

Montreal Markets.

Flour—A fair volume of business is reported, although it falls below that of a week ago. Buyers are less anxious to operate since the Chicago wheat market which rules the price on this continent has lately shown considerable weakness. Whenever an advance of 1c or 2c is established it is invariably succeeded by a retrogressive movement. The price of flour, however, remains about steady, although a dealer admitted to us to day that in order to make sales he has found it necessary to concede somewhat on the prices he demanded a week or ten days ago. Straight rollers are still quoted at \$3.20 to 3.25, and a certain well known brand of 90 per cent. is held at \$3.30, although we hear of no sales of round lots at that figure. Strong bakers have been selling at irregular figures, invoices having been shown us of sales of choice brands at \$3.60 up to \$3.75, but the latter figure was not for a round lot.

Oatmeal—Prices are barely holding their own, sales having been made this week at concessions upon former demands. The last sales of car lots reported to us were at \$1.37½ to \$1.40 per barrel. Here we quote prices as follows: Rolled and granulated \$4.35 to 4.50; standard \$3.90 to 4.10. In bags, granulated and rolled \$2.10 to 2.20, and standard, \$1.90 to 2.05.

Feed—Although it is said buyers will not pay \$16 for Ontario bran, it cannot be laid down for less than that figure and sales have been made at that figure, one car selling at \$16.50. In Manitoba bran sales were made at \$15 to \$15.25. Shorts are scarce and firm at \$17 to \$19 as to quality, but Moullie is dull at \$20 to \$22.

Wheat—In the absence of business on spot prices here are purely nominal, and No. 2 hard Manitoba wheat is quoted at 76 to 77c, and No. 2 Ontario white and red winter wheat 70 to 72c.

Oats—Sales of No. 2 oats have been made at 37c in store per 34 lbs., but shippers say they are only worth 35c for export.

Barley—It is said that 4½c was the best bid made for a lot of feed barley this week, and we quote 4½ to 43c. Malting qualities are quoted at 48 to 55c.

Butter—The market is firm for creamery, sales of September having been made at 23c, but at this figure shippers will not operate, and we do not blame them, as in former years 23c creamery has invariably lost money. In dairy butter, eastern townships have sold in lots of 30 to 30 tubs at 20c, and western is firm at 17 to 18½c, sales having been made at both figures.

Cheese—The commencement of the week was marked by large sales at 10 to 10½c to 10½c for finest western, last half of August and first half of September. The French Septembers at the boat fetched 10½ to 10½c. Mostly all the cheese east of Toronto has been contracted, and consequently offerings on this market will henceforth be comparatively light. A good deal of cheese has changed hands on this market since our last issue, but offerings have become light. Holders are very firm in sympathy with the rising tone of the English market, the Liverpool public cable having advanced to 49s 6d, being a jump of 2s 6d. Finest western colored, 10½ to 10½c; finest western white, 10½ to 10½c; finest Quebec, 10½ to 10½c; under priced, 9½ to 10c.

Eggs—The market is firming up under a fair export and local demand, grocers paying 15c for fresh in single cases, while held stock sells at 13½ to 14c.

Beans—The market is dull. We quote choice hand picked \$1.70 to 1.80 per bushel, ordinary to good, \$1.50 to 1.60; and inferior, \$1 to 1.25.

Maple Products—Syrup at 4½ to 5c in wood, and 50 to 60c in tins. Sugar dull at 6 to 7c per lb.

Honey—Sales of comb have been made at 11 to 12c for mixed. Choice white clover honey has sold at 13c. There have also been

sales of new extracted at 7½ to 8c, with old at 6½ to 6½c.

Hops—Browsers are holding off for a 16 to 17c basis to work upon in laying in their winter stock, although prices have not got down there yet. A few bales have been sold on p.t., but said to be at about 2½c.

Cured Meats—The market for Canada short cut mess pork is very firm under a few enquiry and very small stocks, sales having been made at \$23 by packers, and we quote \$22 to 23. It would cost \$21.25 to lay down pork here from Chicago to day. The only supplies of Canada short cut mess pork are what packers are turning out from day to day. Lard is firm and higher, compound being quoted at \$1.80 to \$1.90. In smoked meats the feeling is firm all round, and prices have an upward tendency. Canada short cut pork, per bbl., \$22.00 to \$23.00; Canada clear mess, per bbl., \$20.50 to \$21.00; Chicago clear mess, per bbl., \$21.50; hams, per lb., 12 to 14c; lard, pure, in pails, per lb., 11½ to 12c; lard, compound, in pails, per lb., 9 to 9½c; bacon, per lb., 11½ to 12½c; shoulders, per lb., 10½ to 11c.

Apples—The market is quiet, there being hardly any change to notice from that of last week. Receipts fair, quoted at \$2.50 to 2.75, as to kind and quality. 200 bbls sold at \$1.80 to 2.60.

Hides—The only change of any importance this week is the improved demand for heavy hides, which have sold at 6 to 6½c for No. 1; and owing the firmer tone of the Boston and Chicago markets where prices have advanced ½ to ¾, a better enquiry has set in for light hides in this market, and further sales have been made to Quebec tanners on the basis of 4½c for No. 1. Dealers are still paying 4c for No. 1. Calfskins are not wanted; but there is a good demand for lambskins, with business at 55 to 60c. We quote as follows:—Nos. 1, 2 and 3 hides to tanners, 4½, 3½ and 2½c, and to dealers 4, 3 and 2c for Nos. 1, 2 and 3. Calfskins 7c, lambskins 55 to 60c.

Money—The money market is firm at 6 to 8 per cent discount on commercial paper, 7 per cent being the ruling price. The season of the year is now here when the demand for funds increases, and we do not look for the ease in rates which some have prognosticated.—*Trade Bulletin*, Sept. 29.

Toronto Grocery Market.

Sugars, Syrups and Molasses—Locally the demand is easing off, though orders are sufficiently numerous to keep stocks comparatively bare. A despatch from Montreal to day says that prices are firm and the demand active.

Sugars—Granulated, 5½c; Paris lumps, boxes, 6 to 6½c; extra ground, bbls, 6½c; powdered, bbls, 5½ to 5½c; refined, dark to bright, 4 to 4½c; and brights, 4½ to 5½c.

Syrups, per gal. imperial of 14 lbs—Dark, 24 to 27c; medium, 28 to 32c; bright, 32 to 35c; extra bright, 36 to 38c; extra, very bright, 40 to 43c; special brights, 45 to 48c.

Molasses—West India, bbls, 28 to 35c; New Orleans, open kettle, 45 to 55c; centrifugal, 30 to 40c; inferior low grades, 25 to 28c per gallon.

Teas—Teas locally are steady and in fairly active demand. Japans are still in good request, and there are also numerous orders for India teas, in which some excellent values are being shown.

Coffees—Stocks of green Rio coffee are light and prices are firm. A local house sent to Montreal during the week to get sufficient to fill orders. Scarcity has been caused by trade with Brazil being interrupted. The trade seem to view the situation in a more placid frame of mind at the present writing, and expect to return to nominal conditions very shortly. Prices are as follows: Green Rio, at 22 to 23c. Roasted coffees—Rio, pure, 25c; choice, 26c; fancy, 26½c; extras, 27c; Maracabos, 30c; Jamaicas, 28c; Javas, 31½c for imperial; Jaya, old Gov-

ernment, 32½ to 34½c; private growth standard Java, 36c; Mochas, pure, 33c; genuine Arabian Mochas, 30c.

Dried Fruit—There has been a substantial recovery in currants within the past few days, prices in the Greek market advancing 1s from lowest price. Barrels and cases are now quoted at 8½ 3d and 8½ 3d cost and freight. Spot currants in the local market are firm, and though prices for future delivery have stiffened, they are still lower than spot. Valencia raisins are firmer. Citron is improving, owing to shipments from Leghorn being checked in consequence of cholera at that port. Dates are steady, and Tarragona almonds are again higher. Quotations are:—Currants—bbls, 4½ to 6½c; half bbls, 4½ to 5½c; cases, 6c; Patras, 7 to 7½c; cases, 7c. Raisins—Valencia, 5½ to 6c for new fine off stalk, 6½ to 7c for selected, and \$1 per 25 lb box for old fruit; layers, 7½c; Sultanas, 6 to 9c; loose Muscatels, \$2.25 to 2.40; London layers, old stock, \$1.50 to 1.80; black basket, \$2.50 to 3.00; blue baskets, \$3 to 3.25. Figs—Eleonor, 10 lbs and up, none; white Malaga figs, 5½ to 5½c in 25 lb boxes; natural do., in bags, 4 to 4½c; 14 ox, 7½ to 8c; Hallowee, 5 to 5½c. Prunes—Cases, 6½c. Nuts—Almonds, Tarragona, 15 to 16c; Ivica, 14 to 15c; do., shelled Valencia, 30c; filberts, Sicily, 9½c; walnuts, Gredoble, 14½ to 15c; marbots, 11c.

Canned Goods—Late arrivals of British Columbian salmon are enabling jobbers to fill back orders. The situation in peas, corn and tomatoes is strong, but some sales have been made that are somewhat puzzling. We hear of sales of peas at 80c. Tomatoes are reported a poor pack up to date, and the cold weather is damaging prospects. Prices are as follows:—Fish—Salmon, 1½ tall, \$1.30 to 1.50; lobster, imperial crown flats, \$2.50 to 2.60; mackerel, \$1 to 1.25; finnan haddie, \$1.40 to 1.50; sardines, French ½s, 17½ to 19c; sardines, American ½s, 6 to 3c; sardines, American ½s, 9 to 10½c. Fruit and vegetables—Tomatoes, 3s, 85 to 95c; corn, 2s, 80 to 90c; peas, 2s, 80c; beans, 85 to 95c; pumpkins, 70 to 90c; strawberries and raspberries, 2s, \$1.85 to 2.00; apples, gala, \$2.10; 3s, 95c to \$1; peaches, 2s, \$2; peaches, 3s, \$3; plums, 2s, \$1.65 to 1.75; 3s, \$2.60 to 2.85; pears, 2s, \$1.45 to 1.80; 3s, \$2.60 to 2.75.

Rice and Spices—Prices are as follows:—Rice—Bags, 3½ to 3½c; do., off grades, \$3.15 to 3.25; do, Patna, 4½ to 5½c; do., Japan, 4½ to 5½c; sago, 4½ to 5c; tapioca, 4½ to 5c; whole pepper, black, 11½ to 16c; do., white, 18 to 25c; ginger, Jamaica, 18 to 25c; cloves, 15 to 20c; allspice, 10 to 13c; nutmeg, 80c to \$1.10; cream of tartar, 28 to 35c.—*Empire*, Sept. 30.

Canada's Progress.

Some complain of the progress of Canada in comparison with the United States. Such persons are not familiar with facts, and simply base their ideas upon superficial appearances. However, it must be confessed, says the *Hamilton Spectator*, that Canada is a little slow. Her population has increased only seven-fold, while that of the United States has increased six-fold. Her railway mileage is only a little greater in proportion to population than that of the United States. Her foreign trade is only 50 per cent greater than that of the United States. Her shipping is only three times as great in proportion to population as that of the United States. The Canadian farmer gets only 20 bushels of wheat to the acre, while the United States farmer gets 13 bushels.

The McCormick Implement Work of the United States must establish its proposed branch in Canada this year or forfeit its charter in the Dominion: Walkerville, Ont., offers a free site, exemption from taxation for ten years, reduced railroad rates, etc. Walkerville's offer is the highest out of over fifty towns which are bidding for the manufactory, Stratford being next.