in price from \$13.50 to \$19, and lambs from \$19.75 to \$22 per cwt.

The hog market returned to its former record prices. Fed and watered swine being sold at \$21 per hundred weight. There was a decided effort on the part of the abattoirs to lower the prices this week, but the increasing demand did not permit of any recessions.

We quote the following prices for livestock at the Toronto markets:

|                                      |         |         |
|--------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Heavy steers, choice                 | \$14.25 | \$16.25 |
| Do., good                            | 13.25   | 14.00   |
| Butchers' steers and heifers, choice | 12.50   | 13.00   |
| Do., good                            | 11.75   | 12.25   |
| Do., medium                          | 10.50   | 11.50   |
| Do., common                          | 8.50    | 10.25   |
| Butchers' cows, choice               | 10.75   | 12.50   |
| Do., good                            | 9.50    | 11.00   |
| Do., medium                          | 8.25    | 9.00    |
| Do., common                          | 6.75    | 7.50    |
| Do., canners                         | 6.00    | 6.25    |
| Butchers' bulls, choice              | 10.50   | 11.00   |
| Do., good                            | 9.25    | 10.00   |
| Do., medium                          | 8.25    | 9.00    |
| Do., common                          | 7.50    | 8.00    |
| Feeders, best                        | 9.50    | 10.75   |
| Stockers, best                       | 9.50    | 10.00   |
| Grass cows                           | 7.00    | 8.00    |
| Milkers and springers, choice        | 100.00  | 160.00  |

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|--------------------------|-------|-------|
| Do., common to medium    | 65.00 | 90.00 |
| Calves, choice           | 14.00 | 16.00 |
| Do., medium              | 12.99 | 13.25 |
| Heavy fat                | 10.00 | 12.00 |
| Lambs, choice            | 19.50 | 21.75 |
| Sheep, choice handy      | 13.50 | 16.00 |
| Do., heavy and fat bucks | 11.00 | 12.25 |
| Hogs, fed and watered    | 20.50 | 20.75 |
| Do., off cars            | 20.75 | 21.00 |
| Do., f.o.b.              | 19.00 | 19.50 |

Less \$1 to \$2 on light or thin hogs; less \$3 to \$3.50 on sows; less \$4 on stags; less 50c. to \$1 on heavies.

**PROVISIONS.**

The demand from packers for live hogs was keen last week, which led to a strong tone in the market and an increase in prices. The Toronto market on Tuesday was firm at last week's closing figures, with sales at \$20.50 to \$20.75 per 100 lbs. fed and watered, but on Thursday prices advanced 25c to 50c per 100 lbs. to \$21 per 100 lbs. fed and watered and to \$21.25 weighed off cars, which makes a net rise since the first of the month of 75c per 100 lbs. Although the offerings of hogs in the Winnipeg market this week were larger than the previous one, the tone of the market has been stronger, and prices closed 25c per 100 lbs. higher with sales of selected lots at \$19.75 per 100 lbs. weighed off cars.

A feature of the trade in that market was the strong demand for light hogs for shipment to the country, but on account of the limited supply of such available, many orders at the close remained unfilled. The Montreal market opened strong this week at an advance of 50c per 100 lbs. with a good demand for all offerings, and sales of selected lots were made at \$21.75 to \$22 per 100 lbs. weighed off cars, and these prices were maintained for the balance of the week with prospects at the close of them going still higher in the near future. There has been no important change in the condition of the market for dressed hogs, but prices have ruled very firm with a steady demand for small lots to meet immediate wants and a fair trade was done in abattoir fresh-killed stock in a wholesale jobbing way at \$29.50 to \$30 per 100 lbs.

In all lines of smoked and cured meats a fair amount of business was done, and there developed a firm undertone, although prices showed no actual changes.

Prices for pure leaf grades of lard scored an increase due to the continued good demand for supplies and the higher cost of production. The market was active.

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| Hams:—                  |      | Per lb. |
| Smoked Hams, 8-10 lbs.  | 0.36 | 0.38    |
| Do., 12-15 lbs.         | 0.34 | 0.35    |
| Do., over 25 lbs.       | 0.32 | 0.33    |
| Bacon:—                 |      |         |
| Breakfast               | 0.40 | 0.42    |
| Windsor Bacon, selected | 0.44 | 0.45    |
| Windsor Bacon, boneless | 0.45 | 0.46    |
| Pure Lard:—             |      |         |
| 20 lbs. pails           | 0.32 | 0.33½   |

**LOCAL FLOUR.**

Prices of all grades of flour remained unchanged throughout the week although the undertone to the market for corn flour became easy due to the fact that supplies on spot were more liberal. The demand for this grade of flour has been steady, and a fair amount of business was done in broken lots at \$13 per bbl. in bags, delivered to the trade. There has also been a steady increasing demand for other substitutes to white flour, and on the whole a more active business has been done in these lines, but as the offerings are not as yet in excess of the requirements prices have ruled firm, with sales of broken lots of rye flour at \$17 per bbl. in bags; barley flour at \$14; Graham flour at \$11.20, and rice flour at \$9 per 100 lbs., put up in 220-lb. sacks.

The trade in spring wheat flour for export showed continued activity and the Flour Department of the Wheat Export Co., Ltd., made purchases this week amounting to 330,000 sacks of 140 lbs. each at \$10.64 per bbl. in bags, f.o.b. vessel at seaboard ports for all rail shipments from the West and at \$10.60 for rail and lake shipments. The volume of business done for local and country account was small. Car lots of Government standard grade for shipment to country points were quoted at \$10.95 per bbl. in bags, f.o.b. cars, Montreal, and to city bakers at 11.05 delivered.

Winter wheat flour was in little demand and in consequence the market was dull. Ontario millers are practically offering no winter wheat flour here,

and this, coupled with the comparatively small stock of spot prices have been maintained with broken lots quoted at \$11.40 to \$11.50 per bbl. in new cotton bags, and at \$11.02 in second-hand jute bags ex-store.

**ROLLED OATS.**

An unsettled feeling prevailed in the market for rolled oats and prices ruled irregularly. This was, of course, due to the weakness in the prices of oats. Little business was done except on export account, but some sales of car lots of standard grades were made to local buyers at \$5.15 per bag of 90 lbs. ex-track, while for broken lots prices were quoted at \$5.25 to \$5.35, and in some instances as high as \$5.40 to \$5.45, delivered to the trade. The trade in corn-meal has been fair and prices are unchanged with sales of broken lots of Golden grade at \$6.25 to \$6.40, and bolted grade at \$4.50 to \$4.75 per lb. bag, delivered to the trade.

**MILLFEED.**

The putting into force of the rail and lake freight rate from the West to the East caused the prices for bran and shorts on May 9th, to be reduced by local millers 40c per ton, and they are now selling the former at \$35, and the latter at \$40 per ton, including bags, delivered to the trade. Owing to the favorable weather which has prevailed throughout the country, and the steady improvement in the pastures the demand for these lines of feed has not been so keen of late, but millers says that it is still in excess of the supply. The trade in pure grain moultrie continues steady, and sales were made at 75c per ton, including bags, delivered to the trade.

**LOCAL GRAIN.**

The Canadian markets for oats displayed weakness last week and on Saturday Winnipeg futures scored declines of 2½c to 3c per bushel, making a net drop in the week of 5½c to 7¼c. Prices closed at the lowest level for some weeks. These conditions were attributed to the prospects entertained of excellent crops and a poor cash demand. The local market for cash oats displayed weakness, in sympathy with the above, and prices were reduced 7c to 10c per bushel as compared with those of the previous week. There was little activity locally, last week, and on Saturday the demand was dull, and at the close car lots of No. 2 Canadian western were quoted at 91½c; No. 3 Canadian western and extra No. 1 feed at 88c; tough extra No. 1 feed and No. 1 feed at 85c, tough No. 1 feed and No. 2 feed at 82c, and Ontario No. 3 white at 84c per bushel ex store. The country demand for corn during the week was much quieter than it has been of late on account of the fact that buyers generally have filled their wants for the present, and in consequence the volume of business was small, with sales of a few odd cars Canadian No. 4 corn at \$1.45 per bushel ex track Chicago, for shipment.

Fluctuations in grain on Saturday at Winnipeg were:

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| Oats:                 | per bushel. |
| No. 2 C. W.           | 0.78¼       |
| Do., No. 3 C. W.      | 0.75        |
| Do., Extra No. 1 feed | 0.75        |
| Do., No. 1 Feed       | 0.72        |
| Do., No. 2 feed       | 0.69        |
| Barley:               |             |
| No. 3 C. W.           | 1.40        |
| No. 4 C. W.           | 1.35        |
| Flax:                 |             |
| No. 1 N. C. W.        | 3.70¼       |
| No. 2 C. W.           | 3.67¼       |
| N. 3 C. W.            | 3.45¼       |

**RECEIPTS OF GRAIN IN WINNIPEG.**

The receipts of grain in Winnipeg for the week ending May 9th, and the week preceding, were:—

|                |             |             |
|----------------|-------------|-------------|
|                | Week ending | Same date   |
|                | May 2, 1911 | May 9, 1910 |
| N. 1 Hard      | 0           | 1           |
| No. 1 Northern | 283         | 207         |
| No. 2 Northern | 208         | 168         |
| No. 3 Northern | 151         | 148         |
| No. 4 Wheat    | 92          | 62          |
| No. 5 Wheat    | 64          | 45          |
| No. 6 Wheat    | 62          | 39          |
| Feed Wheat     | 16          | 15          |
| Rejected       | 38          | 24          |
| No. Grade      | 15          | 6           |
| Winter         | 0           | 1           |
| Totals         | 929         | 726         |
| Oats           | 758         | 1,553       |
| Barley         | 105         | 405         |
| Flax           | 43          | 25          |