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Montreal Markets.

Flour—Scarcely anything is being done in Ontario straight rollers for Newfoundland, owing to the much cheaper rates of Ohio and Missouri brands. The last sale of Ontario straight roller flour was reported at \$2.90 in car lots laid down here on track, with that figure shaded in one or two instances. In strong bakers' flour it is difficult to quote prices, as all sorts of rates are given us at which sales have been made, namely from \$3.30 to \$3.45. There has been some business for export to British ports both here and in the West, patents and low grades being the qualities dealt in. The sale was reported of a round lot of Ontario straight rollers in bags of 100 pounds at \$1.22 in the West, which is very cheap. Owing to the unprofitable business in grinding flour, a number of Ontario mills have closed down until times improve, which is a wise move.

Oatmeal—Car lots obtainable at \$4.10 laid down here on track for granulated and rolled. In a jobbing way prices are quoted as follows: Rolled and granulated, \$4.30 to 4.40; standard, \$4.00 to 4.20. In bags granulated and rolled are quoted at \$2.15 to 2.20, and standard at \$2.00 to \$2.05.

Bran, etc.—Although western bran cannot be laid down here at under \$19 sales are being made here at that figure. Shorts, are quiet but steady \$18.00 to \$19.

Wheat—No. 1 hard Manitoba wheat is held here at 76 to 78c, but at these prices no business can be done for export.

Oats—There is a moderate business doing in mixed No. 2 and 3 oats at about 39c, which it is said, suits the local market as well as straight No. 2, which is quoted at 40c per 34 lbs.

Barley—We quote feed barley at 43 to 45c as to quality, and malting grades, at 50 to 53c.

Pork, Lard, etc.—There is a good demand for Canadian short cut mess pork, with sales reported at \$17.50 to \$18, and packers say they do not care to sell any quantity of choice heavy mess at the outside figure, owing to the small pack last winter and the heavy reduction in stocks. In lard, 500 pail lots of compound have changed hands at \$1.42½ and smaller lots at \$1.45 to 1.50 per pail of 20 lbs. Canada short cut pork, per bbl, \$17.50 to 18.50; Canada, clear mess, per bbl, \$17 to \$17.50; extra mess beef, per bbl, \$12.25 to 12.50; plate beef, per bbl, \$16.25 to 16.50; hams, per lb, 10 to 11c; lard, pure, in pails, per lb, 9½ to 10c; lard, compound, in pails, per lb, 7½ to 7¾c; bacon, per lb, 11 to 12c; shoulders, per lb, 8½ to 9c.

Butter—Receipts are steadily increasing and prices gradually declining to the summer basis. Creamery is offered freely at 19½c at the factory, and one lot was offered as low as 19c. The sale is reported of a lot of about 35 tubs at 19½c, and a smaller lot at 20c. Eastern townships dairy has sold at 17½ to 18c in fair

sized lots of finest, and fine western dairy was placed at 17c; a lot of white and early made butter selling at 15c. We quote prices as follows:—Creamery, fresh, 19 to 20c; eastern townships dairy, 17 to 18c; western, 16 to 17c. Add 1c to above for single packages of selected.

Cheese—The Allan Grove combination, comprising about 500 boxes, was reported sold this week at 10½c, and we quote 10½ to 11c, the latter for finest colored. At Ingersoll, on Tuesday, 1,543 boxes second and third week of May were offered at 10½ to 10¾c, with 10¾c best bid. At Belleville, 1,900 boxes were boarded, half white and colored, and the bulk sold at 10½ to 10.9-10c. Lower prices are looked for next week, if not before the close of the present week.

Eggs—The egg market has declined since our last report, as was generally expected, owing to continued heavy receipts, which proved too much for pickling and cold storage requirements, and consequently prices sagged to 10c, and some sales were reported at under that figure, but at the moment the market is weak at 10c.

Maple Products—Maple syrup is slow sale, and is quoted in wood at 4 to 5c as to quantity. In cans, 5 to 5½c, or 50 to 60c per ctn. Maple sugar is quoted at 6 to 7c.

Hides—The hide market is extremely quiet, under accumulating stocks and slack enquiry, as tanners are buying very sparingly. Butchers are still delivering their light hides to dealers at 3½c for No. 1. The receipts of calfskins are heavy, and sales are reported at 5c. Lambskins are also plentiful, with business reported at 15 to 20c. We quote prices as follows: Nos. 1, 2 and 3 light hides, to tanners 4, 3 and 2, and to dealers, 3½, 2½ and 1½c. Heavy steers, 4½ to 6c; calfskins, 5c; sheepskins, 75 to 80c; lambskins, 15 to 20c.

Wool—The chief feature in this market is the exceeding dullness which prevails. A great number of the mills are still closed down, not having enough orders to deem it advisable to open up. We quote prices as follows:—Greasy Cape, 14 to 15½c; Canadian fleece, 17 to 20c; B.A. scoured, 26 to 34c. In pulled wool, 20 to 21½c is quoted for supers, extra 23 to 26c; Northwest wool, 11 to 12c.—Trade Bulletin, May 18.

Montreal Grocery Market

The demand for sugars is good and a fairly active business has transpired. We quote granulated at 4½c and yellows at 3½ to 3¾c, as to quality at the refineries.

Business in syrups has ruled quiet, and the market is steady with no change to note. We quote bright stock at 2 to 2½c and ordinary at 1½ to 1¾c per lb.

The market for molasses has ruled weak and we have to note a decline of 1c per gallon, which is due to the increased receipts of late

and the limited demand. There are between 6,000 and 7,000 puncheons on the way, but the prospects are when this commences to arrive values will go still lower. Sales during the week on spot have taken place at 29c in car lots and 30c in single barrels.

The demand for rice has been fair and the market is moderately active, but there is an unsettled feeling which will continue until new stock arrives, it now being on the way. We quote: Standard, \$3.50 to 3.75, Japan, \$3.75 to 4.25, and Patna, \$4.25 to 4.75.

The tea market has ruled quiet. The demand is limited, buyers only taking sufficient to fill actual wants, as they are holding off for new crop goods. A small lot of pickling was placed at 16 to 18c. Samples of early May Japans are being shown to the trade. Goods running from 17 to 27c are meeting the most favor.

The position of dried raisins is much the same. Stocks are small and prices steady. Off stalk changed hands in round lots at 4½c for ordinary up to 5c for fine. There are no layers or selected offering. Currants have experienced a little better enquiry, but the large stocks still press upon the market. Prices range from 3½ to 3¾c, according to quality. Prunes are very scarce and firmly held at 5½ to 5¾c for Bonias. A small lot of French pines arrived this week and sold at 4½ to 5c. Dates are firmly held at 5c for prime brands. Figs range from 7 to 10c according to quality.

Canned Goods—In canned meats a fair volume of trade has been transacted, there being a good demand for small lots, which is usually the case at this season of the year, as buyers are laying in their summer supplies. In salmon the talk of a combine on the coast is not causing much anxiety among buyers. Sales are being freely made on the f.o.b. on the coast of best known brands at \$3.70 to 3.75, and less known at \$3.50 to 3.60. We quote: Lobsters at \$6 to 6.50 per case; sardines at \$3.50 to 9.50; salmon, at \$1.15 to 1.30 per box; tomatoes at 80 to 85c per dozen; peaches at \$2 to 2.10 per dozen; corn at 85 to 90c per dozen, and marrowfat peas at 85 to 90c per dozen.—Gazette, May 18.

Montreal Hardware and Paint Trade

Prices have been fairly steady with very slight alterations. Stocks here are not so well assorted as is usual at this season of the year, importations in many lines having been delayed on account of the changes in the tariff. In pig iron there is very little doing. Some sales of No. 1 Summerlee have been made for future delivery at \$18.75 to \$19, on dock. Canada plates are quoted at \$2.25, coke tinplates at \$3 to 3.25, charcoal at \$3.50 to 3.60, sheet iron at \$2.25 to 2.35, ingot copper (Oxford brand) at 10c, ingot tin at 18 to 19c, pig lead at 2½c, bar iron at 1½c.