

Butter—The only feature worth noting in the butter market is the scarcity and dearth of what is termed "bakers" butter. Receipts of this grade have been exceedingly light lately and commission men have been obliged in many cases to fill orders of good grades of large rolls at 16 to 18c. Medium grades in dairy tub butter are generally enquired for by bakers, and these have sold until recently, when the receipts fell off, at 15 to 16c. Choice grades in dairy tubs are also scarce and in demand; they sell at 20 to 22c. Cholo. large rolls are selling to-day at 19 to 20c. Creamery tub butter is moving slowly at 21 to 25c; there is a good deal of inferior stuff on the market, for which the inside price is generally asked.

Apples—Per bbl., \$1.75 to 3.

Cattle—Prices were not quotably changed to-day, but were firmer. A number of small pickled lots of choice butchers' cattle sold at 4 to 4½c per lb and good averaged loads brought 3½ to 3¾c. Here are a few of the best sales by the load; 19 butchers', averaging 1,050 pounds, at \$30 per head; 21 do., 1,025 lbs., at \$37 per head; one load extra choice, averaging 1,125 pounds at 40 per lb; one load "ice," averaging 1,000 pounds at \$33 per head. Medium to good cattle sold at 3½c per lb and upwards, and inferior, by which is meant rough oxen, thin cows, bulls, etc., changed hands at from 2½ to 3c per lb. Most of the stuff on the market changed hands before the close. There were no stockers or feeders here, and in fact no enquiry for them.

Milch Cows and Springers—Fifteen or 16 came in. The demand was good, these were all taken, chiefly for speculation however, early in the day. Prices were firm at \$35 to 45 per head. It is said that good forward springers will find a ready sale here at present.

Sheep and lambs—Sales were mostly of mixed lots (sheep and lambs), and prices were firm at \$4 to \$6 per head, or 5 to 6c per pound. Good grain-fed lambs were in active demand.

Hogs—The market was weak and lower under liberal offerings. Farmers are evidently beginning to realize that the time to sell the stock they have been holding back for weeks in view of higher prices is at hand. Receipts have been increasing ever since the first decline started a fortnight ago, and it was reported on the market to-day that 1,500 hogs were expected next week. One car lot, for Montreal, sold at \$6 30 per cwt; weighed off the car. This was the top price realized to-day. The bulk of the offerings sold around 6c per lb (off car) and only choice animals brought \$6 25 per cwt. Stores, stags, etc., sold from \$5.75 to 5 90 per cwt, and were draggy. Little hogs are not wanted at any price. Prices have already declined 50c per cwt. this week, and it was the opinion of a good many dealers on the market to-day that values would go still lower, especially if the offerings should continue liberal.—*Empire*, March 20.

Montreal Markets.

Flour—The past week's business has been the duller of the whole winter, a portion of the demand having been cut off by bad roads. Regarding straight rollers, Newfoundland buyers say they are offered American straight rollers (not seconds) at equal to \$3 10 laid down here. This is said to be good Ohio roller flour made from wheat which costs less than Ontario millers have to pay. Ontario straight rollers are offering freely at \$3.46 on track here, but are not selling very readily. Choice straight rollers, or 90 per cent has been sold at \$3.50 in car loads on track, which has been resold in broken lots at \$3 60 to 3.65 delivered. In spring wheat flour there is an easier feeling, and the price of strong bakers is more or less nominal; in fact, the same quality of flour is said to be sold at different prices by different holders, choice brands of city bakers being reported sold at \$4 10 and \$4.15, and some at \$4.20. A very choice lot, Manitoba ground strong bakers, was sold at \$4.05. Prices are quot-

ed as follows: Patent, spring, \$4 25 to 4.35; patent, winter, \$4 10 to 4.25; straight roller, \$3.40 to 3.65; extra, \$3.00 to 3.15; superfine, \$2.70 to 2.90; fine \$2.35 to 2.50; city strong bakers, \$4 to 4.20; Manitoba bakers, \$3.50 to 4.10; Ontario bags, extra, \$1 40 to 1.50; straight rollers \$1.75 to \$1.80; superfine, \$1.30 to \$1.45; fine, \$1.10 to 1.20.

Oatmeal—The market remains steady under a good demand, and car lots of rolled are offered at \$4.10 per barrel, and at \$2.00 in bags. We quote prices for jobbing lots as follows:—Rolled and granulated, \$4.16 to \$4.20; standard \$3 95 to 4.05. In bags, granulated and rolled, \$2.00 to 2.10, and standard \$1.90 to 2.05.

Mill feed—The market for bran continues firm at \$17.50 to 18 for car lots, although it is difficult to get at the top prices of a week ago. Western millers are not as stiff in their views as they were, and are offering their bran at \$16 f.o.b. Shorts are scarce and firm at \$18 50 to 20.00, and 1 moullie \$20 to 23.05 as to grade.

Wheat—Owing to the absence of spot business prices here are purely nominal. For May delivery No. 2 hard is quoted at 82 to 83c afloat. At North Bay No. 2 hard has been sold at 81c. West of Toronto there have been sales of red and white winter wheat at 66 to 67c f.o.b.

Oats—The market remains steady, notwithstanding the free arrivals and ample stocks, sales being reported in 4,000 to 5,000 bushel lots at 34 to 34½c per 34 lbs. for No. 2 white, mixed being quoted at 33 to 33½c. It is stated, however, that at present prices in the west it would cost 36 to 37c afloat here for May de. livery.

Barley—The market keeps very quiet, and prices are quoted at 41 to 43c for feed, three cars selling at 42c, and 50 to 55c for malting grades. Sales in the west have been made of feed barley at 36 to 37c f.o.b.

Pork, Lard, &c.—Canada short cut mess pork has been sold at \$22.00 to 22 50, but it is said the inside might be shaded for a round lot. At the price of pork in Chicago it would cost \$21.30 to lay down new Chicago mess pork in this market and old ditto \$20.40. Lard is also easier in sympathy with the drop in Chicago, and we quote compound \$2.10 to 2.30 per pail of 20 lbs. A fair business is reported in smoked meats, choice small sized smoked hams of 12 to 13 lbs. selling at 14c per lb., and heavier hams at 12½ to 13c per lb. Bacon sells fairly well at 12 to 13c per lb as to quantity and quality. We quote:—Canada short cut pork, per bbl., \$22.50 to 22 50; Canada clear mess, per bbl. \$20.00 to 21.00; extra mess beef, per bbl. \$14 00 to 15 00; hams, city cured, per lb. 12½ to 14c; lard, pure, in pails, per lb. 13 to 13½c; lard, compound, in pails, per lb., 10½ to 12c; bacon, per lb., 12 to 13c; shoulders, per lb., 11 to 11½c.

Dressed Hogs—The sale of a car load of dressed hogs was made in this market at about \$3.50 per 100 lbs., and we quote \$3.50 to 3.60.

Butter—Last week we stated that holders of creamery had to meet the views of buyers in order to do business, and this week that feeling is more generally acquiesced in. To move a round lot of creamery (and round lots need moving) 21½c would have to be accepted for the lots offering. Fresh made Eastern Township dairy, was sold at 23 to 24c, as reported by us last week in single tubs. Calves are coming in more freely and consequently fresh made butter will increase in proportion. Several lots of fresh rolls have been received. Western selling at 20 to 21c. Creamery choice late made, 21½ to 22½c; do, good to fine, 20 to 21c; Eastern Townships dairy, choice tall, 20½ to 21c; do, good, 20c; Morrisburg and Brockville, 20c; Western, 18 to 20c. About 1 to 2c may be added to above prices for choice selections of single tubs.

Eggs—There has been a further decline of 1½ to 2c per dozen, sales of fresh having been made at 18½c, but 19c is said to be the lowest price at which they can be had to-day.

Beans—The market is quiet but steady at \$1 25 to 1.45 for fair to choice stock, with ordinary qualities selling at \$1 to 1.20.

Seeds—Canadian timothy is quoted at \$2.80 to 2.90 per bus. of 45 lbs., and western is quoted at \$2.50 to 2.60 per bus. Red clover is steady at \$9.00 to 9 50 per bus. of 60 lbs., alsiko \$6 50 to 7 50 per bus. Flax seed steady at \$1.00 to 1 25 per bushel.

Apples—The market is steady for choice, at \$3.00 to 4.00 per bbl., poor stock \$1 00 to 2.00 as to condition.

Onions—Spanish in crates sell at 90c to \$1.00, while red and yellows in barrels range from \$2 50 to 3 00.

Potatoes—The potato market has been very firm this week, an advance having taken place as supplies are small, sales of car lots having been made at from \$1 00 to 1.05, a few choice cars bringing from \$1 08 to 1.10.

Fish and Oils—Steam refined seal oil is quiet but steady at 51 to 52½c. In cod oil the market keeps steady at 40 to 41c for Newfoundland and 38 to 39c for Gaspe. Cod liver oil is still quoted at 65 to 75c as to quality. Pickled fish—Herring sell fairly well, sales being reported at \$3 85 to 4.00 for shore and Labrador at \$4.25 to 4.50. Green cod \$6.50 for No. 1 and \$7.50 for large. Dry cod \$4 50, and case cod \$4.75. Fresh fish—Haddock are selling fairly well at 4½ to 4¾c per lb. in case lots, and a few cod at 4½c. The season for frozen herrings is about over, and last sales were made at \$2.25 or large and \$1 for small bait herring.

Hides—The hide market is quiet but steady, the great bulk of receipts being disposed of quite readily to tanners, who pay 54c for No. 1, while dealers pay ½c less. Heavy steers have sold at 7½c for No. 1, and 6½ for No. 2. Calfskins are wanted, and prices have advanced 1c per lb to 7c. We quote:—Hides, Nos. 1, 2 and 3 at 5½c, 4½c and 3½c respectively to tanners, dealers paying 5c, 4c and 3c. Calfskins, 7c and lambskins, 90c to \$1.05.

Wools—Sales of Cape have been made at 14 to 15½c as to grade, one or two lots of inferior being placed at 13½c. There are about 1,500 to 2,000 bales on the way direct from the Cape, part of which has been sold to arrive. Scoured wool is quoted all the way from 28 to 35c. Canadian fleeces 19½ to 22c; and Northwest 11 to 14c, as to grade. A lot of common Northwest wool is still held here, and is very difficult to sell.—*Trade Bulletin*, March 17.

Toronto Leather Prices.

Sole, slaughter, medium, heavy, per pound, 23 to 25c; Spanish, No. 1, per pound, 24 to 26c; Spanish, No. 2, per pound, 22 to 24c; Spanish, No. 3, per pound, 18 to 20c; calfskin, Canadian, light, 65 to 70c; Canadian, medium, 70 to 73c; calfskin, Canadian, heavy, 65 to 70c; calfskin, French, \$1.05 to \$1.30; upper, light, medium, 30c to 32c; split, 15 to 23c; harness, prime, 15 to 18 lbs, 24 to 26c; harness, light, per pound, 22 to 24c; buff, 14 to 16c; pebble, 14 to 15c; oak harness, American, 45 to 5c; oak harness, English, 75 to 80c; Cordovan, vamps, No. 1, \$5.50 to \$6; Cordovan vamps, No. 2, \$5 to \$5.50; Cordovan goloshes, 11 to 12c; Cordovan sides, No. 1, 16c; Cordovan sides, No. 2, 13c; Cordovan sides, No. 3, 11 to 12c; oak cup soles, \$4.50 to \$8; hemlock taps, \$3 to \$3.75; cod oil, per gallon, 45 to 50c; degrease, per pound, 4½ to 5c; japonica, per pound, 6 to 6½c; oak extract, 4c; hemlock extract, 3c; lampblack, 20 to 30c; sumac, per ton, \$65 to \$70; roundings, white oak, 10 to 25c; roundings, black, 18 to 20c; roundings, hemlock, 15c.

Delegates from the principal boards of trade of the United States and Canada are to be invited to attend the opening ceremonies of the Montreal board of trade's new building in April. There will be a grand banquet, which it is expected the principal members of the Government will attend.