

## Montreal Grain and Produce Markets.

**Flour.**—The flour market is firm under a more active enquiry from both local and outside buyers, and quite a large business has been done for Maritime Provinces account. It is understood that several purchases of United States flour have been made for Newfoundland account, which will go forward by first boats. Sales have been made of straight rollers in car lots since our last at \$3 10 on track, but as we go to press the sale is reported at \$3.15, although millers now ask \$3.20 to \$3.25. Patent, spring, \$3.75 to \$3.90. Winter Patent, \$3.30 to \$3.50. Straight roller, \$3.10 to \$3.20. Extra, \$2.70 to \$2.80. Super-fine, \$2.45 to \$2.50. City Strong Bakers, \$3.05 to \$3.75. Manitoba Bakers, \$3.10 to \$3.75. Ontario bags—extra, \$1.15 to \$1.50; Straight Rollers, bags, \$1.75 to \$1.60.

**Oatmeal.**—The market is firm but quiet, and we quote jobbing quotations as follows. Rolled and granulated \$4.10 to \$1.20; standard \$1.05 to \$1.10. In bags, granulated and rolled are quoted at \$2.00 to \$2.05, and standard \$1.90 to \$2.00. Pot barley \$3.75 in bbls., and \$1.75 in bags and split peas \$3.50 to 3.60.

**Bran, etc.**—The market continues very firm, with sales of Ontario bran at \$1.50 to \$2.00, in car lots. Shorts are steady at \$1.90 to \$2.00, and moullie \$2.20 to \$2.30. Bran is selling almost as high in the West as here.

**Wheat.**—The market is firm under a good enquiry for both Manitoba hard and red winter for Ontario shipment. Sales of No. 1 hard being reported at 77c to 78c, and No. 2 red winter at 65c.

**Oats.**—The market is steady; but is scarcely as strong as it was, owing to the easier feeling in the West. Still, car loads of No. 2 have been sold at 41½c, and No. 1 have brought 42½c.

**Barley.**—Prices here are not as firm. Malt-ing barley is quoted at 55c to 58c and feed at 49c to 50c.

**Pork, Lard, etc.**—The demand for Canadian pork has materially improved, and sales of choice heavy Canada short have been made at \$16, \$16.50 and \$17 per bbl. Lard is also firmer and ½c higher, sales of compound in 500 and 1,000 pail lots are reported at \$1.37½ per pail, up to \$1.40 to \$1.45 for smaller lots. In smoked meats, hams are firmer and ½c higher, with an upward tendency in bacon and other cuts. Canada short cut pork, per bbl \$16.00 to \$17.00, Extraslate beef per bbl. \$10.50 to \$11, Hams, per lb. 9½ to 10½c.; Lard pure in pails, per lb. 8½ to 9 c.; Lard, compound, in pails, per lb. 7 to 7½c.; Bacon, per lb. 10 to 11c.; Shoulders, per lb. 8 to 8½c.

**Dressed Hogs.**—Prices range from \$6.15 to \$6.20 in car lots.

**Butter.**—Fresh winter creamery is steady, with sales at 21 to 21½c. a lot of 40 pkgs. being reported at 21c. Held made creamery is selling from 13 to 15c as to quality. Township has sold at 11 to 17c in jobbing lots, but single packages of fine fall bring 18 to 19c. In western there have been further sales at 7½c to 10c with selected lots quoted at 11 to 13c. Creamery fine winter, 21 to 21½c, creamery fall made, 17 to 18c, creamery, early made, 13 to 15c; eastern townships dairy, 14 to 17c; western, 8 to 13c. Roll butter—The demand is fair, with sales at 13 to 15c. Manitoba rolls sold at 9 to 11c.

**Cheese.**—There is very little old cheese now in the city, and that is being gradually worked off at 9½ to 11½c. sales being reported of 2,000 boxes at within that range. New fodder cheese has been sold at 9c in Brockville section, although the buyer declared it was not worth more than 8c to ship.

**Eggs.**—Owing to light receipts, caused no doubt by the bad country roads, the market has kept steady with sales at 15 to 16c, the latter figure being for single cases.

**Honey.**—Old extra 4½ to 5½c per lb. New 7 to 9c per lb in tins as to quality. Comb honey, 10 to 13c.

**Maple Products.**—New syrup has been sold at 10c to \$1 in tins. Old maple syrup 60 to 65c. Old sugar 6 to 6½c in boxes and cases.

**Hides, etc.**—The feature in the hide market is the great scarcity, and dealers have been compelled to pay an advance of 1c, sales of No. 1 light having transpired at 6c; but the most dealers have been able to squeeze out of tanners is 6½c. One dealer, however, refuses to sell at less than 7c. The demand for calfskins is good, and prices have gone up 1c, dealers paying 6c. Lambskins are quiet, the few coming in bringing 10c per skin. We quote prices here as follows: Light hides, 6c for No. 1, 5c for No. 2, and 4c for No. 3; Heavy hides are quoted at 6½ to 7½c; calfskins 6c; lambskins 10c.—Trade Bulletin, March 29.

## Toronto Grain and Produce Market

**Wheat.**—The offerings of Ontario wheat are small, and the market is firmer. Five cars of red sold on the Northern to-day at 67½c. Cars of spring wheat are quoted at 70c asked east. No. 1 hard was quoted at 83½c to 84c grinding in transit Sarnia and North Bay at 83½c.

**Flour.**—Cars of straight roller are quoted at \$3 Toronto freights. Manitoba flour is in good demand here, and is selling at \$1 for patents and \$3.70 for strong bakers.

**Millfeed.**—Is quiet. Cars of shorts are quoted at \$17 Toronto freights and bran at \$16.

**Barley.**—No. 1 is nominal at 48c to 49c east and No. 2 is quoted outside at 46c to 47c.

**Oats.**—There was a sharp break in the market here. White was offered outside at 34c with 38c bid, but on the Board of Trade 5,000 bushels of white sold at 31½c for May, and five cars sold at the same for May outside. There was another sale of 6,000 bushels of white at 32½c May.

**Butter.**—The offerings are liberal, there is a fair demand for large rolls at 12c to 14c but other lines of dairy butter are slow and easy. Dairy tub is quoted at 12½c to 13c and low grade at 7c. Dairy pound rolls are steady at 16c to 17c for choice new made lots. Creamery is steady at 21c to 22c for rolls and 20c to 21c for tubs.

**Eggs.**—The receipts to-day were more liberal and the market was easier at 15c.

**Potatoes.**—Cars on the track here are quoted at 60c and potatoes out of store sell at 65c to 70c.

**Poultry.**—The offerings are small, there is a fair demand and the market is firm at 12c for turkeys, 8c for geese and 60c to 70c for chickens.

**Dressed Hogs.** Local packers are bidding \$5.90 to \$6 for choice lots delivered here.

**Hides.**—There is an active demand for hides and the market is firm. Local dealers note green at 5c. Cured are 5½c to 6c. Sheepskins are in fair demand and steady at 85 to 90c and country skins are quoted at 50 to 75c. Calfskins are in good demand and steady at 6c for No. 1 and 4c for No. 2. Tallow is quiet. Local dealers are paying 5 to 5½c and asking 5½c.

## Hardware and Paint Trade Notes.

A Montreal report says turpentine in the south continues to rule strong, and a further advance of 2c per gallon has taken place. Other reports say that the markets are now easier.

The stock of linseed oil at Montreal is small, says the Gazette, and the prospects are that there will be a scarcity of this article before any new importations come to hand.

The demand is fair and values are firm at 7 to 7½c for raw and 59 to 60c for boiled. The only change in the naval store market has been the easier feeling in white cotton waste, and prices are quoted ½c lower at 6 to 8c.

The Montreal Gazette of March 30th says: There is no change in the iron market, which rules dull for heavy metal, buyers acting very indifferently both in regard to ordering for spring importation as well as from stock-on spot. The tone is easy on several lines, notably cut nails, bar iron and pig iron while tin and lead rule firmer than a week ago. Quarterly meetings of the different iron manufacturing associations, via., cut nails, horse nails, horse shoes, wire nails and wire and tacks will be held next week, but of course nothing is known regarding them. There are, however, some live matters to discuss, which may lead to something interesting.

A new brush factory is to be established at Montreal. Those interested are R. Bickerdike, H. Laporte, Senator Desjardins, Lafontaine and F. G. Lyman.

The combination price of cut nails, says the Montreal Trade Bulletin, is \$2.10 per keg, but the card price to the trade is \$2.00. To actual buyers, however, the price is \$1.90, and to close buyers the price is still lower.

A Toronto hardware merchant says that plate glass has been sold at 50 and 5 per cent. off the list, though the discount agreed upon by the dealers is 25 and 5 per cent. off the list.

An advance is announced in the manufacturers' price on carriage bolts, says Toronto Hardware Merchant. It is about 12½ per cent., and was ordered at a meeting of the manufacturers held in Toronto early this week. The wholesale price has not yet been fixed, but the discounts are likely to be 70 and 10 to 70, 10 and 5 per cent. in extreme cases for large lots. The old discount was 75 per cent. Competition among the manufacturers of carriage bolts has been keen, and profits have in consequence been low. But at the meeting held this week it was decided to resurrect the defunct association. And the higher prices are really the outcome of this resurrection.

The civic committee, of Kingston, Ont., has closed with the Dominion Steel and Blast Furnace Co., of Youngstown, Ohio, for the erection of a blast furnace and steel plant there. The report will be submitted to the electors asking for permission to raise by way of a loan \$250,000; also granting a free site and tax exemption.

Sunlight soap has been reduced to \$5 per box of 100 bars. The former price was \$3.50 per box of 51 bars. The size of the bars is now 11½ ounces, which is ½ ounce smaller than formerly.

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