

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, March 25.

Dry Goods—Millinery sales are being stimulated by Easter coming early, but storms have interfered with spring sales of dry goods. Values are firm on nearly all lines. Further advances on customers' hosiery are talked of. Canadian cottons are higher. Prices were withdrawn yesterday, pending the preparation of a new list at higher prices. Large orders at old prices have been refused. When new lists are out they will probably show quite a large advance, owing to the high price of raw cotton.

Hardware—Market active and firm. Pig iron is strong and likely to be higher next week. Bar iron is firm at the recent advance. Ingot tin and copper are firmer. Boiler steel plates have been advanced ten cents.

Groceries—Business active except for sugars. Canadian sugars continue to be undersold by United States sugar. The feature of the week is the firmness in teas. More low grade India and Ceylon teas have sold here for the United States, thus further reducing local stocks. The market is 1-2c dearer. Canned goods are picking up and are firm. Sales have been made this week for the west. Currants are cabled higher. California prunes are 1-2c dearer.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE

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Grain—Demerits in the country are very light. Prices for wheat have advanced Ontario wheat 1c higher and flour firmer. Ontario grades 5c higher per barrel. Eggs 1c lower.

Flour—Manitoba patents, \$1.10; Manitoba bakers, \$1.00; Ontario straight roller \$1.10 to \$1.25 per bbl. Toronto freights.

Wheat—Ontario winter wheat, 68 to 69c for cars at country points. No. 1 hard 83 to 83 1-2 grading in transit.

Oats—White, 29 to 30c for cars at country points.

Barley—No. 1, 45 to 46c, and 42c for No. 2 at country points for car lots. **Millfeed**—Shorts, \$14.00 to \$16.00 per ton; bran \$13.00 to \$14.00 per ton at country points.

Oatmeal—\$3.60 in bags per barrel, and \$3.70 in wood for car lots.

Eggs—New laid, 12c.

Butter—Dairy, tubs, 10 to 13 1-2c; creamery, tubs, 19 to 20c.

Cheese—Choice 11c.

Hides—Cows, green, 81-4c; green steers 83-4c; cured hides, 9c; sheepskins and lambskins, 60 to 70c; calfskins, 8 to 10c; tallow, 41-4c.

Wool—Washed fleece, 14c; unwashed 8c.

Beans—\$1 to \$1.10 per bushel for hand picked.

Dressed hogs—\$5 to \$5.25 per 100 lbs. for car lots of mixed weights.

Dried apples—6c for round lots, evaporated 9 to 9 1-2c.

Honey—5 1-2 to 6c in bulk; sections, \$1.25 to \$1.50.

Poultry—Turkeys, 12 to 13c. chickens 40 to 75c a pair; geese, 7 to 8c.

Seeds—Red clover, \$3 to \$3.25; alsike, \$3 to \$3.50.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK.

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Toronto, March 21.

At the semi-weekly market to-day receipts were 73 carloads, including 400 sheep and lambs, and 2,000 hogs.

The heavy offerings met with a very slow demand, there being but little inquiry for cattle. Choice selections of heavy exporters fetched \$4.50 to \$5 and \$5.13 was paid for extra choice. Light exporters were in heavy supply, but were not wanted. The movements in butchers' cattle was not active, the offerings being heavier than expected. Prices a little easier, choice being quoted at \$3.75 to \$4 per cwt. Common grades in small supply, prices ranging at \$3.15, \$3.25 and \$3.75 per cwt. Heavy exporter bulls ranged at \$3.50 to \$4.25 per cwt. Light were in ample supply at \$3 to \$3.25 per cwt. Choice heavy stockers for Buffalo were quoted at \$3.50 to \$3.75 per cwt. Feeders were a little firmer at \$1 to \$1.40 per cwt.

Sheep for export and butchers' use sold readily at \$3.50 per cwt. Lambs were in moderate supply at \$1.50 to \$1.90 per cwt.

Hogs were in demand at prices unchanged from Friday. Choice selections fetched \$4.50 per cwt. Light, \$4.12 1-2 per cwt., thick fat, \$3.75 per cwt.

FRIDAY'S MARKETS.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, March 24.

Receipts of live stocks at the markets to-day were 35 carloads of all kinds including 1,200 hogs.

Choice export cattle were 10c per 100 lbs. higher and butchers' 1-4 to 1-2c per lb higher than Tuesday, on light offerings and improved demand. Hogs were firmer at Tuesday's prices.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE

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Montreal, March 25.

Oats are 1-2c lower compared with a week ago. Flour quiet. Oatmeal slow. Eggs unchanged. Butter steady. Cheese firmer, with a good export inquiry. Choice goods are now quoted 1-4c higher at 11c. Large exports of dressed chickens this week. Hides are 1-2c lower. Potatoes are scarce and higher. Dressed meats steady.

Oats—No 2 white, 32 1-2 to 33c in store.

Flour—Prices to the trade delivered are Manitoba strong makers, \$3.70 to \$3.90, Manitoba patents, \$4 to \$4.15.

Millfeed—Bran \$14.50 to \$15.00 per ton shorts, \$16.50, including sacks. Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$1.75 to \$1.80 per bag.

Hides—No. 1 green city hides, 81-2c; No. 2, 71-2c; No. 3, 61-2c; calfskin, 8 to 10c; sheepskins, 60 to 70c; lamb skins, 70 to 75c; tallow, 31-2 to 4c.

Eggs—Choice fresh, 12 to 12 1-2c per dozen.

Butter—Choice, fresh dairy, 14 to 15c rolls 15 to 16c; held stock 12 to 13c.

Butter—Creamery, boxes, 20 1-2 to 21c; tubs, 20c.

Cheese—Choice western, 11c. Beans—95c to \$1.00 per bushel, as to quality.

Potatoes—In car lots, 60c.

Poultry—Dressed turkeys, 9 to 10c; ducks, 6 to 8c; geese, 3 to 4c; chickens 6 to 8c.

Dressed Meats—Western fresh dressed beef, hinds, 5 to 8c; loins, 8 to 9c. Abattoir hogs in jobbing lots sold at \$5.75 to \$6; country dressed, \$5.20 to \$5.50 per 100 lbs. to retail dealers. Mutton 5 to 6 1-2c; lambs 7 to 8c.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.

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Montreal, March 25.

The grocery market is steady and unchanged this week at the following prices:

Granulated sugar quoted at \$4.85 per 100 pounds at refineries; yellow, \$3.75 to \$4.15; molasses, 31c in car lots syrups, 13-4 to 21-4c as to quality. Valencia raisins, 43-4 to 51-2c; Valencia layers, 61-2c; currants, 51-4 to 61-2c, as to brand; coffee, Rio, 8 to 10c; Mocha, 22 to 24c; Java, 22 to 24c; rice Crystal Japan, 51-2 to 53-4c; standard B., 33-4 to 4c.

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET

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Montreal, March 25.—The market is firm. The principal change this week is in turpentine, which is quoted at 67 to 68c, as to number of barrels. The movement is brisk.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.

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Montreal, March 21.

Receipts of cattle at the semi-weekly market at the East End abattoir yesterday were 350 head. No sheep.

The demand throughout Ontario for stall fed cattle for present and future shipment continues steady, and full figures are being paid, as United States buyers are in the market. The demand here yesterday was good. Choice cattle, 43-4 to 51-4c; good, 4 to 41-2c, fair, 31-2 to 33-4c, and common, 21-2 to 31-4c. Sheep were scarce. Spring lambs sold at \$3 to \$6 each. Receipts of live hogs at the Grand Trunk yards were small. A few small lots sold at 41-4 to 41-2c per lb.

THURSDAY'S MARKETS.

Montreal, March 24.

At the semi-weekly market yesterday receipts of cattle were 300 head.

There was a good demand for choice cattle for the Easter market and prices were higher. The best cattle brought 51-2c. Good sold at 41-2 to 5c. The range for ordinary cattle was unchanged. Sheep and lambs were scarce and prices for these were firm. Hogs were firmer at \$4.25 to \$4.60 per 100 lbs.

LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET.

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Liverpool, March 24.—Cheese is quoted at 52s for both white and colored, an advance of 6d this week.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.

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Liverpool, March 24.—Cattle steady. Quoted at 111-2 to 121-2c, estimated dressed weight.

SUGAR.

Special to The Commercial.

London, March 24.—Cane steady. Beet firmer; March option, 10s April, 10 3-4d. These prices show an advance of 3-4d on the week for March.

PRICES IN THE KOOTENAY.

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Nelson, B. C., March 24.

Choice creamery butter is getting scarce. Some lots of Ontario creamery are on the way, but the price will be high. Fresh eggs are coming in from the States to the south freely now. Following are jobbers prices here:

Creamery butter—23 to 24c.
Dairy, selected—18 to 19c.
Cheese, large—11 to 12c.
Cheese, small—12 to 12 1-2c.
Eggs, fresh—25 to 27c.
Eggs, pickled—17 to 18c.
Oats—Per ton, \$28.
Flour—Manitoba patent, per barrel, \$5.
Potatoes—Per ton, \$22.